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Old Wilsonians' Association

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Wilsonians' Association
to be held on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at the Clubhouse Hayes.
To commence at 19.30

Agenda and Notice of Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 2017 AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Report of the OWA President
5. Resolution regarding status and structure:-
    - To set up a working party to consider the future legal structure of the OWA and the associated sports club. Recommendations to be made and any changes to the constitution to be agreed at an EGM.
6. Resolution to amend the OWA Constitution, Section 12 Subsidiary Clubs and Societies, sub-section (c) to include v) Old Wilsonians' Football Club Juniors and vi) Old Wilsonians' Netball Club.
7. Ground Maintenance Arrangements
8. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2017/2018
9. Bar Report
10. Sports Club report
11. Clubhouse report
12. Ground report
13. Confirmation of President for 2018/2019
14. Confirmation of Club Captain for 2018/2019
15. Election of Vice Presidents
16. Election of Officers
17. Election of Council
18. Election of Honorary Members
19. Reports of Subsidiary Clubs
    a. Football Senior
    b. Football Junior
    c. Cricket
    d. Tennis
    e. Squash and Racketball
    f. Netball
20. Any Other Business

Roger Matthews Hon Secretary OWA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT O.W.A.

Remarkably it is now very nearly a year since I was voted in as the Association's President at the 2017 AGM. How time flies… it has been a busy and enjoyable year that has seen a huge amount of work being done by all the Association's subsidiary clubs. All the sections are thriving; I am sure the number of members using the Club and its facilities has never been greater.

Despite the large numbers of members using the club, things are still very tight financially. Running the Club and keeping its facilities to a standard we can be proud of comes at a cost. With this in mind we are putting forward a proposal at the AGM to look into the governance of the Association and how it is affiliated. The Council believes we can achieve charitable status and the benefits of doing this would be wide ranging. However, we do not want to rush into anything and at the same time we will look-into the role of the Association. I will talk more about this at the AGM and look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

There have been so many things going on at the club throughout 2018 many of these will be reported on at the AGM by the individual subsidiaries. My first major role as President was to navigate the process of making Colin (our long serving groundsman) redundant. This was undertaken purely on a financial basis as we hope to save in the region of £15000 a year by renting out the bungalow on a commercial basis. We have engaged a ground contractor to take over the work on our grounds and Ian Muir has started very well and I think we can already see the improvements to our sports surfaces. The work our Ground Manager (Steve Millward) puts in cannot be underestimated and our ground would certainly look the way it does without him. The Association used its Brittain Legacy money to renovate the bungalow we have on site and Steve has recently moved into the bungalow to give us an onsite presence on the ground. We will also be renaming the Bungalow 'The Brittain Bungalow' in honour of the contribution John and Janet made.

Looking to the future we will be putting in place a long term contract for our grounds work and hope, in the new year, to look into refurbishing and making the best use all the space within the clubhouse.

Finally, I would like to thank the small group of people that keep our club ticking. Many of them are our council members but there are a number outside this group. Without their continued help (you know who you are) our club simply would not function. The work you do means all of us can be proud of our club and proud to call ourselves part of the Old Wilsonian family.

Neil Kendrick

OWA President

CRICKET CLUB

THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS - What happened to the Cricket Club in 2018

The 2018 season was a good one for the Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club, with the 3rd XI winning promotion, the Sunday Development side retaining their championship crown and then going on to beat East Molesey, the champions of Surrey in the play-off final and the colts section progressing solidly in their own right as well as continuing to feed into the senior sides - and the sun shown for most of the season, which is always a bonus.

In the Kent League the 1st XI finished fourth and the 2nd XI fifth, whilst in the Feeder league, as well as the 3rd XI's promotion already referred to, the 4ths and 5ths maintained their respective positions

Turning to the Colts, the Under 11s finished fourth in their league, and with three quarters of the squad qualifying for the same age group next year, the plan is to move them to a higher league. The Under 13s were one place off the bottom of their league, with only 1 win in 9 games. The team always bowls and fields well but lacks a batsman or two around whom consistently decent innings can be built

The Under 15Bs have had a challenging season, with inconsistent availability meaning that we conceded two matches, but we were not alone in this, and we also won two games through concessions! As a consequence the team only completed three matches and finished fourth out of five.

The Under 15As fared much better, finishing fourth in Division 1, with four wins and three losses. The Under 17s were another side hit by inconsistent availability. We won three games and although we did not lose any, had to concede two games, thereby seeing us finish second from bottom in the table.

The under 19s, who play in a T20 competition, did not have the best of seasons results wise, but continue to develop our youngsters as they make the transition from colts to senior cricket.

We had two successful end of season functions in September, one for the colts and the other for the seniors and whilst congratulations are extended to all of the award winners - for full details please see the cricket newsletter No.170, available on the OW website or by post upon request – particular praise goes to Josh Lawrence, the winner of the 'Colts Person of the Year' and Steve Lawrence, the senior 'Club Person of the Year', and, no, they are not related, for doing that little bit extra and setting the rest of us a glowing example to follow.

Our AGM was held in October and plans are already being made for the 2019 season. Another successful cricket week saw some excellent games, this annual event bringing together many of the club's stars of yesterday on President's Day - ably overseen by President Jasper Gundry-White – and a vast amount of money was taken over the bar during the week; from supporters, that is, rather than the players who are highly trained athletes and only drink after the conclusion of a game, albeit in temperate moderation!

President's day had a particular theme this year – the celebration of 21 years of Colts cricket, and a cake was made to celebrate this significant milestone. How wise Ian and Denise Pilgrim and Alex Forbes were to think of this idea and, thankfully, their wisdom continues to help and inspire the progress of the Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club.

We have spent some of the John and Janet Brittain legacy money on a much needed new roller, and are confident they would have approved of this decision.

The tree and bench in honour of Ian Frobes was unveiled on October 13th, witnessed by a large number of Old Wilsonians, including many from the cricket club, and we look forward to seeing the

bench constantly in use next season as enthusiastic supporters watch the cricket, and to seeing the tree grow to full fruition over the years. We are all wondering who will be the first batsman to hit it , and the odds on it being one of the Forbes family to do so are pretty good if you want a flutter!

As always the day to day running of the Club has been in the competent hands of its management committee, who again did a magnificent job, and pleased to report that the majority of them are prepared to continue to serve the club next season, but a special word of praise to for Laurence Allen, our fixtures secretary and communications officer, who recently became a Dad – congratulations Laurence – and this fact, and increased work commitments, means he will be standing down from these posts. Many thanks Laurence; your outstanding work on behalf of the the cricket club is much appreciated.

So that's it for another year and by the time the next edition of NOW appears the cricket club report will be contemplating the 2019 season Mike Pike, secretary OWCC

(Final) Saturday Averages - 1st XI

Batting - Qualification; two completed innings

	Inngs	N.O	Runs	HS	Avg
M. Thotiwilage	19	1	740	125*	41.11
Dan) Seston	4	2	58	38	29.00
(Velson) Deverajulu	18	1	480	72	28.23
M. Abbett	14	1	350	88	26.92
M. Mitchell	16	0	309	75	19.31
(Syd) Sherlock	10	0	190	39	19.00
J. Rodda	19	1	315	41*	17.50
J. Lawrence	15	3	186	31*	15.50
C. Jones	13	2	155	47	14.09
C . Scott	12	1	123	31	11.18
D. Ellicott-White	12	4	81	22	10.12
D. Forbes	9	3	58	16*	9.66
L. Pryor	5	0	48	22	9.60
J. Sims	2	1	5	3*	5.00
G. Hannah	9	5	6	2	1.50
T. Finan	2	0	0	0	0.00

Also batted: K. Maxwell 10* L. Roots 0, E. Bettridge 7, J.Holland 25, I .Rodda 11*

Bowling - Qualification; 10 completed overs

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg	Best
J. Lawrence	84.2	4	454	24	19.56	5 for 44
M. Mitchell	165.4	16	654	30	21.80	5 for 19
D. Ellicott-White	139.3	15	509	23	22.13	6 for 20
(Syd) Sherlock	17,5	0	102	4	25.50	2 for 14
M. Abbett	22.3	0	120	4	30.00	3 for 16
D. Forbes	99.1	15	324	10	32.00	2 for 13
M. Thotiwilage	151.2	21	536	15	35.73	3 for 33
G. Hannah	123	18	524	14	37.42	3 for 31
J.Rodda	46	1	287	5	57.40	2 for 26

Also bowled: E. Bettridge 3-0-20-1, I.Rodda 2-0-5-0, T. Finan 1-0-6-0,
V. Devarajulu 1-0-6-1
Wicket-keeping: 12 - C. Jones (9 ct, 3st) 1 - K. Maxwell (1ct), (Syd) Sherlock (1ct)
Catches: 12 -. M.Thotiwilage 11 – M. Mitchell 9 - G. Hannah, 8 – C. Scott, 6 – J. Lawrence 5 – D. Ellicott-White , J. Rodda 4 - (Velson) Devarajulu (Syd) Sherlock 3 – M.Abbett 1 - (Stan) Sherlock, L. Pryor, J. Sims, D. Seston, T. Finan, D.Forbes

I**AN'S TREE**

The sun shone brightly and the righteous were in evidence There were five games of football – three at Hayes and two at Hawes Down – but such were the conditions that games of cricket could have been played on both grounds, and how apposite for the occasion, the unveiling of a bench and tree in honour of the incomparable Ian Forbes, a man who played both sports in his own unique way.

Neil Kendrick, the OWA President, welcomed everyone and explained how important Ian had been in establishing his love for the Club as was "the other silver fox, " and no-one was in any doubt that this was a reference to his Dad whom, like Ian, was a corner-stone of the Association.

Son and heir Alex then said a few words on behalf of the family, thanked Graham Watts for sorting out the bench and the flag and the gardening group for ensuring we had the tree "Ian never did any work in our own garden", he conceded before saying that his Dad thought of Hayes as his second home – sometimes his first!

Both Neil and Alex's words were met with warm applause before some of Ian's ashes were added to the base of the tree and the Forbes family per se then scattered some more on the cricket square.

Everyone then retired to the Bar- our hero would not have wanted it any other way – and we regaled each other with tales of the great man.

Both Mick Hughes and Howard Abbett – and totally independently – told me how welcome Ian had made them feel when they first joined the Club as part of the football and cricket clubs respectively; and many years apart at that. We all know that Ian was a 'people person' and he was never happier than when in conversation with all and sundry, a conversation that got more and more incomprehensible as the evening wore on and the scotch kicked in.

Many in attendance had been at Kirk Benjamin's funeral the day before, so his loss was very raw, and I had interesting conversations with both Jim Lloyd and Mick Hughes about the nature of his death and how to overcome the stigma of mental health, how to educate people accordingly and to help those who are afflicted in such a cruel way.

Ironically the Tuesday of the week (October 9th) had been 'National Mental Health Day', but for those affected ***every*** day is one that is liable to have its dark moments.

The OW Vets football side play an annual fixture against Arts Network, a project which helps those with mental health issues, and I'm pretty confident that Kirk played in that game in April. Mental health is horrendously under-funded and Mick Hughes suggested that, as a tribute to Kirk, and as a way of raising funds for Arts Network, we should organise a function. "It's a no-brainer", he concluded.

Ian always supported this fixture – and Alex and Doug played in it – and paid for the food enthusiastically consumed after the game. One year someone suddenly asked: "What is that smell coming from the kitchen?"

Ian had placed some pizza in the oven and forgotten about it, and his subsequent rush to the kitchen simply revealed an incinerated mess.

As you would expect many of Ian's contemporaries were in attendance and seeing the likes of Gerry Adams, Peter Wakeford and Tom Sissons on the balcony of the Club reminded me of the halcyon days of Old Wilsonian cricket when we were a match for any side in the country.

John Drabwell claimed that Tom has a remarkable resemblance to Danny La Rue but, not having seen the latter bowl nor the former play the piano, I do not feel in a position to comment.

In view of my propensity to attempt to record such events it is probably a surprise that anyone is prepared to talk to me but, and amongst others, I had interesting conversation with *Graeme Nelson* – possibly the man whose name gets miss-spelt more times than that of anyone in the Club about all of the projects this multi-talented individual allows him to accomplish and his debt to his family.

Matt Abbett - about the future of the cricket club and what he needs to do in 2019 to recapture his out-standing form of 2017.

Chris - Mick Hughes's better half, and I do not exclude the particularly good second half he had in 1995 in the game against Old Alleynians – who was warned of the dangers of talking to me and ending up in 'Pikey's Progress' – Chris tends to say 'Bless' a lot.

Ian would have approved of all of the above and so much more, although he might have been a little disturbed at a recent report claiming that those in their 20's are not drinking as much as their predecessors.

This is going to have devastating consequences for the bar takings", you can hear him saying Not that there was much evidence of this theory on display on this particular afternoon!! Many took photographs of the day, including Neville Spencer whom, according to the Football Club newsletter's 'All Our Yesterdays' was a veritable goal machine 25 years ago, many of which will undoubtedly appear on our website – the photographs, that is, not Neville's goals; you will find them on you-tube.

Doug was a little concerned about the positioning of the tree – immediately behind one of the goals – but the OWFC will just have to learn how to shoot straight, not slice their corners and when conceding the latter be aware of the precious asset, and what it commemorates, behind the goal-line.

Come the cricket season, of course, that goal will be removed and spectators can sit on that bench beneath the tree, enjoy the sunshine and remember Ian as they watch our sides in action.

In time that tree will grow – it will take well over 20 years for it to reach its optimum height – and there is no doubt that one day someone ***will*** hit the tree, with either a cricket or a football, but it will come to no great harm and the gardening group will look after it.

It rained over-night and on Sunday to help the tree bed in – even the elements seemed to be on Ian's side – whilst I like to think that there will be more than one occasion that, thanks to Ian's ashes on the square, a ball will turn viscously and enable us to take a vital wicket which will win us a game.

Thanks to everyone who attended – both Neil and Alex expressed those thoughts at the start of this wonderful afternoon – but, and most importantly, to the Forbes family.

Jill provided some excellent refreshments whilst Alex, Doug, Helen and Stuart proved just how much we love them all and the King of their dynasty, whom we will never forget

Mike Pike


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TRIBUTE TO KIRK BENJAMIN

Old Wilsonians, the Old Boys of Wilson's School were a part of Kirks life and we all loved Kirk.
I'll try and keep this short, unlike Kirk!
You have heard about Kirk's school days and it is possibly unique to say that all his peers (and even Teachers) had nothing but warm and affection for him.
His positive attitude to life carried onto the football pitch where he played over 325 games for the Old Boys.

He played like a whirlwind, slightly chaotic at times but always with laughter and that beaming smile. Granted, that enthusiasm led to a mistimed tackle or two! But Kirks infectious smile as he dragged the opposition player to his feet always led to clemency from the referee.
We spoke a few months ago and Kirk was looking forward to coming back to play a few games for the Super Veterans this season.
We have heard today of a sporting nickname 'The Terminator', well he was known to us as 'The Machine' or most affectionately just 'Looney'!
It was on end of season tours that Kirks personality shone through. He toured as he played; hard but fair.
If I could recount three stories.

Our tours had themes and on the Gold Lame tour most of us acquired gold lame shirts or jackets to wear. But Kirk, however, produced some gold lame hot pants which he squeezed into and showed off frequently! He was never shy to take off his top and on that tour was pursued across Warsaw city square wearing nothing but his hot pants by a Police Officer who couldn't catch up! A dare, I think and Kirk being Kirk could never say no to a challenge!

In Slovenia after jumping into a cab looking for a late-night bar, Kirk managed not only to leave the country but ended up being held hostage in a Mafioso bar in Italy over a disputed bill. (Footnote today I learnt that he had tried to use his cousins credit card to pay!). We were contacted back at the hotel and although it was initially felt we shouldn't negotiate with the Mafia and just leave him there, a rescue party set off into the night. We reached the bar about 4am and the bill was duly paid, Kirks reaction, boys lets stay for another drink!

Borders weren't quite Kirks thing, so I was amused to hear his job title at CQG today, Head of Public Relations for Europe! He managed to leave his passport on a plane at Prague and on realising sprinted back to pier and had to be stopped from chasing the Plane down the runway!
Refused entry he was stranded at the airport for 36 Hours until his passport came back on another flight. He eventually rejoined us on the Saturday night, became over excited, drank too much too quickly before collapsing after only two hours and duly carried back to the hotel!
The remarkable thing was returning to the airport on the way home, he was greeted like a long-lost friend by airport staff, "Hello Mr. Kirky" shouted a cleaner and staff from the café, shops and even Police and Immigration said hi, almost forming a guard of honour. In those 36 Hours he had literally charmed a whole Airport!

There are many more memories of Kirk, all positive, Kirk really did touch our lives and even played Father Christmas one magical year at the Old Boys kids Xmas party!
But were just blokes, from an all-Boys School and don't really do emotion. When we meet up talk is of wine women and song not our true feelings or in Kirks case, Jaeger bombs, women and Drum n Bass!
We must talk more, its ok not to be ok and a problem shared is always a problem halved.
Several of us were honoured to be invited to Kirk and Sophies wedding last year and we all commented that we hadn't seen him so happy and contented, this is how we will remember him, and he WILL be remembered
Our School motto is Non Sibi Sed Omnibus, not for one but for all, Kirky you were truly the one and brought us, the all, joy happiness and friendship, we'll miss you matey.

Stuart G. Paton On behalf of all Old Wilsonians, October 2018.

Alumni Evening - Wednesday November 28th

Calling ALL Old Wilsonians

Delighted to report that Wilson's School are holding an Alumni Drinks Party on Wednesday November 28th in the Great Hall in Camberwell from 6-30 p.m. until 8-30 p.m, and, Yes, that does read 'Camberwell' so it will be of particular interest to those of you who enjoyed your education there.

What's an alumni, I hear those of you who were brought up in the aforesaid Camberwell, Peckham, New Cross and Elephant and Castle area cry?

Well, it simply means former members of the school – those who attended at Wallington, where the school has been situated since 1975, will explain in more detail.

And that year, i.e 1975, is particularly significant as far as this event is concerned because the initial Wallington pupils will now be in their mid 50s whilst if you go 43 years in the other direction, you get well into the 90s, so the evening will be of interest to Old Wilsonians at both ends of the age spectrum.

For those who remember only Wallington this is an ideal opportunity to experience the roots of the school, whilst for those whose memories only relate to Camberwell, you can go back and see if your name, which you so lovingly carved in the wall back in 1952, is still there.

As well as a convivial evening, at which the memories will flow as freely as the refreshments , there will be some interesting memorabilia for the older generation of Old Wilsonians to examine, e.g.

The Punishment Book - A lot of familiar names there

The Commendation Book - Not so many there!

A number of people have already expressed their interest in attending, with the classes of 1956 and 1962 both promising/threatening to come mob handed, but, whether you intend attending as a group or as an individual, you will be most welcome and will undoubtedly know more than a few people there – after all, we did all go to Wilson's!

Please let me know if you wish to attend – need to know for catering purposes - and, amongst other things, we will attempt to fill the Great Hall that so many of us remember so well.

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ALF PARISH MEMORIAL DARTS MATCH 21st SEPTEMBER

As a consequence of 'The Beast from the East' in early March, trains were disrupted - Chris Failing (sic), Secretary of state for Transport was delighted that he could blame his incompetence on the weather - roads were treacherous and schools closed, but still 15 intrepid players, and five others, battled through the hazards to take part in the annual Alf Parish Memorial darts match at Selhurst Park.

Alf would have been proud; he was always a man to combat adversity, and come out on the right side. As for the darts contest, a compromise was agreed with the Labour Party playing Old Wilsonians in a pairs competition with Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club beating Old Wilsonians' Football Club 3-1 in the final.

But we all knew that, because of the weather, this was just the preliminary as so many people could not make it, and it was agreed to re-stage the evening later in the year to enable those who had become house-bound this time to participate.

"Not until after the Local Elections", insisted the Labour Party teams, which were due to take place on May 3rd, "as we will be busy until then", a reasonable request and one that nobody found fault with.

A glorious summer followed and, after consulting with Crystal Palace Football Club and Doreen Parish, September 21st was the agreed date for the 'replay' and work began on getting teams together."I promise it won't snow" I ambitiously informed those concerned!

All six of the original sides from March agreed to take part and we welcomed two new teams, Lewisham West and Penge Constituency Labour Party and the modestly entitled 'No skill, Just lucky' to help Ellie Russell fund her trip to Peru next year , where she will be living alongside rural communities, helping them with wildlife, environmental and infrastructure projects and to generally improve their standard of living. Well done Ellie; and good luck next year.

Catherine Miaris and Lyndora Goodger were assigned by Crystal Palace Football Club to handle the event – where do they get all these talented people from - and there were 24 players confirmed for September 21st.

The morning of the day went smoothly enough and just when I thought there would be no last minute hiccups the emails and 'phone calls started and, to cut a long story short, we ended up with 19 players and my mathematical skills were tested to the limit as I pondered how to reduce the competitors to 16, which would enable a straight knock-out competition, and also ensure that everyone played at least one game.

Eventually I cracked the mathematical conundrum, and without the help of Rachel Riley, too, as 13 were given byes, the other six played to bring an end result of three, which were then added to the 13 byes to make 16 - simple really – and the straight knock-out formula was achieved.

Both boards were then in operation for almost four hours and the final finished just before 11-00 p.m; perfect timing.

I was privileged to score for a number of these games, and many thanks to the others who also volunteered to do so, and the first match I officiated saw John Getgood (Lewisham West and Penge CLP) defeat Alex Forbes (Old Wilsonians' Football Club).

Ellie Russell, who defied her team title – see earlier -had a long struggle with Chris Taylor (Orpington CLP) to such an extent that they had to have a meal break midway through, with Chris eventually becoming victorious , whilst Andrew Steel (Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club) beat Eva Stamirowski (Lewisham West and Penge CLP). Andrew has an economical and precise darts action – you should try adopting this when bowling, 'Drew – whilst Eva just seemed pleased to be

there and felt her defeat was more than compensated for by the fact that she won first prize in the raffle.

Seem to recall I was called away on other duties mid-way through the encounter between Joe Dromey (Lewisham and Deptfotd CLP)) and Doug Forbes (OWFC), which the latter ultimately won.

As the evening wore on spectators began to arrive – including members of the Unite Retired Members' Association committee –Alf was their secretary after he retired - Doreen and Steve Parish and the latter's daughter, Jessie, and Eileen Taylor, a 'Countdown' octochamp although, and to be totally honest, she was there from the start and originally contemplated playing.

"I won a darts Cup 60 years ago" she confided earlier in the week "and was very good at doubles" (The Old Wilsonian contingent, too, are very good at doubles, but this invariably involves a bar!).

And so the competition progressed as the 16 became 8, the 8 became 4, and then the final. The original draw had ensured that team mates were not pitted against each other but the final was between two members of the OWFC , Ian 'Chunk' Wellman and Doug 'I have taken more wickets for the OWCC than anyone so why I am I playing for the football club rather than the cricket club', which Ian won, thus retaining the Cup for his team.

By this time Lyndora and Catherine had left as they had to be at Selhurst Park early next morning to prepare for the Newcastle game, but my sincere thanks to them – they were both a joy to work with – as was Steve, who had taken time out from his busy schedule to attend.

We were also indebted to Julien Maisonneuve, for providing an excellent buffet, and to Caroline, who skillfully dealt with all of the request behind the bar.

There was just time to draw the raffle - and thanks to CPFC for donating the signed ball and two tickets for a game of your choice, and Doreen, Chris Taylor and my local MP, Ellie Reeves, for the bottles of wine, before Doreen presented the 'Alf Parish Memorial Trophy' to the winning team and the individual winner 's Cup to Ian Wellman.

All agreed it had been an entertaining and enjoyable evening and all of the players are to be congratulated. – you were ***ALL*** winners in my eyes. Thanks also to the London Print Branch for their generous financial donation – there was £155 left over from the March evening, whilst the raffle made £200 – and thanks to Alex Forbes for selling the tickets in a way that only he can.

With the £245 collected from participants and supporters this meant the grand total for the evening was a very neat £600 and, as there were six teams, they all received £100 each – the Labour Party has egalitarian values, and even my mathematical skills made it easy to work that one out! And a reminder here that the Bromley and Chislehurst Labour Party, of which Alf was a member, instigated this event seven years ago.

To go back to the beginning, and I'm being somewhat presumptuous here to assume anyone is still reading my turgid prose, the occasion replaced that originally scheduled for March, so we will be holding the next celebration of Alf's life in March 2019, and I sincerely hope that all teams will participate again and, hopefully a few more - the Labour Party conference prevented some from doing so this time – and the weather behaves itself!

Doreen called me just before 10-00 p.m. on Saturday and we both agreed that it had been a successful evening and we are both looking forward to the next one; and I trust you are, too.

Mike Pike


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Old Wilsonians' Association

PRIZE DRAW 2018 - 2019

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WINNERS LIST

DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE	DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE
JUL 31	199	DONNELLY	£50	DEC 11			£25
AUG 7	150	J QUANTRILL	£25	DEC 18			£25
AUG 14	190	Mrs M RAYWORTH	£25	DEC 25			£25
AUG 21	52	J GUNDRY-WHITE	£25	JAN 1			£50
AUG 28	117	A KIRCHIN	£50	JAN 8			£25
SEPT 4	81	S MILLWARD	£25	JAN 15			£25
SEPT 11	1	A Mc CLINTON	£25	JAN 22			£25
SEPT 18	64	P WAKEFORD	£25	JAN 29			£25
SEPT 25	97	NIGHTINGALE	£50	FEB 5			£50
OCT 2	22	N MEACHAM	£25	FEB 12			£25
OCT 9	179	R BARR	£25	FEB 19			£25
OCT 16	34	I RAYWORTH	£25	FEB 26			£25
OCT 23	150	J. QUANTRILL	£50	MAR 5			£25
OCT 30	15	P RICHARDSON	£25	MAR 12			£50
NOV 6	13	Mrs S SMITH	£25	MAR 19			£25
NOV 13	80	P. JENKINS	£25	MAR 26			£25
NOV 20	193	D RUSSELL	£25	APR 2			£25
NOV 27	19	J. TILLING	£50	APR 9			£25
DEC 4			£500	APR 16			£500

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

GOOD LUCK

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SUPER DRAW 2018

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DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE	DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE
JAN 1	67	G. WATTS	£170	JUL 1		DONATION	£170
JAN 15	25	I FORBES	£70	JUL 15	1	A KIRCHIN	£70
FEB 1	24	L BARRY	£170	AUG 1	36	S. WISSEN	£170
FEB 15	5	N. SPENCER	£70	AUG15	5	N. SPENCER	£70
MAR 1	60	D WEAVER	£170	SEP 1	6	N BILLING	£170
MAR 15	21	M POPE	£70	SEP 15	40	L. ALLEN	£70
APR 1	55	C SMITH	£170	OCT 1	39	M CLARKE	£170
APR15	52	M. HOFFMAN	£70	OCT 15	72	S.A. KIDD	£70
MAY 1	42	J HART	£170	NOV 1	11	P. JENKINS	£170
MAY15	52	M HOFFMAN	£70	NOV5	44	J. TROUT	£70
JUN 1	51	D DUTTON	£1000	DEC 1			£1000
JUN 15	17	D COOMANSINGH	£70	DEC15			£70



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Wilson's School Community Events

Programme 2018 – 19

We are keen to offer a variety of occasions that bring our community together.

Most of these events are free to attend and all are open to anyone with a connection to the School —in particular: current parents, former parents and Old Wilsonians.

Those events marked with an asterisk will bear a small ticket charge. To reserve your place at any of our events please email Tim Edge.

AUTUMN TERM

DONORS' RECEPTION
Monday 15th October, 6.30 - 8pm / The John Jenkins Hall at Wilson's School
An informal drinks reception to thank all those who have made donations to the School.

A COMMUNITY PARK RUN
Saturday 24th November, from 8.30am / Roundshaw Downs
Meet other members of the Wilson's community, run 5km with them, recover together afterwards!

ALUMNI DRINKS PARTY
Wednesday 28th November, 6.30 – 8.30pm / The Great Hall at Wilson's Camberwell
Anyone who attended Wilson's School either at Camberwell or Wallington would be most welcome.

CAROLS AT CROYDON MINSTER
Monday 17th December, 7.30 – 9.30pm / Croydon Minster
Join us for an uplifting prelude to the festive season.

SPRING TERM

SENIOR DRAMA PRODUCTION* – My Fair Lady
Friday 15th February, 7pm / The John Jenkins Hall at Wilson's School
Lerner and Loewe's classic musical. Wouldn't it be loverly?

SWIMATHON
Saturday 23rd February and Saturday 2nd March, 3 - 8pm / Purley Leisure Centre
Enter a team in our annual Swimathon to raise money for Wilson's and local charities.

SPRING CONCERT*
Tuesday 2nd April, 7pm / The John Jenkins Hall at Wilson's School
Join us for an evening of sparkling orchestral and choral works.

CITY NETWORKING
Thursday 21st March, 7 - 8.30pm / Central London
For all those who work or who aspire to work in the City of London. An excellent networking and mentoring opportunity for younger alumni in particular.

SUMMER TERM

ART EXHIBITION
Friday 14th June, 6.30 – 8pm / Art Department at Wilson's School
View a selection of recent A Level and GCSE works of art over a drink.

SECOND COMMUNITY PARK RUN

Saturday 22nd June, from 8.30am / Nonsuch Park
Is there a better way to spend a Saturday morning?

BANDSTAND CONCERT
Friday 28th June, 12 noon / Horniman Gardens
Relax in the beautiful surroundings of Horniman Gardens serenaded by Wilson's musicians.

CRICKET
Wednesday 3rd July, 5pm / Wilson's School
The School 1st XI against the Old Wilsonians (T20 format)

DONORS' RECEPTION WILSON'S SCHOOL 15th OCTOBER 'NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS'

Wilson's is a school founded on altruism and philanthropy. Edward Wilson himself is probably still the school's most generous benefactor by virtue of the land he bestowed upon the school in 1615, which enabled it to flourish over its time in Camberwell.

This week, over ninety guests and staff attended a reception in order for the school to thank them for supporting the refurbishment of the John Jenkins Hall. Following entertainment provided by our musicians, the guests were praised by the Head for their kindness and indeed for living out the school's motto of NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS.

One of our Senior Prefects, Rory and a leading Wilson's alumnus, Paul Britton, also spoke about what Wilson's meant to them. Mr Britton spoke eloquently about the power of philanthropy in supporting education.

OBITUARY

Following the obituary and eulogies to Peter Hubert in the last Edition of NOW, Mike Pike received a thank you letter from Peter's wife Manie in Pembury, Kent:

Dear Mike,

Thank you very much for sending the OW News and for offering to go on sending it. Yes please. Susannah was also pleased to receive hers.

It is certainly a wonderful tribute to Peter. I don't think he ever realised how much everyone admired and respected him. A very lovely modest man.

Many thanks to the members of OW who came to the funeral. It was so good to see them all. A friend said it was a lovely sad day which I think describes it perfectly. I know Peter would have been pleased with everything.

With love

Manie

P.S. I am going on a short cruise to Scandinavia soon.



Steve Press RIP

Some sad news Steve Press passed away in August, he was another cricket stalwart and my first captain at the club . He passed his enthusiasm for cricket on to me and a lot of my age group , we had many nights belly laughing , he will be missed . Our condolences go to his family down in Southampton .

Alex Forbes

Doug Stanley RIP

From Bob Bevan

For those who haven't heard I'm sad to say my old pal of 55 years Doug Stanley passed away yesterday morning. I was with him on Tuesday for two hours of backgammon when for once I'm pleased to say he won a tenner. Hard to believe I'll never go in that house or see him again. He's been part of the fabric of my life for so long. I'll probably send a few words for the newsletter in due course. There are some good and funny stories about him which is how I'm sure he would want to be remembered.

All the best, Bob

Sad news Doug Stanley passed away on Friday 9th November. Doug was one of 3 brothers who used to frequent the club , all were good at board games , whilst Doug was a renowned card shark and loved nothing better than a game of 3 card whist with friends & taking them for every penny . He also liked to down the odd pint in the mens showers ! Doug was a loveable character . Our condolences go out to the Stanley family.

OBITUARY

Doug Stanley 1934-2018

I can't recall the first time we met. It may have been the Old Wilsonians or a pub. Not likely to have been anywhere else. Wherever it was it would be 55 years ago, maybe more. Anyway we seemed to hit it off from the start and we were soon, as single men, off going round the pubs and visiting his house and I also became friends with his two brothers.

Doug soon introduced me to the Q Club. A snooker hall sited over a car showroom in Beckenham run by a guy called Dickie who was a dead ringer for Albert Steptoe, the character from Steptoe and Son. In the days of licensing laws you could tap on the door any time after 11 pm. Dickie would scuttle down, look both ways up the street and usher you in quickly almost conspiratorially. Through the smoke there would be snooker being played and three card brag schools for quite heavy stakes. This became part of my social life along with visits to the Stanley household. In fact in 1967 I wrote the following when I was editor of the Old Wilsonians magazine.

"In Stanhope Avenue, Hayes, you might well think you have come across a breeding ground for Volkswagen Beetles. In fact you will be around the Stanley household wherein dwell three amazing characters the like of which have never been seen at the OWs. The Stanley brothers include one OW, in "Junior" (Pete) and of the three he is the only one who does not play tennis at the OWs – he plays at Wickham Park.

"Medium" (Bill) has a degree and looks as though he is based on "Brains" the Thunderbirds puppet character. Finally comes Doug who, at 32 years of age, looks it. Doug is an Olympic Gold Medallist. Or will be as soon as three-card brag is introduced.

The Stanley household is like a miniature stadium for indoor games and all three excel at chess, bridge, draughts etc. and not since 1948 has a visitor beaten a Stanley at Subutteo table football.

While all three are, and have described themselves as "incredible characters" Doug leads the field. He talked himself into the tennis team one evening and when it rained cleaned out the opposition on the card table. He has also gone down on record as the only man to drink a pint whilst taking a shower. Be warned now. Never underestimate a Stanley. They'll bet on anything and rarely lose. See you in the Labour Exchange."

A year after that article Bill married Pam who he met at the OWs. I was honoured to be asked to be Bill's best man. Not sure how I did but nobody has asked me in the 50 years since. Bill did not want to choose between his brothers. As all four of us were tall and bespectacled many people thought I was another brother but the other three were always quick to put people right about that.

Betting with Doug was not be advised. He normally won. In fact I think it was partly my fault he gave up work to gamble full time. I had told him that I kept a record of my results. Amazingly for a man who kept records on just about everything he said he did not. Once he started he realised how much he was winning.

Just recently we were reminiscing on how his Mum, one of the loveliest people ever, never quite worked out what he was doing. One night over 40 years ago he held a brag school at home and won £200. Today that would be about £3,000. In the morning she asked him how he had got on. He always divided his answer by 10. He told her he had won twenty quid. She said "Oh those poor boys. You should give it back to them."

Doug and I would bet on just about everything often with a heavily-negotiated handicap to take account of my deficiency in whatever we were at. I used to lose regularly when he asked a barmaid to guess the age difference between us. It was 10 years in my favour but once one thought he was younger than me. I had to avoid him after that but soon we would be betting on whose luggage

came off the carousel first and anything else we could think of.

Only at table football did I have the edge. I had to give him a huge start but for once I normally won. In those days there were tables in many pubs and Doug took me round to play their champions, obviously for money, and I never lost. But even that joy was taken from me by a Stanley. When Doug's nephew Patrick arrived on the scene he became the first person to regularly beat me. Mind you there is a 50-year age gap.

He loved his grub. In early days he would often have two starters as well as a main course and dessert. He was legendary at the OWs monthly lunch for being first to the cheeseboard and not leaving much behind. He loved quizzes sometimes cleaning out the opposition like the cheeseboard. In fact, although the gambling wins did not last, he still seemed to love just about everything he did.

Every January the Dalegarth Games (his house name) would take place with ever-increasing numbers of Stanleys of all ages taking part in an indoor Olympics. Only Doug's great pal Allison and I were non-Stanleys and proud to be there. Even my wife Laura made a debut two years ago. Five year analytical records would be bashed out on old typewriter - he never embraced computer technology - and sent round afterwards.

You definitely did not play Doug at Scrabble. Regularly he would hit a 50 point bonus wiping out any negotiated handicap. Consequently he loved Countdown right to the end. He should have gone on it and after I appeared in celebrity corner for a couple of dozen shows I sent in this excellent poem that he wrote. I can't believe they didn't use it.

I've been watching Countdown since 1983
People say I'm mad, perhaps you need to be

They all ask me what I see in the game
And when I respond my reply's always the same

I say it has helped my brain, this mental stimulation
Working out those letters and mental calculation

For it has made my life easier as my old age beckons
Cause I now sort all my problems out in under 30 seconds

At only one game were we level. He taught me to play backgammon and whenever I was in the area I would call in for an hour's clash as we called it. He kept copious records of course. He would always offer refreshment. He was a great sandwich-maker. Did fate take a hand in our last ever game? The first full week of November was my last before going away for three and a half months. Doug had not been well and of course the unthinkable had crossed my mind.

In that week I was having a job fitting a visit in until my friend Lennie changed the date of a meeting nearby to the Tuesday. I told him that suited me as I could visit my old friend Doug. We had a double session and he won a tenner. He had seemed much brighter and we were even talking about clashing in March.

On Friday 9 November I called to see how he was. Pete answered the phone and you know the rest. He always told me that he was born in Dalegarth and hoped to die there. He got his wish. Only recently he told me in 2002 when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer he was given three years. I told him he should have had a bet.

He was part of the fabric of my life and I can't imagine not going into that house or seeing him again. Maybe it's helpful to me that I'm away but wherever I am he will always be with me.

Bob Bevan