OLD WILSONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

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The 2019/20 season has been declared null and void. We go again in 2020 /21.

The golf day has been rescheduled for Tuesday 18th August at Addington Palace. (Slide 5)

The Maltese Falcon Tour has been rescheduled for Bank Holiday May Day weekend 2021 with places filling up fast. Just £100 secures your place and books your flight ticket from Gatwick early am Friday 30th April returning on Sunday 2nd May (Monday 3rd BH). (Slide 4)

Last newsletter looking back at the season with a bit of 20 20.

Congratulations to Vet, Chris Kennedy, who topped the goalscoring charts with 18 from 17 appearances. Chris wins the John Brittain Memorial Trophy to be presented at the Dinner, err hold on, maybe not.

1s… coming through transition with renewed impetus next season
2s… flattered to deceive early doors, now with dynamic new leadership
3s… looking for title tilt next season, no report I'm afraid
4s… concussed & controversial but.. will probably be the 5s?
5s… will probably be the 4s?
6s… good effort against the odds, results need to improve
7s… robbed, title favourites next season?
8s… mid table, vast improvement, keep it up!

Its been a funny old year, stay alert or be alert, stay safe, support the NHS.
Apologies for format, I've lost the ability to cut 'n' paste on my home PC!
See you in the Autumn, Ed.

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Old Wilsonians Goal Scorers 2019 / 2020
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Kennedy Chris	**17**	**18**
Charles-Christie Madieson	19	17
James Sam	17	17
Igboayaka Sochi	20	13
Dixon Tom	22	12
Karamath James	14	12
Fenton Frank	22	11
Drame Taslim	14	11
Giles Ben	18	10
Newman-Sanders Ben	14	9
Williams Matt	12	9
Gore Maverick	9	9
Quinton Jon	15	9
Page Nick	15	9
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Breen Jay	15	9
Wells Terell	18	9

Forbes Sam	12	7
Mallins Ben	18	7
Benwell Adam	12	7
Adams Robbie	14	6
Conduah Conrad	15	6
Jeevan Gowtham	26	6
Lewis Levi	7	6
Small Jon	13	6
Dhariwal Mandeep	20	6
Adebayo Gabriel	13	6
Howe Jon	29	5
Sellman Dan	15	5
Akpakuru Chibu	18	5
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On the plane.....

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The Oppo.....

OW Golf Day

Old Boys Events • 18th August 2020 8.30am to 7.30pm

Afternoon all,

Firstly, I hope you and your families are all staying healthy and clear of this horrible Corona Virus.

As I am sure you will have expected, unfortunately we will need to postpone the OW Golf Day for now in the interests of health and safety for all. I have agreed with Addington Palace Golf Club to re-schedule for Tuesday 18th August by which time I sincerely hope that everything will have calmed down or at least be under control. On the upside, the weather might be more agreeable and the new date potentially may mean some of our teaching group can join us.

I appreciate this is some way off and many of you may not know what your diaries are looking like, but if you can make the new date then please let me know by reply. For those of you that have already transferred entry fees and cannot make the new date, please get in touch so we can organise funds being returned to you.

I hope you all manage to stay unaffected by Covid19 other than boredom and frustration, but in the bigger scheme of things it's a small price to pay.

Looking forward to hearing from you all and hope the change in plans suits most.

Kind Regards

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1's Season Report 2019/20

A bit of a stop-start season for not only myself struggling with injury but the team as a whole. I owe this to the boys continuing to adjust to the transition from the old guard to the new young blood and the introduction of not one but two charismatic coaches.

For every impressive display against the likes of Nottsborough and Polytechnic there were equally frustrating days against Parkonians and Winchmore Hill. The intent to play a certain way and the ambition is there from the whole squad so there are certainly signs that as we continue to gain experience we will climb up to the summit of the league where we belong.

On the subject of titles, the run to the semi final of the Old Boys Cup has to be the highlight of the season and had we been more clinical we would have had a shot at glory in the final. This can definitely be a competition to target in the future.

- I have no doubt if we can stay together and make a few shrewd additions to the side we can make noticeable improvements next season (whenever that gets underway!)

The commitment of the side epitomized when Ben Mallins had to make a trip from SE London to West London to Hertfordshire all in a Saturday morning to collect kit from keeper Ed Healey struck down by man flu the night before.

So, onwards and upwards for the 1s, more tika taka, more goals, more clean sheets and victories in store for 20/21.

Sergio Ohene-Djan

The Aaron George Era begins…. 2's report 19/20

What's more unexpected? That someone eating a bat would cause the world to descend into chaos and panic amid a global pandemic, or that on the 1st of January 2020 the 2's would be 2nd in the league, 3 points off West Wickham and equal on only 9 games played? I'll leave that to you to decide.

I think it's fair to say this season for the 2's was one of two halves, in terms of results. What's certain though, is that it was a far cry from the season before in terms of both performances and contribution on the social side. (We don't have Jon Howe saying this is the worst season he can remember playing in at least…).

We started the season incredibly strongly, with 3 wins on the bounce, 10 goals for, and a lowly 4 against; 2 of which came in a 5 – 2 thrashing of Poly. 9 games in, we've spanked Oilers and got the league in our sights, (never been much of a cup side anyway) surely all that could cost us would be a change in management and the wheels coming off!? With Jon bidding farewell to management duties at the Christmas break, in order to focus his time on embezzling club funds to recoup some of his wedding costs; captaincy was left to no other than the 2's fearless leader Aaron George. There was jubilation in the locker room at the turn of 2020, and the boys were coming out with a sense of new found gumption.

The first game under the Aaron George Era saw a hard fought and well deserved 4-3 win against a decent Owens side. Unsurprisingly Gowtham did what Gowtham does best and pulling out some magic in the dying moments to ensure we bagged the 4th; surprisingly it was a header…

Unfortunately this was the end of the 2's success and the start of #AaronOut making an appearance on some socials, a hashtag rumoured to have been started by the combined efforts of Craig; and Powley who had been eyeing up the armband for a while. The 2's saw a combined 4 defeats out of 6 cost us our stronghold on the league, and come 1st March, whilst still 2nd, we had 16 played 26 points and a goal difference of -9.

THANK YOU CORONA VIRUS!!!

No one can be sure what would have happened next… I'd like to think that the grit and determination of the 2's would have kept us up at 2nd, some may argue that with 6 and 5 games in hand and only a point behind us Oilers and Nottsborough respectively might have caught us…

Alas, we will never know. What we do know for certain is this. Under the guidance of a new leader, the league was ended with the 2's in 2nd place.

The football this season was a lot more creative with a new style of playing out from the back often coming off very well for us, we found the back of the net a lot more, (although there is still work to be done here), and we kept out a lot more goals than we had done in previous seasons, both in part to Powley as usual, and a solid defensive performance all season long. Strides have definitely been made in the right direction, and if we can build on a few problem areas at in pre-season, there is no reason the 2's shouldn't be right up there again at Christmas, and at the end of the season fighting for the top spot. This is of course heavily dependent on everyone keeping fit amid lockdown, (I'm certain some of us have piled on the pounds), and Gowtham never turning up to a match hungover/still drunk again – as we can all agree it was the worst we've ever seen him play.

Aaron George – Jon Howe successor & 2's Legend.



4s season review

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May 3, 2020, 1:45 PM (8 days ago)

to me

4's Season Review

George Young concussing himself by charging head first into the post in a desperate attempt to retrieve a hanging cross he had palmed into his own net moments earlier was undoubtedly the comedy highlight of the season. With the club allowing goalkeepers to select their own kits this season and Young choosing an all green number, it was like a giant Oak Tree had been felled in the six yard box. The incident also served as a metaphor for the 4's season as a whole; loads of effort not quite managing to overcome a lack of ability.

Despite the aforementioned ability deficit and a mid-table placing at the time the season was curtailed, the 4's had a reasonably successful year. An early bright spot came away to Civil Service, who at the time were unbeaten and top of the league. Having only managed to scrape together 10 men for the game, we spent the warm up asking random strangers around the pitch if they fancied a run-around. As the only person remotely interested was due to referee us, we played the game a man down and produced a supreme performance to secure a deserved 2-1 win.

Indeed, apart from a hammering away to Polytechnic a week after the Civil Service victory, the 4's were competitive in every game and went toe-to-toe with some exceptional sides, especially in the knockout competitions. We suffered an extra time defeat to Old Dorkinians in one cup, whilst 5-4 defeats to strong outfits led to our exit from two others, one of which was at the quarter final stage.

In terms of individual performances, whilst 2017/18 Player of the Year George Young was careering into fixed metal objects, the cause of 2018/19 Player of the Year Toby Shelton's struggles was unclear. Some Might Say they were due to his girlfriend leaving him for Gene Gallagher; others feel the Cigarettes & Alcohol have finally caught up with him. However, his friend Maverick Gore was a revelation, adding pace and goals to a sometimes pedestrian side. Chris Charman briefly studied the new rule and tactical innovations surrounding short goal kicks and decided to continue punting the ball as far as he possibly could at every opportunity, whilst Jon Small produced a trademark Goal of the Season contender in a fantastic cup victory away to Old Suttonians. Many of the Class of 2002 stepped up their fitness efforts in an attempt to battle Father Time, whether it was the intense marathon training of Tyler O'Callaghan or the Radox baths favoured by William Bennett. Psycho Bywaters did not complete his only appearance of the season.

The collective high point of the season came on Fortress Hawes Down just prior to Christmas with a victory over Polytechnic 7's; the best team in the division. Having conceded two goals early on, the 4's came back to win 3-2 and end the last remaining unbeaten record in the league. Whilst beating a 7th team is no cause to go overboard with celebrations and definitely no reason to dance around the changing rooms in a pair of pants, the result set the 4's up for a real promotion push in the second half of the season. Unfortunately, by the time we were next in action almost two months later it was clear the league schedule would not be completed and the 4's eased up, preserving aging legs for meaningful games in the future. This led to dropped points against both a beatable Southbank and our own 5's, who always appear in noticeably better physical shape against us than in the weeks surrounding our fixtures.

Ultimately though, results were irrelevant. Like the George Young master class, which was wiped from memory by a combination of the post and the referee awarding an offside in the build up, there will be no record of 2019/20 season and the enjoyment was to be found in being there to witness and particiapte. Hopefully we will be able to go again in September.

Subject:

To: Stuart Paton <stupowfc@gmail.com>

The 5s have had a great season, with it being the first in the famous gold and black strip for the newly formed team.

We started the season finding our style, and importantly getting the team to gel the first half of the season we successfully managed to get kicked out of all the cups in the first round, even after scoring 7 goals in one game.

From there it was quite clear we were going to focus on the league.

With a great core of players, we managed to win all of our games bar 3 defeats and 1 draw.

Leaving us top of the league when the season was called to an early finish.

Great season and we can't wait for next season.

Main highlights were - Marshy eating Poly's pitch one on one with their keeper. Gabs bicycle kick. Frank Fentons two goals from corners. Sam James' penalty taking. Tas and Hakims timekeeping, Bridge Bar, Salsa bars, Polish lagers, Ricky's 5-8-12 warm ups, Jazza and the ritz, Big Tay's crossbar whacking, Bob Coopers disallowed goal, Yuved on the late fines, smashing poly at their place, Josh Godfrey 40 yarder, Greg Marrs mate, Connors concrete calfs, and most importantly..... pumping the 4s..... and then doing it again.

Bring on next season.

6th XI End of season report.

The 2019/20 season was the worst I have participated in. Having played for OWFC for 12 years and most of my playing time spent in the lowest portion of the club. For some reason things just didn't click. We played some excellent football, but couldn't buy a goal. We also had a changeable defence, with injuries/work and general unavailability having an affect on our chemistry. Our midfield was pretty consistent throughout, so that was one positive.

I have enjoyed playing with the group of players around me. We have a good laugh and enjoy ourselves, despite the losses. The fact that we managed to get a team out each week is a testament to our club and the hard work put in by all. I know the lads are keeping themselves fit during lockdown, so I keep my fingers crossed that when we finally do get to play later in the year, we're all going to hit the ground running!

Onto a brighter note, the 6s piloted a FIFA tournament. We had a great time playing the games, having some banter with our friends and teammates. It worked so well that Ash Phakey decided to roll it out to the wider club. Well done Adam Benwell for getting the 6s original version going. Plus points for getting your mum involved with the live draw for the knockout stages!

The highest point of our season came during lockdown. Yes, we got a lucky escape from our dire season. But the best part for me was 9 members of our team forming a FIFA Pro club. The OWFC 6th XI have been promoted twice in two seasons, winning the league once. Considering that I have now been inside shielding for 8 weeks, it has helped me, being able to have a laugh and chatting to the lads over a game of football. We continue to play our games, although the OWFC tournament is taking precedence right now.

We look forward to reuniting on a football pitch, as a team, whenever this all blows over.

Notable mentions go out to Ash Chappell, for continuing to play despite having gout in his big toe! To Drew Strong for coming to support after the tragic loss of his brother, Michael. Also giving the lads the chance to heckle you at Bromley FC for the memorial game...

6th XI player of the null and void season – Adam Benwell. You are a machine in the centre of the pitch and win the majority of the balls that come your way with that signature shout "Adaaaaaaaaaams!".

Thanks chaps. Stay safe all.

James



Some 6s on Tour in happier times..



7s Season Review 19/20

The season started with a flurry of cup games for the 7th XI, games where the results didn't go to plan but turns out enabled us to form as a team ahead of the league season.

With a good mixture of young faces and experienced heads, availability improved and we started our league season with high hopes for the season. The season started with one of only two defeats, civil service 8th XI the opponent, but we were confident that this performance was not a true reflection of our potential as a team. From there on it was improvement after improvement week on week, the team had continuity with players forming effective partnerships across the pitch. Often flicking between a 4-4-2 and 4-5-1 system, the pace and flair of both Sam Forbes and Madz Christie complimented Jonny Quinton's experience perfectly in the final third, with the trio combining on a number of occasions throughout the season.

At the back, partnerships were developing nicely amongst a consistent 4 of Kenny, Dan L, Shalin and Saj. With the leadership of Callum in goal for the early part of the season. Inevitably injuries came and thus caused disruption in various positions across the pitch. Dyki made a seamless switch into a fullback, a change that combined both his defensive abilities as well as his attacking threat with endless dangerous deliveries into the box from wide areas. Himself and Jonny Q combining on more than one occasion. When asked about his switch Dyki insisted "You won't find a finer pair of wingbacks at club level" than "the topknot twins" of himself and Kenny.

The midfield stayed solid throughout with the presence of Will Davies and Aaron Steel always a reassuring influence. The most efficient replacement however came in the way of the goalkeeping position. When we lost Callum to a dislocated shoulder, we were confident that his replacement Doug Forbes would do a reasonable job but few anticipated what was to come.

A flurry of clean sheets were to follow with the average save per game reaching the dizzy heights of 0.66 at one point. Doug assures us Pep has been on the phone a number of times trying to recruit his services but Doug is holding out and paying close attention the situation at Newcastle. We reached the turn of the year in great form, in a title race and right where we wanted to be. 2 great games against the 8s followed on the hallowed Hayes turf.

Another outstanding performance against 2nd place Civil 7s took us to the summit of the league with only a small number of games left. We were in a great position to strive for a promotion in the last section of the season but more important things took over. All in all, a very successful and enjoyable season, and hugely benefitted from having a lot of continuity and familiar faces week in week out.

We have high ambitions for next season, when ever that is able to get underway. From everyone in the 7s we hope you are all well and staying safe.

Aaron Steele

-----Original Message-----
From: DM Associates <associates.dm@googlemail.com>
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The 2019/20 season started with many positives, the introduction of the 'MPR', fresh enthusiasm and the sun was shining.
Unfortunately we lost to a strong South Bank side that day and backed that up with a defeat to Actonians the following week.
Weaker sides followed and we strung a run of victories together and progressed out of our group to the last 16 of the cup,
a remarkable achievement in itself for the clubs basement and often forgotten side. Having drawn HSBC away we weren't overly confident
as had been taken apart in the earlier league fixture which Boom summed up pragmatically; "if you have Messi and Ronaldo against you - what can you do?"
Fortunately Messi and Ronaldo had been re-called to HSBC 1's and we played some sizzling football to progress to the quarter-finals. Unfortunately the dream ended there.
In the league we were competitive in every game and should have had a better points return for our efforts , with a little more focus, discipline and availability
I am sure this can be achieved when football resumes.
Our best half of football was reserved for our home fixture vs the 7' , not having our strongest side out on paper the boys put in a great display and although a goal down
at the break we were without doubt the stronger footballing side with the 7's having to rely on Syd Sherlock to hold them together.
The second half was a different story as Boom was forced to withdraw with an injury upsetting our shape and the introduction of Jay Breen proved pivotal as his throwback
direct running and power sunk us.
A special mention for Viktoria our resident photographer who provided light shade and snaps -much appreciated, Ben Mole who was available for every game,
the 'MPR' who brought vitality and were a good bunch who I now hope feel 'Old Wilsonian' and will continue their journey with us next year,
Boom who turned back the clock and played his best football for a few years and even club chairman Forbes put in a couple of decent 60's and shows renewed promise.
Sochi and Terell gave us an edge and provided the threat often clubs basement sides lack, Seb Ayers played his best football I've seen but not very good at paying subs.
You still owe me £30 Seb. Roddy defected to the 6's, Kek became a keeper and was brilliant Acton away. Bruce Stringer returned to the club, Mo changed.
Thanks to all who played and your support throughout this now truncated season and I hope all are safe and well and staying positive for the future.



OW Vets X1 End of Season Report 2019 / 20

The OW's Vets season saw us beat Lloyds of London 3 – 1 and Westminster 8 – 1 in friendlies as we warmed up for greater challenges ahead. We beat Alleyn OB 6 – 3 in the SAL Vets Cup before going down to a very strong Old Meadonians X1 away in Chiswick 1 – 5. We also managed to lose not once but twice to our old foes Old Sluttonians, in other 'Friendlies'.

It was pleasing to see a number of younger 'over 35s' get involved this year with Chris Kennedys goals leading the way including four against Alleyns, which led to him winning the John Brittain memorial trophy as top club goalscorer. James Karamath and Pat DuCasse chipping in with important goals and back heels.

Next year we have an increasing number of club stalwarts becoming available which will help us push on in the Cup competitions. However, Vets Football is all about the camarardie and memories when full backs could overlap, forwards hit the target and midfielders make a tackle. Vets football is alive and well at the club and we look forward to a successful season and an end of season tour to Malta where we will represent England in a game against the Maltese Nation Team Vets side. See earlier slide for details.

Vets Squad, hopefully no one has been missed, though if they have, blame Reidy.

Brad Russell, Andy Pope, Matt Watts, Lee Reid (M), Mark Pope, Jamie Parkinson, Doug Smart, Mal Smart, Chris Billing, Mark Mace, Aaron Langley, Graeme Carruth, James Taylor, James Karamath, Jon Howe, Pat DuClasse, Chris Kennedy, Nick Billing, Si Elliot, Ed McLaughlin, Mark Simmo Simmons, Dan Harris, Chris Dyki, Jamie Rodgers, Prav Panicker, Neil Kendrick, Ozzy Akkaya, Fraser Jones, James Taylor, Pete Taylor, Jon Howe.

Mark Pope (with a little input from the Ed.)

Photo shows when the Vets were winning trophies as a 1st X1

Supers

This season the supervets (over 500 years of age on the pitch at all times) boosted their numbers with a number of new recruits . We welcomed Mssrs Roast, Philmore, Golley, Hanlon plus a few more . Usually we play 5 games in the season but the fiixture list came to a premature end due to covid 19 & the whole team being in the high risk group !

This was probably a godsend as of the 3 matches completed we had beaten Pikeys Arts Club , then failed dismally against Cudham Wyse who beat us 1-7 & 0-7 (not a fair reflection of the game , but they were by far the better side) .

A few highlights Matt Hanlon's 40 yarder off the crossbar on his debut , Chris Billing altercation with a post which put him out of action for a couple of months , Roasty as an overlapping full back nearly keeling over on his debut (should a 62 year old be doing 50 yard shuttle runs ? and Stuart Philmore trying to squeeze into a medium training top when its obvious to all an extra large (the norm for all supers) was needed .

Enjoyable as always, we are looking to up our fixtures next season with greater playing numbers & at some point soon will lift a glass or 34 to celebrate 2019/2020 season .

A bit of a peculiar one

Alex Forbes



Links to the leagues (click to view)

1st XI – Senior Div 1

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6th XI – Junior South Div 4

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