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** OWFC TEAM OF THE WEEK, WEEKEND OF 14th March 2026 **

1. Kaya Tumkaya (2nd XI)
2. Jack Shelton (2nd XI)
3. Liam Wells (7th XI)
4. James Hartnup (7th XI)
5. Alex Duncan (1th XI)
6. Ash Chappell (4th XI)
7. Harry Taylor (4th XI)
8. Nana Sarpong (6th XI)
9. Danny Holmes (5th XI)

OWFC Business Code of Conduct / Annual Subs

A new season is upon us . With a further influx of juniors and schoolboys , plus training and a couple of teams playing through the summer. Our hopes are high. We have 7 teams on Saturday & the Vets on Sundays playing league football . Supervets will continue to play friendlies on Sundays.

We have kept annual subs for 21s & over in employment to £150 & under 21s in employment £75, both pay £10 weekly subs . If you are playing 4 or less games you will pay £20 match fees , but no annual subs. Junior members paying annual subs to the junior section & schoolboys pay no annual subs but pay £5 weekly subs. Vets due to the number of games pay annual subs , Supervets pay £50 annual subs & £10 per game match .

Unemployed please chat to your skipper or Stu Dunk (treasurer or me (asst treasurer) and we will agree something that is workable for you as we want you to play . Annual subs are due on 30th September 2025 . We are using Pitchero & you should have an email to confirm your details, receive newsletters , about events also paying your annual subs or outstanding fines like yellow and red cards.

Why the rise in annual subs ? our rent to the association has gone up by 7.5% this season taking it above £24,000 per annum . The reason is ground maintenance (looking after both hayes & Hawesdown) costs £71,000 per year (up from £60,000 last season due mainly to the extra cost of running Hawesdown), utilities has gone from £21,000 in 2021 to over £54,000 in 2025. So it is important you pay your annual subs on time as we look to break even. Its also important you support events not only so you meet players from other teams but also have some fun & hopefully we make a bit of money , which will hopefully keep your annual subs as low as possible Also find a code of conduct we expect all our member to follow. Please read them as this is the minimum we expect as a club. Here's to a great season , good luck & enjoy

Alex Forbes OWFC Assistant treasurer

Old Wilsonians Football Club

Code of Conduct

As a representative of the Old Wilsonians Football Club, I agree that;

On and off the pitch, I will:

- Always play the game fairly and in the right spirit.
- Be aware of the impact of bad language; keep spectators and members of the public - including children - in mind.
- Never verbally abuse a match official, player or spectator based their appearance, race, religion, gender or sexuality. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action.
- Never physically assault a match official, player or spectator. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action.
- Help to create a safe and inclusive environment both on and off the pitch.
- Report all allegations of abuse or poor practice to the Club Welfare Officer.
- Not to abuse, neglect, harm or discriminate against anyone; or act in a way that may be interpreted as such.
- Adhere to the club's safeguarding policy, rules and regulations.
- Attend the match with correct kit, this includes black shorts and gold socks.
- Arrive on time. If for any reason I may be late, I will inform my captain as soon as possible.
- Respect the decisions made by my captain.
- Not drop out from the game at short notice. This is unfair to other players who may have been left out, so that I could play. If I have a valid reason, I will inform my captain. Failure to contact my captain will result in being reported to the disciplinary committee.

Old Wilsonians Football Club

Code of Conduct continued

Selection, finances and expected conduct.

- I understand, if I have made myself available to play, I will be expected to represent any team within the Old Wilsonians football club, as per rule 11 of the OWFC rules.
- I will sign up to the FA Matchday app.
- I will pay my annual and weekly subs on time. If I am unable to do this, I will inform the club treasurer who may be able to assist.
- I will conduct myself in such a manner as not to bring the Old Wilsonians football club into disrepute.
- I will not be involved with/under the influence of any drugs or illegal substances whilst representing the football club, in line with the OWFC drugs policy.
- When playing at home, I will help when required to offer hospitality to the visiting teams and complete requested duties.
- I understand the expectation that I support the club with fundraising events and activities.
- I understand that I need to provide the club with any personal data required for registration and/or safeguarding purposes.
- I will refrain from any criminal activity. I will represent the club with integrity and honesty.

Old Wilsonians Football Club

Code of Conduct continued

I understand: If I do not follow the Code, I may expect to:

• Be cautioned, sin binned or sent off by the match officials, depending on the nature of the offence.

• Be asked to apologize to whoever I have offended or abused.

• Be disciplined by my club via the disciplinary committee, including being substituted, dropped, given a formal warning, suspended from training or matches or a permanent suspension from the club. This will depend on the nature of the offence.

• Be disciplined by the County Football Association, including being fined or suspended for a number of matches depending on the nature of the offence.

• Be handed a permanent exclusion by the FA or County Football Association if the offence is deemed serious enough. Declaration: I agree to abide by the conditions above and follow any guidance or policy as set out by Old Wilsonians football club, The AFA (County FA) or the Football Association.

Join the 100 club today . All funds are sloughed back into the club, so any support is appreciated. Also, if you are a gold member you get £50 back to spend across the club ie you could use it for annual subs
It's easy to enter follow the details below
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If you pay one lump sum you get 2 months for free !

Gold £25 per month or one off £250 per year. For this u get £50 off annual subs or can be spent within the club on merchandising or events
Silver £10 per month or one off £100 per annum
Bronze £5 per month or one off £50
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Bronze top price 1 x £1000, 2 x £500 & 12 x £100

We would love you to participate .Let me know what you have picked which colour works for you (if any) and I will let u know your lucky number - alexforbes46@hotmail.co.uk
Bank details are :-
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Men Of The Hill

Its good to talk. Its ok, not to be ok.

Several Old Boys and Club members have set up a Facebook group during these difficult times.

Talking about how we feel is something we all find hard to do whether you are a Man or a Woman.

About

This group has been set up to help anyone connected to the Wilsonian Sports club, whether they be friends of friends or family members.

Private

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

To access the group search on Facebook or Click Here.

Not So Old Boys

Kicking taboo out of the game

After meeting through football and becoming a close knit group of friends.

They decided to launch a podcast to discuss taboo topics and just let the world know what it's like to play on Saturday football.

Follow the adventures of the Old Wilsonians Football Club through this Podcast and on Instagram.



Available on popular streaming platforms

Results

A round up of all this week's results and scorers for the weekend of 14th March 2026.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Actonians	3-3	Farmer, Sam Forbes, Matt McDowell
OWFC 2Xi	Wandsworth	1-0	O'Sullivan
OWFC 3Xi	No Game		
OWFC 4Xi	Grantonians	1-1	Harry Taylor
OWFC 5Xi	Actonians	1-6	Spencer
OWFC 6Xi	Thorntonians	2-2	James Stride, Nana Sarpong)
OWFC 7Xi	Sedcopians	1-2	Jack Larkman
OWFC Vets	No Game		
OWFC SuperVets	No Game		

14th March 2026 Actonians 3-3 Old Wilsonians 1st XI

The 1s ventured to West London with nothing but a win good enough to keep hopes of the title alive. With several regulars out of the country, this crucial game saw three players step up to make their 1s debuts, one of whom even went to bed before 3am. An unfamiliar back line maybe contributed to the early set back as, minutes after kickoff, a ball given away in our own half found its way to the opposition winger whose low cross was turned in off the crossbar. From that moment the 1s took. the game by the scruff of the neck. Despite playing into the wind, the midfield trio of Steadford, Day and Alex began dictating the play. A through ball from Steadford set **Farmer** away and he calmly beat his man and slotted into the corner. 1-1. Minutes later again and this time it was **Forbes** released by a Steadford header to find the bottom corner. Farmer clearly had the beating of his man, and more goals seemed on the cards. Turned out the only thing that could stop him was his hamstring, as the 1s went down to a bare eleven. Even with the enforced change, the front three kept on coming and a ball from the right was beautifully brought down by **Matt** before a clinical swivel left the keeper helpless. A fantastic first half turnaround and, despite Eves' best efforts to lob his own keeper, we went in 3-1 up at the break.

The less said about the second half the better. Unable to keep hold of the ball, the 1s found themselves having to cover every blade of astroturf. Everybody put in a shift but with 11 men on a huge pitch, tired legs were inevitable. 20 minutes remained when theirt dangerous left winger cut inside and his deflected shot looped over Harley. Chances did come at the other end but Max and Forbes were unable to capitalise. A Sam Wright header curled just past the post. The game was too frantic for our liking. 5 minutes to go and disaster struck. A break down the right was switched to the same winger who cut inside and again found the net. There was still time for us to create one more golden chance, but Wright's effort slipped agonisingly past the post. Full time 3-3.

14th March 2026 Actonians 3-3 Old Wilsonians 1st XI

Big credit and thanks to all the lads who stepped up from the 3s, great performances from all of them. Can't fault anyone on the pitch individually but we've managed to throw a two goal lead away for the third time this season. Luckily Matt says he knows a Brazilian guy who might be able to help with our lack of staying power. On to the final game of the season where, despite only winning once in 2026, a win will see us clinch 2nd and a well deserved promotion. Up the 1s. MOM: Alex

Old Sedcopians 3rd XI 2 – 1 Old Wilsonians 7th XI
Goalscorer: **Jack Larkman**
Saturday's trip to Old Sedcopians saw Old Wilsonians' 7th XI deliver a strong and committed performance, ultimately undone by a short lapse early in the second half. Despite the narrow defeat, there were plenty of positives — improved structure, better ball retention, and two highly encouraging debuts.

From the opening whistle, Old Wilsonians looked well-balanced and organised. The midfield trio of Bruce Graham, Paul Hartnup, and debutant Liam Wells quickly established control. Their combination of composure, work rate and smart distribution allowed the team to settle early and dictate the play.
Wells slotted in seamlessly on his debut, bringing the calmness and decision-making that the side has been missing in recent weeks. With Bruce and Paul working tirelessly around him, the trio repeatedly put the team on the front foot.

The sustained pressure finally led to a breakthrough.
Dan Hartnup, who was a constant menace to Sedcopians' central defenders, burst through and struck a powerful effort off the post. The ball fell perfectly for Jack Curtis, who reacted quickest to slot home and give Old Wilsonians a well-earned 1–0 lead.
The goal capped an excellent first half in which the team not only competed physically but played sensible, constructive football. Confidence grew, and the back line marshalled by James Hartnup on his debut looked composed and assured.

At the break, the message was clear:
Be switched on for the first 15 minutes
Win your personal battles
Talk more and stay connected

Old Sedcopians 3rd XI 2 – 1 Old Wilsonians 7th XI
However, a brief 10-minute dip after the restart proved decisive. A lack of concentration and a dip in communication allowed Old Sedcopians to turn the game around with two quick goals.
It was a harsh lesson — one that didn't reflect the overall performance — but it underlined how crucial focus is at this level.
To their credit, Old Wilsonians responded superbly. Rather than let heads drop, the team regrouped and pushed forward, creating several promising chances. The build-up play remained constructive and often impressive, but the final touch deserted them at key moments.
Despite a strong spell of pressure, the equaliser didn't arrive.
Two players made their first appearances and made a real impact:
James Hartnup — Centre Back
Commanding, calm, and positionally smart. Added stability and was quick to step in when needed.
Liam Wells — Centre Midfield
Confident on the ball, helped the team retain possession, and linked play well. A very promising addition.
Both brought elements the team has been missing — control, communication, and poise.
Although the result was disappointing, the overall performance was a significant improvement on last week. Every player worked hard, showed commitment, and contributed to a much more cohesive display.
A few takeaways for next week:
Communication needs to be louder and more consistent
Ball retention can improve — don't rush the final pass
Early second-half focus is crucial
This was a match decided by fine margins, not by a lack of effort or quality. Keep the same attitude, sharpen those small details, and results will follow.

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 21st March 2026 throughout the club (Week 24)

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	TBC	SAL	Home / Away
OWFC 2Xi	Chattan	SAL	Home
OWFC 3Xi	Witan	SAL	Home
OWFC 4Xi	Fulham Compton	SAL	Home
OWFC 5Xi	Bank of England	SAL	Away
OWFC 6Xi	Actonians	SAL	Home (Doubler Header)
OWFC 7Xi	TBC	SAL	Home / Away
OWFC Vets	No Game		
OWFC SuperVets	No Game		

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Results, March 17th 2001				
Palace	0	Fulham	2	
All other games		Postponed		



DO THEY KNOW ITS CHRISTMAS TIME AT ALL 3rd XI 2 Old Meadonians 1 (P March 10th)

Having drawn the first game of this double-header, having come back from a two goal deficit – their first goal having been scored early on – we decided to make sure we did not concede an early goal in the second encounter and thereby having to chase the game. The game kicked off and, in the first five minutes, and after a slick passing move, we went a goal down - typical!

The first half continued with the 3s having the majority of the possession. Our back four became more solid as the game progressed, with Jao, Forbes, Langley and Graham dealing comfortably with Meads' rare forays into our half.

The second half started much the same , with us dominating the game but not being able to come up with the goods. The centre midfield of Taylor and Hicke, were competing well for every ball – in Hickey's case even those which were blatantly not his! Kerr and Quinton were working well down the flanks and Placek and Du Patel, up front, were pouncing on any chances that came their way.

With Haris coming on at right-back, Graham moved into the middle and our quality of play improved, Their rotound 'keeper looked very dodgy on crosses and low shots, but seemed to have almost matrix like reactions when the ball came directly at his head so, and needless to say, every shot we managed on goal was directed towards the stoppert's rather chubby 'boat race.'

The breakthrough finally came with a perfectly flighted corner from **KERR** eluding everyone and plopping into the goal. With us now encamped in the opposition's half, we reverted to that old favourite, the Christmas tree formation, with Placek moving out right and Quinton taking on the 'fairies' roll up front. And it worked for, after another goal-mouth scramble, **TAYLOR** managed to poke home the winner.

We are hopefully back on track now and, if in future, we show the same determination we showed today, we should be able to stay on top of the pile.

MEN OF THE MATCH: Peter Taylor, who worked very hard and has cemented a future for himself in the 3rds – if not higher – and Jonny 'Fairy' Quinton. (Modesty prevents too many details here, but phrases such as 'tireless running', 'belying his years' and words like 'ubiquitous' and 'magnificent' readily spring to mind.

Jon 'Fairy' Quinton

AFA CUP FINAL, UCL Accademicals v Polytechnic at Hayes on April 7th

Staging the AFA Cup Final at Hayes is, of course, a great honour, but it also brings responsibilities with it, and we need volunteers to act as Car Park attendants, ensure visitors are fed, generally looked after, made to feel at home and many other important duties.

So we are looking for volunteers, who should declare their interest to Andy McClinton or Ian Forbes.

News of injured players

Good news on the injury front for both Jason Trout and Nick Billing. who have learnt that they will not be needing surgery and, with a touch of 'guarded' optimism, should be fit for nest season.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, March 13 th 1976				
Old Monovians	2	1st XI	4	Cowell.C, Adams.T, Hanifan, Reaseley
2nd XI	2	Old Grammarians	3	(Jim) Matthews, Lambourne
3rd XI	0	Mill Hill Village	3	
4th XI	3	Old Finchleians	2	Hand, Clasper, (Paul) Johnson
Camden	3	5th XI	1	Stewart
Old Grammarians	3	6th XI	3	Cornish, Jaffe, Bye
Grimsby	1	Palace	2	Taylor 2



NATTY DRIVER GETS THE SDIE TO WOODFORD Old Monovians 1 1st XI 4

After collecting our boarding passes and checking our luggage in at the Dagmar Rd Terminal, a gallant band of players, collectively known as the 1st XI, set off for a mighty journey to some far off land internationally known as Woodford and, with Rod Hall directing and Mick Pilgrim driving, we knew were in for quite a journey.

Rod managed to take us on a tour of South London, calling at such well-known places as Rotherhithe tunnel, which was closed, and Tower Bridge, which we eventually crossed after nearly 20 minutes driving. (It is believed that Rod took us this way in a vain attempt to wear out the go-faster black leather driving gloves that Mick was sporting so that he would know what to buy him as a present the next time Mick spends the entire game playing centre-half and not floating about searching for glory.)

We eventually arrived a la ground de Monovians and, after a pep talk from our 'skip', we kicked off. The game set off at a fast pace, and it was not long before Monos took the lead when Pete Sayer, under pressure from at least six, if not seven Monos players, slipped the ball past the advancing Rod Hall and into his own net!

We drew level quickly when **CHRIS COWELL** stabbed the ball home from at least three yards and were soon in front when ace goal grabber **TERRY ADAMS** managed to bend his toes at right angles and just tuck the ball into the net at the near post with their goal-keeper looking totally amazed. At 2-1 ahead at half-time, and with confidence brimming, the 1st XI were matching the speed of their opponents and out-playing them with skill and determination.

With the wind against us in the second half, the play switched from end to end. **PAUL HANIFAN –** moustache flowing in the wind – collected our third when a penalty looked justified, but Paul crashed the ball home before the referee could get the whistle to his mouth, and the game was tied up when Paul 'Zorro' Hanifan was pushed over in the penalty area and **GERRY REASELEY** converted.

An excellent win for the 1st XI, and revenge for an earlier Cup defeat inflicted by Monovians. If only we had started the season as well as we are finishing it. Pete Sayer

Hall Graham Sayer Pilgrim.M Robinson (John)Matthews Adams.T Pugh Cowell.C Hanifan Reaseley

LACK OF COMPOSURE HELPS VISITORS 3rd XI 0 Mill Hill Village 3

The 3rd XI started this game with ten men and, after 20 minutes, Mike Kendrick, although injured, came on to put the side up to full strength and we thank him for helping out in this way. Mike arrived just in time to see our forwards miss two very easy chances, which they would have converted easily earlier the season, before Mill Hill took a half-time lead.

The second half started promisingly, but our composure slipped after a blatant penalty was denied us by the referee. This was followed by the second Mill Hill goal, and we then lost our heads completely and were soon 3-0 down and that's how the game finished. Ray Howell

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