Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events

OWA Dinner at the school, Mollisons Drive, 6th September 2024 web link :

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In this newsletter?

Results from the weekend of Saturday 30th March 2024.

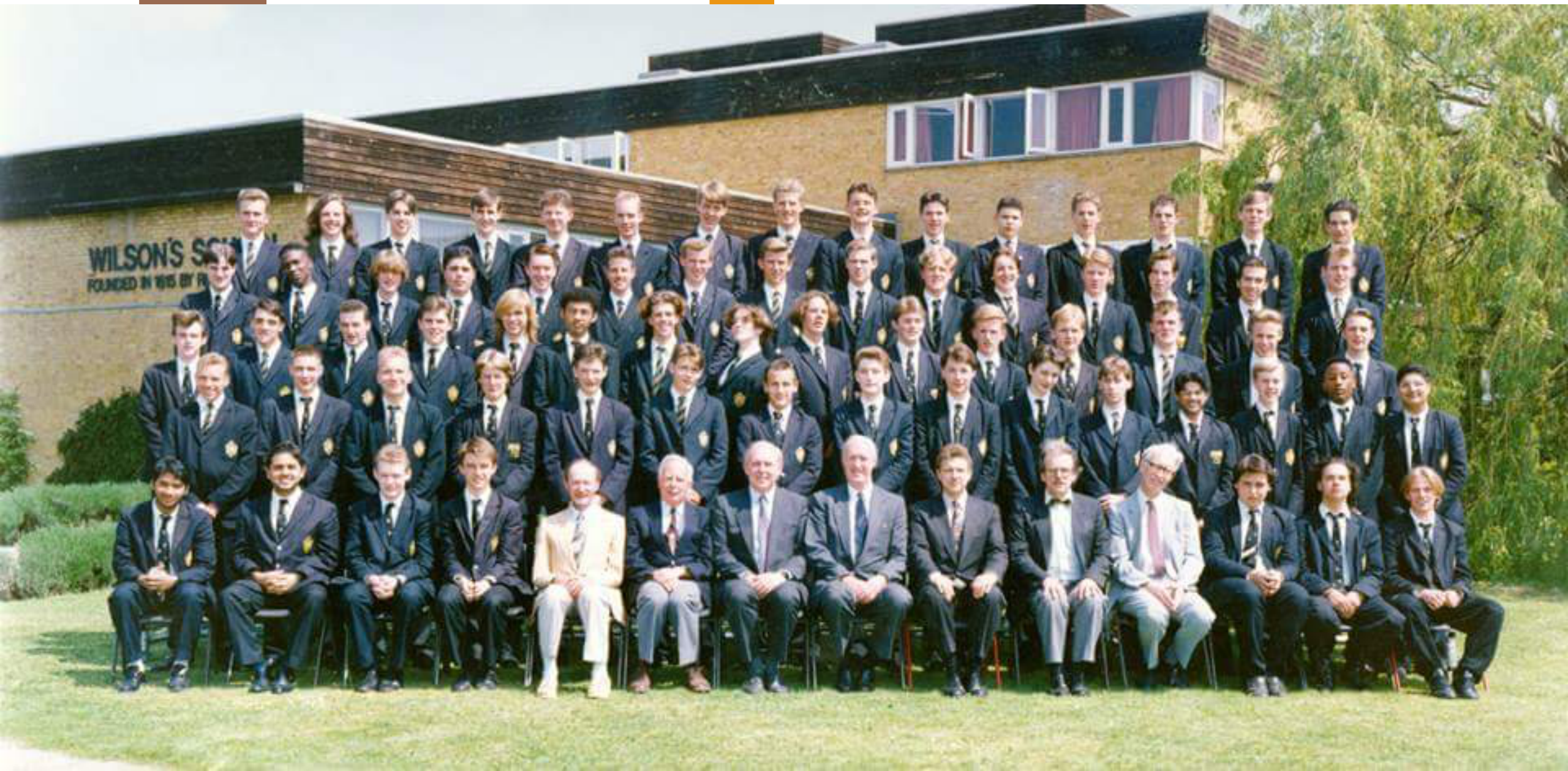
Dates for the Diary

- OWFC end of season dinner / presentations, Saturday 27th April 2024
- OWA Dinner at the school, Mollisons Drive, 6th September 2024, link to the left

Other Bits

- Men Of The Hill
- All Our yesterdays (25/ 50 years Ago)
- Monday night Training @ Coloma School, Shirley, 8pm until 9.30 on their 3G pitch with a UEFA B Qualified Coach. Cost is £5
- We remember our fomer friend and former OWFC player Kirk Benjamin in the semi annual Super Vets match v the Art Network, see pages 3, 4 and 6.

Kirk Benjamin and his year group , can you spot other former OWFC players incl – Dave Pope, Dave Roe, Andy Donnelly, Andy Harris, Dave Saraga




Fly with everything you buy

Bruce Graham – Profile info as at 12th April, 2024

Background information
Born 1955
Joined Wilsons (Camberwell) 1966
Captain U16's 1972/73 Photo attached (see a young Paul Hanifan, extreme right of bottom row). Ceased playing for School thereafter, to fund cars, girlfriends and pubs (not necessarily in that order).
Left Wilsons (Camberwell) 1974
Joined OWFC 1976 Following chance meeting with schoolfriend Graham Powell, started for 3rd XI, playing alongside club legends Ian Forbes, Mike Kendrick and Ian Rayworth. Later that season I was selected for the 2nd XI and made the 1st XI in my second season.
Chairman of Ways & Means Committee 1980-87 Questionable fund-raising activities included "Sponsored Pub Walks", promoting excess drinking - a minimum of ½ pint at 12 stops, although the real men did a pint, "Race-Nights", promoting excess gambling and "Stag-Nights" – promoting excess political incorrectness in the form of strippers and racist comedians.
President of OWFC Circa 2000?
Player of the Year Awards Various 1st XI 1986/87 (photo attached) and various other years including 4th XI double-winning year 2004/05.

Vital Statistics (to date) Appearances Goals
1st XI 447 26
2nd XI 137 8
3rd XI 159 24
4th XI 84 17
5th XI 41 5
6th XI 64 12
7th XI 43 4
8th XI 64 12
9th XI 2 -
Vets/Supervets 37 -
Totals 1,078 98 Less than 10 bookings (probably) and just 1 sending off.

Other info
Best OWFC season 2004/5 4th XI League and cup double under captain Gaffa, my Son James played the second half season, I won Player of the Year and was introduced to Inferno's at Clapham (photos attached – note top photobombing by Doug Forbes and Jim Lloyd).

Best OWFC moment 1,000th game Guard of honour by the home teams and opposition (Witan) even presented me with a bottle of Champagne.

Best OWFC player played with Lee Montomery Silky, two-footed player, able to beat players at will and with limitless stamina (moved on to play semi-pro with Epsom & Ewell).

Best (football) advice received “Make sure you are not the player that gives the ball away” - advice offered with more than a hint of menace by Gerry Reaseley on my 1st XI debut, along the lines of "make sure you’re not the c*** who gives the f***ing ball away".

Worst OWFC season 1993/94'ish - 1st XI Lost two cup finals.

Funniest OWFC moment OWFC Prague Tour Tour “gimps” , Gary Bonsels, John Howe and Andy McCutcheon wrestling (Greek Style) for the entertainment of their “masters’ in the centre of a large restaurant in Prague, dressed in nothing but their gold lame hot-pants. (Note – gimps were schoolboys invited on tour on the basis that their tour costs were heavily subsidised, in return for which they were required to the provide services to their allocated masters, mainly serving food and drinks. Masters, of course, had to take care of their gimps, in particular being sure to hold their hands when crossing a road, at the risk if incurring a serious penalty/fine).

Professional team supported West Ham United I was 7 when they won the FA Cup in 1963, 8 when they won the European Cup Winners Cup and 9 when they won the World Cup in 1966
Favourite professional player (all-time) Bobby Moore (of course)
Ronaldo vs Messi? Messi Aversion to strutting peacocks (and Man United) – preferred fat Ronaldo before he got fat.



1972/73 Wilsons Grammer School - U 16's

Mr. J Jenkins, D Armfield, D Pook, R Smith, M Pratt, A Nuther
A Higgs, J Moore, F Atkins, B Graham (Capt.), P Fleure, R Donovan, P Hanifan







Help OWFC 1st XI Harry Ingamells (who is planning on swimming the English channel in July) raise money to support The Happy Baby Community

Look at this post on Facebook
https://www.justgiving.com/page/harry-channel-swim?fbclid=IwAR3VFTbuwX8EyfyRcZbu4Y1yYghg6_ExtmHOmv576Kt67m-gqxsh7wjoppo_aem_AUC6XdTvEFh5Tv-C2XeD1Sq2-gIQCBbV4ZwK8Sqyi4BrbSYE27daa8bHSUMh_pTTeiYSent

Swimming the English Channel for Happy Baby Community

www.justgiving.com

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.

Weekend of 30th March 2024	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	No Game		
OWFC 2Xi	No Game		
OWFC 3Xi	Carshalton	2-5	Nathan Tambini, Marcus Jones
OWFC 4Xi	HSBC	3-0	Wright 2, Exelby
OWFC 5Xi	Merton	1-3	
OWFC 6Xi	South Bank	1-1	Matthew Jones
OWFC Super Vets	Cudham	2-4	

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the week ahead through out the club.

Weekend of 13th April	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Nottsborough	SAL	Home
OWFC 2Xi	No Game		
OWFC 3Xi	Polytechnic	SAL	Home
OWFC 4Xi	South Bank	SAL	Home
OWFC 5Xi	Polytechnic	SAL	Home
OWFC 6Xi	Meadonians	SAL	Home
SuperVets	Art Network (Kirk Benjamin memorial)	F – 12.30 KO	Home

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , April 17th 1999
Old Manorians 1 1st Xl 1 Philips
2nd Xl 5 Old Alpertorians 0 Karamath 2, Smart.R, Smart.M, Pullen
3rd Xl 0 Old Tiffinians 0
Old Sinjuns 4 4th Xl 1 Jerome.S
Old Meadonians 1 5th Xl 1 Baldock
6th Xl 2 Old Strandians 4 McBride, Mulchy
Old Strandians 4 6th Xl 2 Pine, Parkinson.A
7th Xl 7 Old St Marys 0 Jones 3, Hicky, Bryers 2, Baker
Glyn Old Boys 7 8th Xl 0
Palace 0 Swindon 1



BATTLING PERFORMANCE AGAINST PROMOTED SIDE Old Sinjuns 4 4th Xl 1

A much depleted 4th Xl side took the field against Sinjuns on a bouncy, bobbly pitch which was not conducive to our short passing game. We were soon 2-0 down, due to the fact that we did not seem to start playing until after the second goal went in, but we defended resolutely for the rest of the half, which seemed to unsettle Sinjuns who had assumed they were there for a stroll in the park.
We continued strongly in the second half and reduced the deficit when STEVE JEROME latched onto a long pass from Graham Nelson and lifted the ball exquisitely over the 'keeper's head into the net.
There was further outstanding defending with no less than three chances being cleared off the line by Tony Higgins and James Hudson; twice. However, and with the game in the balance, a defensive lapse allowed Sinjuns a third goal and, soon after, they added a fourth.
Nevertheless, with a reduced side, against a Sinjuns team that clinched promotion with this victory, this was a good battling performance which says a lot for our team spirit. The missing players gave me an excuse to play myself in the centre of midfield, thus completing the full set for the season.
Steve Skelton
Pilgrim.I Higgins Hollis Robinson Hudson Nelson Hughes.M Skelton Hyde Jerome.S Wilson.J

And so another season comes to an end

This will be the last regular newsletter of the 1998/99 season – there will be the occasional issue during the summer – so there are a number of people whose efforts on our behalf deserve our thanks.
Ed Harris, and all at 'Goldhawk Reprographics' limited for turning the newsletter round each week; OWA President Pete Davis, reliable as ever in his provision of envelope labels; Neil Kendrick who dispatched the newsletters on a weekly basis; Dave Valder and Andy Kirchin, who gave me the basic ingredients – results and fixtures – for these pages; Steve Skelton and Phil Horn who, on behalf of the 4th and 6th Xls respectively, submitted regular reports.
The 5th Xl were not far behind them in this regard, with the likes of Dave Stewart, Terry Adams and Geoff Robinson pulling them into line.
Next season there are proposed changes to the newsletter, with the possibility of some of you recieving it via email.
In the meantime, have a great summer and don''t forget the AGM on Tuesday April 27th

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO



Classified Results , April 10th 1999

Old Suttonians 1 2nd Xl 7 Karamath 3, Giles, Quinton, Webb 2
3rd Xl 5 Old Suttonians 2 Smart.D, Pilgrim.M, McGeever, Mace, Paton
4th Xl 5 Old Josephians 0 Nelson, Jerome.S 2, McBride, Skelton
Old Wokingians 2 5th Xl 0
5th Xl 1 Old Wokingians 1 Scorer not reported
6th Xl 6 Old Suttonians 0 Evans, Willis 3, Pine, Wright
Old Wokingians 1 7th Xl 4 Smith.J 2, Baker, Simms
8th Xl 2 Gullivers Travellers 1 Hume 2
Wolves 0 Palace 0

SNORTING VICTORY KEEPS 4THS ON TRACK 4th XI 5 Old Josephians 0

The 4th XI continued their winning run against a rather disinterested Josephians' team who were already relegated and playing their last game of the season. Perhaps, because of this lack of a challenge, we were too relaxed in the first half, passing the ball about nicely without really threatening our opponents goal.
The one goal of the first half came when GARAHAM NELSON received the ball in space on the right, cut into the penalty area and drilled the ball into the corner.
The second half saw us being more direct and having a little more luck, and STEVE SKELTON scored our second from close range following a Mick Hughes shot after the latter had made a good run into the box.
Unfortunately Steve followed his goal with and unseemly 'Fowleresque' line snorting celebration for which he will be fined £32,000, payable directly to himself! He will also receive a three months ban, the months being May, June and July. The third goal came from a Steve Skelton corner to the far post which was headed back by Mick Hughes and tapped in from one yard by STEVE JEROME - we think that Steve scores all of his goals from this sort of range because, if he is any further out, he cannot kick the ball hard enough to reach the goal!
Kit Hollis was unlucky with a rasping drive which hit the bar but RUSSEL McBRIDE, who was dominant in midfield throughout, got the rub of the green when a shot, which looked likely to hit the bar or go over, was somehow deflected into the net by the flapping arm of Josephians' substitute goal-keeper, who had gone in goal after complalining that he could not play on the field because he could not run. It strikes me that, if we applied this rule in our Club, we would have an awful lot of 'keepers! (As opposed to a lot of awful 'keepers? - ed)
We got a fifth goal when the ball broke loose to STEVE JEROME, who shot home from the edge of the box.
With two games left promotion is probably out of the question, but a fourth place finish is our target and would be a very creditable outcome to the season. Steve Skelton
Lake Bryan Clayton Robinson Hudson (Godwin) Nelson McBride.R Hughes.M Hollis Jerome.S Skelton

6th XI: Warboys.R McGrath Horn Wright Higgins (Burton) Blake Pine Willis Evans Parkinson.A Wilson.J

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO
Classified Results, March 30th 1974

Lensbury 0 1st Xl 5 Maunder 4, (John) Matthews
Old Finchlians 1 3rd Xl 5 Favell, Hand 3, Pilgrim.B
4th Xl 1 Pearl Assurance 1 Fletcher
5th Xl 2 Old Bealonains 4 Scorers not reported
6th Xl 6 Mill Hill Village 2 Montgomery 2, Wellman, Cowell.J, Easden + 1

Nottingham Forest 1 Palace 2 Rogers, Possee



ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO
The Secretary reports

Once again the Harris report reaches you, be it belated for the 73/74 season or premature for 74.75, and now that August is here, the new season will soon be upon us, a season of great expectations with all teams hoping for a victor's rostrum somewhere in the future.
The holidays are still with us but we must remove the odd pounds that have found their way onto our lithe bodies during the summer months.
The AGM once again proved to be a lively and long forum, with many rules passed, placing a great deal of responsibility on the broad backs of the captains and vice-captains, and with this ever increasing work-loads these members will need all the help you can give them, mainly in such matters as making prompt payments of fees without argument.
The following were elected at our AGM and have accepted these post within the Club for the 1974/75 season:

Life Honorary President: George Croucher
President: Nick Carter
Vice Presidents: W. Bowden, F. Stanley-Brown, H. Cooper, N. Friskney, A. Keen, P. Fitzsimmons, F. Laing, C; Lucking, T. Richardson, F. Taylor, C. Holder, R.E McAlister
Secretary: Mike Harris
Treasurer: Tony Maunder
Team Secretary: Alan Fielder
Captains: 1st Xl: Bill Morley Vice-Captain: Mick Pilgrim
2nd Xl: Ray Jenkins Vice-Captain: Steve Smith
3rd Xl: Malcolm Taylor Vice-Captain: Ray Howell
4th Xl: Alan Fielder Vice-Captain: To be elected
5th Xl: John Houghton Vice-Captain: To be elected
6th Xl: Dave Wellman Vice-Captain: Ray Bayliss

The Executive Committee, which deals with the day to day running of the Club, is made up of the following:
Captains, Vice-Captains, Secretary, Treasurer, plus the following elected members: Gerry Reaseley, John Brittain, George Carrington, Pat Johnson, Rod Hall and Colin Hand, so if you have any worries about the running of the Club, these are the people to approach. The fund-raising committee, which has the considerable task of improving our financial situation, will this year consist of: Pat Johnson, Paul Kidd, Dave Wellman, Chris Cowell and John Matthews, so please talk to one of them if you have any fund-raising ideas.
Last season we won the K.B. Elbourne Plaque, which is awarded for sportsmanship, and this will be put on the wall in the Presidents Lounge. We won it because our players played the game cleanly and entertained match officials and opponents after games. This is the second time we have won this award and it would be a great feather in the Club's cap if we could do so again this season.
We proved last year that a Club can both win medals, gain promotion and yet still play football that is also good, clean and fair, and the name of Old Wilsonians has begun to reach the ears of the league's governing body, and our football ability and hospitality reputations even made the pages of 'The Evening News', so let us build on this and go forward from strength to strength.
Finally, may I say to you all that, whichever team you play in, I hope you enjoy your football for this is our main aim in running the Club and to satisfy your need for football and comradeship with old friends. As long as we keep football as our main objective, we can all feel proud to be members of a Club that is growing in stature each season, so let's make the name OLD WILSONIANS known through-out the football world. Mike Harris

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