Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events

Link to the Wednesday 20th March 2024 old school drinks form.

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Results from the weekend of Saturday 27th January 2024.

Dates for the Diary

- OWFC VP's Day : 24th February 2024, 1pm onwards
- Drinks Party at the old school , Wilson Road, Camberwell, 6.30 to 8, 20th March.
- Alf Parish Memorial Darts Match: Friday 22nd March 2024, Selhurst Park, further details on page 3.

Other Bits

- Men Of The Hill
- All Our yesterdays (25/ 50 years Ago) – page 6 onwards.
- Monday night Training @ Coloma School, Shirley, 8pm until 9.30 on their 3G pitch with a UEFA B Qualified Coach. Cost is £5
- Team of the Week : Harry Ingamells (1s), Dan Seston (2s), Andrew Callam (6s), Keiran Wright (3s), Jem Seelan(4s), Nathan Amoah (3s), Alex Eeles (5s), Dino Specter (1s), Mithc Playfoot (4s), Chris Dyki (SuperVets).

The annual Alf Parish Memorial Darts tournament will take place on:

Friday March 22nd at Selhurst Park 7-00 until 11-30

Each team should consist of five players and the entrance fee is £10 and just £5 for supporters

Crystal Palace Football Club will be providing all of the raffle prizes and a free buffet and all of the money raised will be split equally between the participating teams, which will help reach our fund-raising targets as far l as the OWS are concerned

Prizes include:

A signed shirt or football by the Palace squad
Two tickets for a game of your choice subject to availability
Three bottles of Palace wine
A tour of the ground and stadium

Free tea and coffee will also be available to all upon arrival, whilst there will be a bar in operation - last year Steve Parish, the Palace Chairman, subsidised the drinks for a part of the evening and hopes to be in attendance this year

Mark Bright has already confirmed his attendance

Contestants should arrive by 6-00 p.m in order to complete the draw whilst supporters are welcome at any time during the evening but must arrive by 8-30 if they wish to partake in the buffet
More details are available from Mike Pike - 0208 659 6443 or owmikepike@yahoo.co.uk

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
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Swimming the English Channel for Happy Baby Community

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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.

Weekend of 27th January 2024	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	South Bank	5-0	Wright, Henry 2, Steadford, Geevan
OWFC 2Xi	Polytechnic	0-3	
OWFC 3Xi	Alleyns	0-3	
OWFC 4Xi	West Wickham	5-3	Bonsels, Bridges, Howe, Playfoot, Clarke
OWFC 5Xi	Merton	2-3	Spencer, Cullan
OWFC 6Xi	Actonians	0-3	
OWFC SuoerVets	Cudham	1-4	Dyki

1s vs South Bank Cuaco (27/01/24) (5-0 W)

Away to the Cuaco clan this week for the 1s, after a weeks' break from the league. The boys were hungry for action, and a returning 1s skipper in Sam Wilson strengthened the squad to a full 14.

The pitch was tight and boggy, yet within the first few kicks of the game, Henry was through on goal and slotted past the keeper for 1-0. The tone was set, and the boys were hungry for more. The press was on, with Cuaco attempting some cuackers play out from the back, which the 1s were able to knick in good areas. Henry was looking dangerous again honing in on the edge of the home teams' box, only to be brought down just outside the box. Up stepped Jeevan, and making full use of the heads in the wall, managed to wrong-foot the home keeper who was plucking the ball out for the second time within 20 minutes.

With Wilson setting the defensive tone, winning aerial duals for fun; Beatson getting stuck into the midfield, and Ingamells dominating his box, the boys were in fine fighting form, and fancied a third. The deficit was tripled as Wright latched onto some scrappy Cuaco play at the back. The 1s skipper's low effort was smartly saved by the South Bank number 1, who parried to Henry on the far left of the box. No trouble for Monters, as he slipped past the remaining defender and fired with his left foot into the far corner for a helluva third - his second in the game.

The half-time whistle blew at 3-0, and a much deserved lead for the 1s, who'd been clinical in front of goal. The same can't be said for South Bank, who failed to capitalise on their few chances. Their best chance came minutes into the second half, as they were awarded a penalty for a dubious handball from Henry, who seemed to be finding himself in all the action. Up stepped the home striker, only to be met by a man-mountain in Ingamells, who denied the penalty kick, and smothered the rebound. A sigh of relief for OWs, who quickly made the home side pay. Henry in the action again, this time driving into the attacking box and firing a low cross to the far side of the box which was met by Wright, who swept into the top of the net for 4-0.

The points were sealed late in the game, after a flurry of yellows against us, the ref was forced to hand one out the other way, alongside a penalty kick as Passley was brought down driving into the box. Steadford was quick to pounce, and deliver what can only be described as a measly strike on goal for the second missed spotkick of the game - though this time he was able to scramble the rebound in. 5-0, 3 points and a couple of jugs in the bar. A top away day, and performance from the 1s - looking forward to hosting a big home game this week at Hayes. Up the 1s!

Squad:
Harry Ingamells (MoM), Pat Kirby, Sam James, Sam Wilson, Nathan Cooper, Oli Beatson, Gowtham Jeevan, Kieran Steadford, Austin Linton, Montelle Henry, Sam Wright, Nathaniel Passley, Craig Elliot, Nick Boyle

Old Wilsonians 5XI 2-3 Merton

The Old Wilsonians 5s turned up to Hawes Down on a bright Saturday afternoon ready to channel their recent form (including a last second equaliser the previous week) against a highly competitive Merton side, who at the start of the day were only 3 points behind us.

Captain DYKI and Vice Captain COUGHLAN made it clear in the warm up that the opposition could not be underestimated and we would need to start strong. This set the tone for the first 25 minutes where Old Wilsonians were managing to cause real problems for Merton all over the pitch. The front 4 of SPENCER, EELES, DYKI and DOYLE were managing to turn their men around and make runs through the Merton defence, while the passing quality of MARGETTS and FAIRHURST in midfield forced the Merton midfield to sit deep because they couldn't win the ball off of them and were quickly tiring. At the other end of the pitch, the back three of BENSON and COUGHLAN with DIYATH sweeping in behind was effectively dealing with the slope and wind assisted long balls that Merton were playing. Merton's tricky striker did occasionally look dangerous on the break but all of his chances were well dealt with by the defence or by UNION in goal when he was called upon.

At the half hour mark, the 5s conceded an unfortunate goal when at a corner UNION punched the ball clear to the edge of the box before a followup shot from the Merton CM looped over the Wilsons defence and keeper to give Merton the lead against the run of play. Despite this, the OWs never despaired and continued to threaten to overwhelm the Merton defence, with GILBERT, ATTI, NICHOLAS and DINO coming into their respective positions and performing excellently from the get go. Wilsons finally struck back not long afterwards when a classic BENSON free kick was whipped to the back post. FAIRHURST rose above the Merton defence and headed across the face of goal, and SPENCER reacted first, nodding home from close range before the Merton keeper could react.

The half time break gave Wilsons the opportunity to settle after the first half and attempt push on for the win. This seemed to be on the cards when shortly after the game resumed MARGETTS played the ball to CURRAN on the edge of the box, who promptly found half a yard of space and buried his strike into the top of the net, with the Merton keeper unable to get close. However, Merton's striker fired back almost straight afterwards when he cut inside and a 30 yard strike caught everyone in the team off guard when it flew into the back of the net. Shortly afterwards, FAIRHURST was grabbed in the box during a CURRAN long throw and a (relatively soft) penalty was awarded to Wilsons, which we were unfortunately unable to convert. Wilsons continued to play sumptuous football in the second half and did create a number of chances, despite Merton reverting to a low block to try and preserve their position in the game. Again, against the run of play, Merton scored a shock 3rd goal when a rogue gust of wind caught their through ball and made it drop earlier than the Wilsons defence expected, with a well taken lob by the Merton player ending with the ball in the back of the Wilsons net. The remaining 25 minutes had it all, a blatant hand ball by the Merton striker not given by the referee but thankfully the Merton player showed his honesty by not playing on when he was 5 yards out from goal as well as another penalty for Wilsons which we were unable to convert.

Despite the opportunities that Wilsons had, we were unable to find the back of the net again, leading to a disappointing result that didn't match the high quality of football we had played all over the pitch. Despite the result, the performance itself showed the class that this 5th XI side has in all positions, with the boys looking to turn around their fortunes away at Ibis in the league next week.

MotM: EELES

DotD: CURRAN for being in the shower when his lift arrived. Also CURRAN's parents for going to grab a coffee just before he scored his screamer

Squad: UNION, CURRAN, COUGHLAN, BENSON, DIYATH, MARGETTS S, FAIRHURST, DOYLE, EELES, DYKI, SPENCER, GILBERT, DINO, ATTI, NICHOLAS

REPORT BY LUKE CURRAN

OW's 6th XI 0 v 3 Old Actonians 8th XI – (League) Hawes Down

Scorer – N/A

In a challenging match, our team faced a 3-0 defeat, with Luca's goal, unfortunately, disallowed for a questionable foul. Despite going down 2-0 in the first half, our team displayed great composure and played exceptionally well. The highlight came when Aubrey Cruz received a brilliant through ball from Vishu in the second half, only to have his one-on-one shot cleared off the line by a defender.

Hashim's performance in goal stood out, making multiple crucial saves. The entire team demonstrated passion throughout the game. The defence, in particular, was on point, maintaining a solid structure and stopping several attacks. Despite the collective effort and a commendable display, it's disheartening that we couldn't secure a victory this time.

The competition for the man of the match is tight, with contributions from quite a few individuals.

MoM – Andrew Callam (always working hard on the pitch)
Notable mentions – Aubrey (great work in the first half to help control the game and unlucky not to score), Luca Stringer (unlucky to have the goal disallowed).
Team : GK Hashim, Cody Wilkins, Clayton D'Souza, Mandeep Dhariwal, Luca Stringer, Dante Stringer, Bruce Stringer, Vishu, Lloyd Rees, Saj Phakey, Aubrey Cruz, Seán Munn, Andrew Callam, Joe Kajdi

Fixtures

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

Weekend of 3rd February	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Richmond	SAL	H
OWFC 2Xi	Chattan	SAL	A
OWFC 3Xi	Old Meadonians	SAL	H
OWFC 4Xi	Old Alleynians	OBC	A
OWFC 5Xi	Ibis	SAL	A
OWFC 6Xi	Wimbledon	SAL	A
Vets / Super Vets	No game		

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Results



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Old Reigatians 0 1st Xl 0
Old Josephians 2 2nd Xl 4 Karamath 2, Placek, Egan
3rd Xl 2 Glynn Old Boys 1 Graham, Wood.M
Old Josephians 3 4th Xl 3 OG, Jerome.S, Rees
Old Tenisionians 5 5th Xl 2 Nelmes 2
6th Xl 2 Old Paulines 0 (Andy) Smith, Evans
8th Xl 1 Old Wokingians 5 Forsyth
Tranmere 3 Palace 1 Bradbury

25 Years Ago

NIGHTMARE FIRST TEN MINUTES PROVES FATAL Old Tenisonians 5 5th Xl 2

The long awaited Cup match against Tenisonians finally got under way at the fourth time of asking, albeit at Glyn's ground but, after ten minutes of the game, the 5th Xl wished it had not!
They had nine men, we had ten but within these ten minutes we were 3-0 down. But, with all of us standing around watching the play, this was perhaps not surprising.
We then began to pull ourselves together. They got a tenth man and, after 25 minutes, we got our eleventh. Slowly we got back into the game and, after 35 minutes, pulled one back when Julian Wilson laid the ball back for DAVE NELMES to strike the ball into the corner.
The last 15 minutes before half-time were by far our best period of the match. We began challenging strongly for the ball, not allowing Tenisonians to settle. One of their defenders headed the ball against their own post and, from the rebound, Julian Wilson smashed the ball against the cross-bar but, for all our efforts, we could not get a second goal and turned around 1-3 down.
We continued to play well in the second half, with Tenisonians now up to 11, but there was no further scoring until 25 minutes into the half when Richard Dry crossed to DAVE NELMES, who evaded two defenders before shooting low into the bottom left-hand corner.
We continued pressing but were always aware that Tenisonians were dangerous on the break, and it was from one of these that they scored a fourth and, soon after, added a fifth when we let in a simple goal, although our 'keeper was completely unsighted.
So the final score was 5-2, somewhat flattering to Tenisonians but probably a deserved win for a side three divisions above us.
As for our performance, apart from the first ten minutes, we played some good football, which has been the hallmark of our season so far. We also never gave up, and this quality and attitude should serve us well in the league, which we can now give our full intention. Lou Barry
Pope.A Adams.T Bryan Bulldock Lloyd Barry Dry Hollis Stewart Wilson.J Nelmes

4th Xl: Pilgrim.I Burton Hughes Robinson Higgins Letts Rees (Clayton) Girling Skelton Valder Jerome.S
6th Xl: Warboys.R McGrath McBride Smart.D Spencer.N Wright Harrison Chinnery Evans Warboys.D (Andy) Smith

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

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Classified Results, February 2nd 1974

1st Xl 3 Old Finchlians 3 Pilgrim. M 2, Cowell.C
Blue Circle 1 2nd Xl 4 Johnson 4
Mayfield Athletic 1 4th Xl 1 Fletcher
5th Xl 1 Mill Hill Village 1 Tyson
Brent 1 6th Xl 0



50 Years Ago

LOOK OUT; HE IS GOING TO TAKE A THROW-IN 1st XI 3 Old Finchlians 3

The home game against Finchlians began with a talk in the dressing room about gaining revenge for our 0-3 defeat away. Once on the field we looked competent and determined. Unfortunately, after 15 minutes, we conceded a goal from a long throw-in which was obvious in its intent and a complete failure to pick up the opposing forwards led to the ball being slid home from two feet.
Five minutes later we were on equal terms when John Matthews slotted the ball to CHRIS COWELL, who made easy work of putting the ball into the net.
Ten minutes later a throw-in was awarded against us in a similar position to the one that led to Finchlians' first goal. Unbelievably our defence, which knew what was going to happen, allowed it to happen again and we were 1-2 down!
The 1sts again took up the challenge and, ten minutes later, equalised when Geoff Robinson lofted a Finchlian clearance back into their goal-mouth and it caught the visitors coming out too late and MICK PILGRIM headed over the advancing 'keeper, and so it was 2-2 at half-time.
Fifteen minutes after the restart a complete mix-up by the home defence led to a 2-3 deficit on our part, so we had to fight back again.

Even ‘though we had conceded a goal, the second half was all Old Wilsonioans and enough chances were created to win the game, but the equaliser looked as if it might elude us but, eventually, Dave Bartlett shot from the right-wing, the ‘keeper failed to hold the ball and it hit the post. However, and from the goal-mouth scramble, MICK PILGRIM slotted home his second and our equaliser.
The following is an opinion and must be seen as such. Three goals should have won this match but did not. We always had to fight back after conceding silly goals, and a similar story can be told about our last three games. Our goal tally in those games has been ten, which is adequate by any standards. However we have concdeded eight! We must consolidate at the back and make ourselves aware of the intentions of our opponents and blot them out accordingly.
Dave Bartlett
Hall Burt Robinson Morley Pilgrim.M Adams.T Simner Bartlett.D Cowell.C Maunder (John)Matthews

ALWAYS PACK SOME BOOTS WITH YOUR KIT Brent 1 6th XI 0
It was fated to be one of those games when a certain idiot, who shall remain nameless, turned up without his boots. Whilst another member of the team took that aforesaid member to get his boots, the remaining nine set off for Neasden – kick-off came and the two wayward travelers had yet to arrive.
For the first half hour the 6ths held Brent very well. However, with the arrival of our two centre-halves, Brent scored a goal that was blatantly off-side, but the referee, who was well inside the Brent half, decided to give a goal.
In the second half, and kicking against a strong wind, the 6’s defence held the Brent attack and, with 15 minutes left, Mike Gasson won a penalty. Ashley Easden confidently sent the ‘keeper the wrong way but put the ball past the post.
For the second week running the 6ths put up a very good display. Ashley Esaden has strengthened the defence, Mike Gasson is making his presence felt in midfield and must soon be back in the 5ths, whilst Tony Brighton’s experience is proving invaluable at the back.

Ray Bayliss

Pragnell Easden McCleod Higgins.C Higgins.P Bayliss Brighton Couch Wellman Smith.R Gasson

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