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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In this newsletter?

Results from the weekend of Saturday 17th February 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 : Arjun (5s), Earing (2s), Ashwin (6s), West (2s), K Wright (3s), Jones (3s), Wells (3s), Rishi (4s), Spencer (5s), Kirby (1s),

******* OWFC Vice Presidents " Cup Winners " Day – 24th February 2024, 2pm onwards *******





Wilson's School Cup Legend – Mick Stratford , 1990, leading the school 1st XI team below to the National Semi Finals and an incredible 10-1 win in the U19 Surrey Cup Final v Croydon College at Sutton United.



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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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 17th February 2024	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	West Wickham	0-1	
OWFC 2Xi	South Bank	1-0	Luke West
OWFC 3Xi	South Bank	1-3	Terell Wells, Marcus Jones 2,
OWFC 4Xi	Civil Service	0-2	
OWFC 5Xi	Old Blues	3-6	Babu, Doyley, Spencer
OWFC 6Xi	Alleyns	0-7	
OWFC Vets / SuoerVets	Temple Bar	Postponed	

OWFC 1st XI v West Wickham (17/02/24) (1-0 L)

Away to the league leaders this week, and the boys were feeling good off the back of a 3 game unbeaten streak. Whilst James joined Linton at the annual Warhammer convention, Wilson joined Elliot at the back, with some seriously fresh sneaks.

The warm up was a little rushed, but the boys were filled with confidence watching Ingamells practise his left, right jab combo ahead of kick off. The pitch held up well, aside from one of Croydon's greatest Oak's towering over a third of the ground. The boys got into the game quickly, with a couple of early free kicks bearing down on the home team's goal. The best of the early chances went Wilsonians' way, with Smart coming close, and Wright nearly sneaking through from a nicely threaded ball from Steadford.

At the other end, the back 4 were holding firm, and Ingamells was putting his punching practice to good use, dominating from a couple of West Wickham corners. The game was very evenly balanced, with few clear cut chances opening, and both sides feeling well in the game as we drew to a 0-0 HT score.

A few words at half time, and the introduction of youngsters Roper & Kaczmarski, and the boys were back to it. The second half was a little scrappier, and a few stray passes from OWs ended up costing them - as the left winger was played through and hit a rocket past Ingamells to make it 1-0. The final 20 minutes saw OWs take the ascendency again, with Kaczmarski coming closest, as his effort struck the outside of the post. A late header from Wright looked to be creeping in, but just edged above the bar from Jeevan's corner.

In the end, the home team held out for their 1-0 win, with OWs feeling a little gutted not to get something from the game. A testament to the progress this year, as we went toe-to-toe with the likely league winners, and can take confidence into our final few games that there's plenty of points left on the table. Big away day to the wandering Wilberforces next week, UT1s!

Squad: H Ingamells, P Kirby, S Wilson, C Elliot, N Eves, K Steadford, G Jeevan, H Smart, S Wright, N Passley, M Henry, W Roper, K Kaczmarski

Unfortunate OWFC 4s conquered in Un-Civil War

OWFC 4s vs Civil Service – Saturday 17th February 2024
Match report by Oli Cavadino

A mood of cautious optimism simmered as the 4s stepped out to the Hayes fortress to face the league leaders, with the shadow of recent poor form being lifted by a relatively shoddy opposition turnout and the addition of some fresh blood into the team in the form of several keen debutants. A brief but rousing team talk from DAN failed to prompt many further contributions, whilst captain TOBY - sidelined through injury – took an exceptionally long time to prepare the squad list for the referee.

The starting XI reflected a classic-meets-modern philosophy, divided into seasoned veterans and ones for the future without a great deal of 'prime talent' in between. The CB partnership of experienced, one-club man DAN (47) and debutant RISHI ("his mum still buys his trousers – 16") perhaps best demonstrated this Todd Boehly-style vision, with Dan's 31 years of seniority elevating the game of young apprentice, whose composed, ball-playing performance surpassed his years. HARRY provided a similarly assured and front-footed defensive performance from left back, returning home to empty his phone, wallet and the opposition's star winger from his pocket.

A cagey first half saw both teams attempt to build through the midfield to mixed success. A wayward bicycle kick from OLI and an age-defying 60-yard gallop from DAN provided two box-office moments for OW, while several Civil Service chances whistled narrowly past the post. A touch of on-pitch tactical ingenuity from JON, sitting deep in a cultured False 9 role, helped to fashion some chances for OW, identifying the wingers down the channels as our best potential threat. The team's positive momentum was cut short soon after, however, as Civil Service's CF calmly dispatched a chance from close range to make it 1-0 at the break.

Tensions began to boil over in the second 45 as the long-limbed Civil Service midfield started to fly in with some rather "uncivil" challenges, inspiring an impassioned half-pitch sprint from RUBAN right into the fracas. With tiredness creeping into the legs, chances arose at both ends: however, while JON and RISHI narrowly failed to capitalise on chances from close range for OW, Civil Service began to take advantage of space behind the back line, extending their lead to two. The final 15 minutes – a formality in some respects – dwindled away in a bitty succession of set pieces and goalkeeping heroics from JEM, while the singular Civil Service substitute appeared keen to wrap the game up and get to the new Bob Marley: One Love film, premiering in cinemas this weekend.

Final score 2-0. The team displayed fight and promise but struggled once again to provide clear goalscoring threat against an unforgiving top-of-the-league outfit. Old Blues 2s next - onwards and upwards.

Post-game the team enjoyed some pints, sausage rolls and FPL chit-chat in the clubhouse, drawing particular attention to the impressive recent emergence of Bournemouth striker Dominic Solanke, who apparently "always had the tools".

Squad: Jem Seelan, Athavan Ravinthiran, Gary Bonsels, Harry Bull, John Jones, Ruban Pillai, Jamie Moniz, Jon Howe, Aaron Clarke, Dan Harrs, Nathan Carlenter, Rishi Acharya, Oli Cavadino. MotM: Rishi Acharya

OWFC 5th XI

The 5XI all made the long journey to West London for the third consecutive weekend. That was of course apart from FAIRHURST, who made it most of the way to the 6XI game before realising he had just tripled his journey time back towards Teddington. The 5s were on the hunt for a first win of 2024, following a few hard-fought draws and a poor loss last weekend.

It was a great start to the game, with LANGLEY and COUGHLAN controlling the midfield, and BABU and SPENCER looking dangerous running forward with their pace and trickery. COUGHLAN did well to win his header near the edge of the box, and BABU unleashed a clean half-volley on his left foot which rifled in to the bottom corner. Unfortunately our good work to get the 1-0 lead was cancelled out 5 minutes later by one of the flukiest goals in the history of the game. DIYATH slid in aggressively just outside the box, and the ball rebounded off the Blues winger and flew over ARJUN into the top corner.

Despite this setback, the 5s continued playing in the same fashion and had the game largely under control. Blues' only real threat came from a few corners which ARJUN did very well to deal with, rising above their 6'8 CB to punch out. Just before half time, BABU played the ball into SPENCER just inside the opposition's half with no options ahead of him. Taking matters into his own hands, he twisted and turned a couple of the Blues defenders inside out, and unleashed a rocket from 35 yards out which was only ever going to end up in the top left hand corner. A thing of beauty, what an absolute baller.

The message at half time was to keep calm on the ball and get the short passes flowing from the defence to midfield. This was the case for the first 10 minutes of the half, and we got our reward for this with a well worked third. Some good work from SPENCER drifting out to the right and playing a through ball to DOYLE in the box, time seemed to stand still as he held off the defender with great strength, and calmly finished high into the net giving the keeper no chance. 3-1.

With half an hour to go and a two goal lead, things were looking good before club legend BILLING was withdrawn from the game, and debutant keeper ARJUN came into his more natural position of CB. Proving himself to be a real team player, MCMULLEN flew in from overseas and broke the speed limit profusely just to put on the gloves for the last 30 minutes, and hopefully the jet lag has allowed him to forget the whole thing.

OWFC 5th XI cont…

A Blues free kick on the right was swung in, and a runner was not tracked giving him an easy header past MCMULLEN who rushed out to block the shot. Calm heads were needed at this point to realise we were still in a great position, but a few minutes later a ball was played through to their ever-dangerous left winger, who rounded the keeper and floated the ball in from a wide angle. A poor goal kick gave the ball straight to their striker, who tricked his way past one defender, before MCMULLEN rushed to dive at his feet, inadvertently knocking the ball onto MERV who despite his efforts couldn't stop the own goal trickling into the net. A calamity at the back.

A Wilsons corner was floated into the box and ARJUN did well to divert the ball towards the goal and FAIRHURST tried to bundle the ball over the line but the keeper was there to just about smother it. Heads had dropped by this point, and alongside a few injuries and tactical tweaks, this had led to complete disorganisation and panic through the defence and midfield. The 5s were no longer taking care of the ball, and Blues had the momentum and put the game to bed with a fifth goal with just a few minutes remaining. There was still time for some more sloppy defending from a corner, making it 6-3 at the full time whistle.

A very disappointing defeat considering the performance and the scoreline of the first 60 minutes of the match. Some positives to take into the rest of the season but plenty to work on as well.

GOALS: BABU, SPENCER, DOYLE
ASSISTS: COUGHLAN, BABU, SPENCER
MOTM: SPENCER
DOTD: UNION – soaking wet kit

Fixtures

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

Weekend of 24th February	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Wilberforce	SAL	A
OWFC 2Xi	tba	SAL	
OWFC 3Xi	Acrtonians	SAL	A
OWFC 4Xi	Old Blues	SAL	H
OWFC 5Xi	South Bank	SAL	H
OWFC 6Xi	Bank of England	SAL	H
Super Vets	Southern Rail (SVs)	F (Noon KO)	H

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

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Classified Resuts , February 20th 1999
1st Xl 4 Old Suttonians 1 Smart.R, Coomansingh 3
2nd Xl 3 Old Josephians 0 Karamath 2, Pullen
3rd Xl 2 Fitzwilliam Old Boys 4 Smart.D, Graham
4th Xl 4 Clapham Old Xvarians 4 Jerome. S 3, OG
Old Adeyans 1 5th Xl 1 Wills
Old Paulines 4 7th Xl 6 James 4, Baker 2
Old Tenisonans 4 8th Xl 0
Port Vale 1 Palace 0

The 6th Xl's game(s) against Strandians were postponed



THE DAY THE OPPO' ARRIVED WITH A MOTOR-CYCLE ESCORT Old Addeyans 1 5th Xl 1

Addeyans away – always an interesting game; well, that's if they turn up! In mid-week I rang skipper Dave Stewart to find we were playing said opposition at Charlton Park. Twice before I have turned up to play Addeyans at this sophisticated south east London hinterland. On the first occasion Addeyans kept us waiting for 50 minutes and, when they finally arrived, the park keeper refused to let us play.

They improved on this the following season by only turning up with six players but, again, we did not play the game. We arrived for this fixture in plenty of time for the 2-00 p.m. kick-off but no sign of Addeyans. The park keeper told us he had no permit from Addeyans; it did not look promising. 2-15 p.m., still no sign of the opposition. 2-20, 2-25, 2-30. A lone motor-cycle pulls up. A player saunters past. I wonder. I chase after the player and ask him if he is from Addeyans.

Yes, he is, and informs us that the rest of the team are following on behind. Finally they all ariive. A pathetic excuse for an apology follows and, although they have no permit, nor referee, 'Parkie' lets us play.

We finally kicked off at 2-55. No; wait, they had no whistle, no surprise as one of their substitutes had to referee, and Dave Stewart had to run back to our dressing room and lend them our whistle! The game? Oh Yes; the game.

We did not start very well. Addeyans, for all their incompetence on the organising front, had some good players and had much the better of the first half and took the lead from a good header following a corner and a number of fine saves from Clive Peckover kept the score-line down to 1-0 at the break.

We were a lot better in the second half and had some excellent chances to equalise and, eventually, debutant KENNY WILLS scored with a good cross shot.

We deserved the point and put a lot of effort into our game without really getting on top. Clive had a good game in goal and Kenny Wills, on his debut, looked an excellent prospect. However, it was the events leading up to the game which really stood out and show why we are very lucky to play for our own Club. Tony Higgins

Peckover Bryan Higgins Nelson Adams.T Letts Stewart (Spencer.N) Barry Dry Wills Hayward

4th Xl: Pilgrim.I Skelton Forbes.S Robinson Pilgrim.M Paton.S Hughes Girling Clayton Valder Jerome.S

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO
Classified Results, February 23rd 1974
Palmers Green 1 1st Xl 1 Cowell.C
2nd Xl 3 Old Libertians 1 Hanifan 2, Wisson
Old Monovians 3 3rd Xl 1 Pilgrim.B
4th Xl 0 Brent 1
Old Grammarians 5 5th Xl 2 Ashdown, Gasson
Fulham Compton 6 6th Xl 0
Luton Town 2 Palace 1 Possee



AND BRIAN PILGRIM FROM THE SCHOOL Old Monovians 3 3rd XI 1

A somewhat depleted 3rd XI, with three regular 4th XI players and Brian Pilgrim from the school, took the field against second in the table Monovians hoping for at least a draw, but our hosts took ample revenge for the defeat inflicted upon them earlier in the season and, in the end, were easy winners.
The 3rds won the toss and elected to kick down the slight slope but failed to take advantage of it. Brian Pilgrim had the only clear-cut chance in the first half and shot just over whilst under considerable pressure after a good passing movement.
Monovians took the lead after half an hour, albeit against the run of play, when a corner was only half cleared and one of their midfield players headed in from ten yards and over the heads of three of our players on the line.
The second half produced a little more effort from our players but the fact that most of the side had not played for four weeks meant that, towards the end, we were running out of steam and, just as we were beginning to make an impression, Monovians scored a second goal!
But the 3rds had enough fight left to pull a goal back from one of Pete Davis's long throws, from which BRIAN PILGRIM found room to turn and volley home a good goal off the underside of the bar but it was very unfortunate that, within a minute of this comeback, Monos settled the match with a third goal as we were beginning to play much better and looked capable of drawing level, the goal coming when the home defence broke away and a hard, low, cross to the far post was jabbed home.
After this the visitors tired badly and were relieved when the final whistle went.
I cannot criticise the team too much, although the midfield did not play together enough and the forward line lacked punch. However, the defence was generally sound, with Bob Harper probably our best player of the day. Malcolm Taylor
Wells Pilgrim.B Rayworth Harper McAlister R.E Howell Bartlett.L Taylor(Malcolm) Favell Davis.P Murphy

1st XI: Hall Burt Robinson Morley Pilgrim.M Adams.T Bartlett.D Cowell.C Maunder Matthews (John) Simner
2nd XI: Taylor (Martin) Gibbs Burgoyne Smith.S Carrington Jenkins Wisson Carpenter Johnson Hanifan Hand
4th XI: Davis.A Kidd McCarthy Fielder.W Fielder.A Houghton Smith.R Drabewll Miles Brittain Tyson
5th XI: Stopes Hands Groombridge Jones Everness Gasson Cohen Easden Forman Ashdown

League Table Senior Division One - Top Three

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Palmers Green 12 9 1 2 40 13 19

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