Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events





In this newsletter?

Results from the weekend of Saturday 16th December 2023.

Dates for the Diary

- OWFC VP's Day : 24th February 2024, 1pm onwards

Other Bits

- Men Of The Hill
- All Our yesterdays (25/ 50 years Ago) – to follow next week but please read the special piece on Terry Adams, the first OWFC player who reached 1000 games.
- 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 : Turkeys (OWFC Vets Winners)

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 16th December 2023	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC Xi	No Game		
OWFC 2Xi	Actonians	2-2	Austin Linton, Joe Kendrick
OWFC 3Xi	Ide Hill Reserves	2-3	Sam James
OWFC 4Xi	Carshalton	4-2	Athavan, OG, Magnus Wright, Toby Shelton
OWFC 5Xi	West Wickham	Lost on Pens (3-3 at FT)	Spencer, B Margetts, Curran
OWFC 6Xi	Alleyns	2-3	
OWFC Vets / SuperVets	Dads of the Hill (31/12/23)	1-7	Paul Sherwin
OWFC Turkeys (Vets in the Ho Ho Hoff Cup final 23/12/23)	Dyki XI	3-0	Dan Harris, Jon Howe, Jamie Parkinson

OWFC Ho Ho Hoff Interclub Tournoi 23/12/2023

Turkeys Win the Final 3-0 vs Chris Dyki XI, Under 17s beat Shelton XI

The first set of games ended Turkeys (Vets) 1 U17s 0, Dyki XI 1, Shelton XI 0, the the second set of games ended Turkeys 2 Shelton XI 1 , Dyki XI 3, U17s 1 with the Turkeys beating the Dyki XI 3-0 in the final game with the U17s beating the Shelton XI 3-2. Great work from Chris Dyki for arranging the matches and pizza loving Mike Hoffmann Snr for reffing.



OWFC SuperVets

Vs Dads of the Hill (1-7 Loss)

OLD WILSONIANS SVs vs Dads of the Hill

Sunday 31st December 2023, 1-7

The SuperVets ended up with the final OWFC game of the season against Dads of the Hill that included a number of players that have played for the OWs, such as Adam Stone and Jamie Rodgers and the the younger, fitter team were too strong for the SuperVets but it was great turn out from both squads, Phil Gilmore kindly reffed, there were plenty of comedy moments on and off the pitch. For the record **Paul Sherwin** struck a great left foot striker in the first half for the OWFC goal following a cross from Doug Smart.

Mark Pope

Squad:
Doug Forbes, Alex Forbes, Graham Nicholls, Nick Billing, Matthew Mint, Chris Billing, Guy Hannah, Mark Pope, Chris Dyki, Will Davies, Gary Bonsels, Paul Sherwin, Matthew Mint, Dan Harris, Aaron Langley, Jon Howe, Kevin Fowler, Abel Bello.


Residents Lounge

Fixtures

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

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Wilberforce	SAL	Away
OWFC 2Xi	West Wickham	SAL	Home
OWFC 3Xi	Broomfield	SALC Qtrs	Home
OWFC 4Xi	West Wickham	SAL	Home
OWFC 5Xi	Suttonians	OBC	Away
OWFC 6Xi	South Bank	SAL	Home
Vets / Super Vets	Match postponed		

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

To Follow in the next newsletter



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25 Years Ago - Terry Adams

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

As it is Christmas a slightly different ‘All Our Yesterdays’ to normal, namely remembering the day when Terry Adams became the first Old Wilsonian to play 1,000 games for the OWFC

ONE TERRY ADAMS - There’s only one Terry Adams

The annual Vice-President’s day usually tales place in March, when it is still cold but there is a reasonable chance that these ‘elderly gentlemen’ are not liable to die of exposure on what is intended to be a joyful occasion.
This season, however, things were different and the event took place last Saturday – December 5th. Have we decided that a cull of Vice Presidents is now necessary in order to reduce their numbers to a manageable level? No; the reason for the change of date was to coincide with and celebrate the 1,000th appearance in Old Wilsonian colours of Terry Adams, a Vice President himself – and erstwhile President – a man whom every VP must have played with at some tome during his (Terry’s) illustrious career.
It is difficult to know where to start when writing an appreciation of Terry’s contribution to the OWFC. For many years he was the 1st XI skipper where he led by example, always putting in high level and consistent performances, encouraging those around him and taking an interest in all the other sides in the Club. This was particularly noticeable in the days when we used to train at William Penn school under the guidance of George Hazlett on a Thursday evening. Terry always respected those who were not as talented as he was, never acted as a prima donna and always gave friendly, constructive, but not patronising advice to the likes of the legendary Eric Sanger, who regularly displayed his total lack of co-ordination by falling down the steps into the school playground!
I remember the day when, the 1st XI finding themselves without a fixture, Terry volunteered to referee the 5th XI’s game, which was played at Harvington Estate. About ten minutes before the game was due to start our goal-keeper, who had the unlikely name of Dave Allen, was seen driving at great speed away from the ground. (It later transpired that he had forgotten his boots,)
Kick-off time arrived, we had no goal-keeper and Terry, without a moment’s hesitation, donned the green jersey and proceeded to show that he was as comfortable between the sticks as anywhere else.
And that has been Terry’s great strength over the years. He is a player you can always rely on, doing the easy things to perfection, ignoring the flashy which looks great if it comes off but ridiculous when it fails. He is a player who looks ‘comfortable’ whatever the circumstances.
Terry’s philosophy is that football is a simple game and that is the way in which it should be played. If you have the ball then there is no chance your opponents can score. If you haven’t got the ball then there is no chance that you can score.
It is not true that Terry has never given the ball away, but I would not mind betting that is 90% so. He also has the ability to read a game better than most, can spot trouble before it happens and tackles and covers accordingly. In the 5th XI’s game against Guildfordians this week, his 1,000th for the Club, Terry demonstrated this admirably, the short ball, with either foot, being played accurately to a colleague thereby giving the latter time to maintain possession – no hospital balls here – and time to move the game forward in his side’s favour.

25 Years Ago - Terry Adams

Those currently playing in the 5th XI are lucky to have Terry in their side, for he is the model they should follow. His disciplinary record is exemplary and his sportsmanship and attitude to the game totally Corinthian.
For the record this game ended 2-2, and Terry's team mates were:
Pilgrim.I ADAMS.T Clayton Lloyd Letts Hollis Stewart Barry Banks Warboys.D Blake
Terry has also done more than his fair share off the field, serving on the Management Committee, Chairing the Disciplinary Committee and is a regular at such fund-raising events as the London Women's run. He also delivered the newsletter regularly to Fred Brindle during the latter's spell of photo-copying duty and did this job himself for some considerable time.
Well done Terry; the presentation made to you was richly deserved and it has been an honour , privilege and pleasure to have known you for so many years.

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25 Years Ago –Terry Adams

NOT JUST ANOTHER SATURDAY - December 8th 1998

The sun streamed in and it felt great to be alive. It's Saturday. It's football and we (the 5th XI) are scheduled for a match at Hayes on the hallowed turf. It is the Vice Presidents 'Do' too, so whatever the outcome there will be a galaxy of smiling faces around to share a beer with and reminisce over magic moments of days gone by.
But first the chores - Sainsbury's, the library, to renew that book on how to reduce the golf handicap, and a visit to the barbers. I sit alongside Mark Goldberg, who explains the progress being made under Terry Venables and bemoans his inability to attend the Palace match at Huddersfield and overhears talk about the 'hot shots' from Old Guildfordians and their improbable task of withstanding the march of the Old Wilsonians' 5th XI up the table of the lower southern divisions of the Old Boys League.
Mid-morning and it is time for a snack. Kit Hollis and his work mate are polishing off a full english breakfast with a style that Laurie Blackwood would have been proud to emulate and they take a break from their deliveries for the Hayes Farm Shop.
"I'll pick you up at 1-35", says Kit, as he goes cheerily on his way, and then it's off home to pack the gear and for the afternoon's treat.
The sun retires behind a blanket of rain laden clouds but the anticipation remained undimmed. Kit Hollis duly arrives and as we turn into the ground the lads from the 6th XI go through their paces as they face Cup opposition from a higher plane.
"Good luck", we yell, as the battle is enjoined, and, as the rain plunges down, we scurry for the safety of the dressing rooms.
The Vice Presidents are congregating and Ian Forbes is plucking £10 notes from everyone for 'starters.' Gradually the Guildfordian contingent arrives and Andy McClinton, our match official, hovers, wondering whether he'll still have time to fit in a full 90 minutes. Eventually their ten men emerge and our game is under way.
The Vice Presidents arrive on the line and are swift to offer their years of experience to topple the spirited defence that the opposition are offering to our neat approach play.
The flash bulbs pop but, unfortunately, it is the visitors who are smiling as their central defender cracks home a 25 yarder.
"They've not read the script", we protest, until Kit Hollis forces the ball home from a corner.
Now we seemed sure to secure a win, but again the opposition don't get the message, and a screamer from a free-kick 30 yards out tips the balance in their favour and, in the gathering gloom, Si' Letts caps a super game by sliding home a low cross to restore the balance but fails to halt the feeling that this was a point lost, but their draw was well merited and proved yet again that resolves overcomes most adversities.
A reviving shower, a plate of sausage and chips and a pint of beer later, the equilibrium is restored. And then the burning questions. Will Tony Brighton come out of retirement? Did Jim Matthews or John Brittain have the best strike rate? Was Mike Pilgrim really a centre-half? Are referees any worse now than they were in my day? The permutations are endless.
Then the imposing figure of Andy McClinton strolled to the microphone and announced that Mike Harris's immaculate records had thrown up an oddity – 1,000 games completed by Terry Adams. Andy shook like a leaf. My response dried up before it even started.

25 Years Ago – Terry Adams

A magnificent wine decanter was gratefully received. Many smiles and much hand-shaking followed. I was in my element. A congratulatory letter from Graham Kelly at the FA was received and will be treasured forever.
My special thanks to all who put in I don't know how much time and effort to make my day, but Ian Forbes and Andy McClinton cannot be excluded from being dominant in setting it up.
It was very special to be the recipient of kindness of so many nice people. The joy was all mine. The same is available to you all out there. All you have to do is join in.
Being a part of a very special Club is my treat. Don't miss out on the opportunity.

Terry Adams

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