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All contributions to the newsletter should **reach Mike Pike by 6-00 pm on a Sunday evening** – the earlier the better, preferably as a word attachment, and sent to owmikepike@yahoo.co.uk**, but please phone to confirm that you have done so (0208 659 6443**) - you also get an extra point on the reports table if you do so. Alternatively you can "phone through your report and dictate it".



CLASSIFIED RESULTS – March 18h

	Score		Away Team
1st XI	2	1	West Wickham
(League) Scorers: Akkaya, Gravensande. MOM: Sergio Ohene-Djan			
2nd XI	1	3	Nottsborough
(AFA Cup Final) Scorer: OG MOM: Jack Shelton			
Carshalton	0	1	3rd XI
(Spring Cup) Scorer: Kan MOM: Not reported			
4th XI (League)	3	1	Polytechnic 5th XI
(League) Scorers: McShane 2, James. MOM: Henderson			
Dorkininians	5	2	5th XI
(Spring Cup) Scorers: Not reported. MOM: Not reported			
Alleyn Old Boys	3	0	6th XI
(League) MOM: Not reported			
7th XI	P	P	Kew Association 3rd XI
(League) MOM: Not reported			
8th XI	1	2	Alleyn Old Boys 7th XI
(League) Scorer: Rose MOM: Will Davies			
Merton 7th XI	3	0	9th XI
(League) MOM: Matt Hallett			
9th XI	1	3	Merton 7th XI
Scorer: Nelmes. D. MOM: Dave Nelmes			
Palace	1	0	Watford
Scorer: OG (Deeney). MoM: Wilf Zaha			

OWFC FIXTURES – MARCH 25th

Fixtures correct at time of publication but are subject to change and alteration. For latest news follow @oldwilsonians on Twitter!

Team	Opponents	Ground
1st XI	Alleyn Old Boys	Hayes
League 3-00 p.m.		
2nd XI	Old Garchonians	Hayes
League 3-00 p.m		
3rd XI	Old Wokingians 4th XI	Hawes Down
Spring Cup 3-00 p.m.		
4th XI	Polytechnic 5th XI	Away
League 3-00 p.m.		
5th XI	Ibis Eagles 5th XI	Away
League 3-00 p.m.		
6th XI	Actonians Association 7th XI	Away
League 3-00 p.m.		
7th XI	No game	
8th XI	Old Salesians 3rd XI	Hawes Down
League 3-00 p.m.		
9th XI	No game	
Vets	No game	N/A
Super Vets	No game	N/A

ALWAYS PACK A WHITE SHIRT WITH YOUR KIT
TRAINING TAKES PLACE AT WALLINGTON POWERLEAGUE, WEDNESDAYS 7PM

Leading Goal-scorers:

20	James
14	Williams. M
11	(Benteke)
10	Bratterman, Gravensande, Howe, Sellman
9	Martin, Falconer-Roberts, Stride, Watson
8	Kennedy
7	Adams. W, Giles

LATEST NEWS

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OLD WILSONIANS' ASSOCIATION SPORTS CLUB

Terms & Conditions for hire of facilities

To all Sports Club Hirers:

The cost to hire the club facilities	£200.00
We require a breakages/cleaning deposit	£50.00
We require a kitchen use deposit	£50.00
If an extension after midnight is requested per extra hour	£100.00
Corkage will be charged per bottle	@£8.00

All moneys are to be received by the OWA at least 1 month before event. We politely request there be no decorations on the honours boards. No use of party poppers, spray string, table confetti or similar. If the club-house-bar and/or kitchen are left in need of cleaning, the appropriate deposit will be forfeited.

NB: The Association relies heavily on hiring out the Clubhouse to increase its revenue from which we all benefit. The above outlines our terms and conditions, so please pass on to anyone your think may be interested or, indeed, yourself – many Old Wilsonians have already held functions in our Clubhouse.

For more details, please contact Anton Snowsill: antonsnowsill@hotmai.com

1st XI CAPTAIN TO RUN SIERRA LEONE MARATHAN

Dan Sellman has decided it is time to tackle his first marathon and for some reason has elected to do it in Sierra Leone where temperatures average 33 degrees. Dan is running for the charity 'Street Child', which aims to create educational opportunities for some of the world's most vulnerable children. The 1st XI skipper is undertaking the challenge and you can sponsor him here.

OLD WILSONIANS GOLF SOCIETY – BOURNER JUG – 13th APRIL

The Old Wilsonians Golf Society are holding their annual tournament on 13th April. The Bourner Jug is back at Banstead Downs Golf Club. It's £60 per head which includes a round of golf, a pre round bacon roll & hot drink, a 3 course meal & great company. All welcome. For further information contact Barnes Clanachan via email: bldc1974@icloud.com

WALKING FOOTBAL - SATURDAY APRIL 15TH

The new craze of walking football has hit the Old Wilsonians – what do you mean, that's the pace at which most of our sides play? - and if you are interested in participating in this excellent way to keep fit, then come to the Club on ***Saturday April 15th at 1-00 p.m.*** where you will be put through your paces, although 'paces' is probably not the correct work

GEORGE CROUCHER MEMORIAL DINNER

To be held on 22nd April, more details to follow.

THE NETBALL CLUB ARE HAVING A RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The Netball Club has been running for three years now, and has about 25 members.

We are a friendly bunch and welcome all abilities and anyone over 18. You can play every week or just when it suits. It may have been a few years since you played at school or University, or you just want to improve your fitness. We play for fun at Hayes every Wednesday evening (not school holidays) between 7-30 pm and 8-30pm, under floodlights if required, with socialising afterwards in the bar!

For those who wish to play more competitively, we offer Saturday am league games at local indoor courts as part of the North Kent Netball League.

If you are interested please contact me, Jane Paton, on 07764 939814 or email janesastar@aol.co.uk or just turn up on a Wednesday night!

We are now also on the Old Wilsonians' website - link here - www.oldwilsonians.com/netball/

TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 24 MARCH

The Tennis Club's ever-popular Quiz Night is fast approaching – ***Friday 24 March***. This time the questions are set by John Drabwell and his helpers. Entry is £6.50 per person, with a fish & chip supper on offer for those who want it, costing £7.00. Please start getting your team, of up to six people, together and let John know if you wish to book a table or need help in rounding up additional team members. His email address is drabbers.snr@gmail.com

CLUB FORCE APRIL 28th TO 30th

Put these dates in your diary **NOW** and come and support your Club on this important weekend

You are **ALL** expected, indeed, **ORDERED** to participate and not just leave it to the reliable few

This annual Spring clean is essential and gives us an ideal opportunity to put back something into a Club that gives us all so much

There are no excuses and even if you can only put in a few hours work, you must do so

SUPER VETS v ARTS NETWORK - Sunday April 2nd

On Sunday April 2nd our oldest team renews its annual fixture against Arts Network, an excellent project that all sections of the Association have taken to their hearts and which helps those with severe and enduring mental health issues.

This is the third fixture between the two sides, is always played in the true spirit of Vets football and raises much needed funds for a charity that helps vulnerable people, so please come along and support.

CHARTER STANDARD UPDATE - MARCH 2017

FA Community Awards 2017

We are encouraging people to nominate their local heroes for a 2017 FA Community Award!

Presented by McDonald's, the awards recognise and celebrate grassroots volunteers across the UK who make a real difference to their communities.

Nominations are being welcomed for the following categories:

- The FA Charter Standard Community Club Award
- The FA Charter Standard Development Club Award
- The FA Charter Standard Club Award
- The FA Charter Standard League of the Year Award
- Best Inclusive Project Award
- Coach of the Year
- People's Award - Outstanding Contribution to Community Football
- Young Volunteer of the Year Award

The deadline to make your nominations is Thursday 13 April 2017. Click here for information and to nominate - http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/community/fa-community-awards

The individuals and clubs who make a nomination will be entered into a draw to win Nike footballs or England tickets to a game at Wembley.

FA Emergency Aid Course – March 2017

An FA Emergency Aid course will be taking place on Wednesday 29th March 2017, 7pm-10pm at Copthall School, Pursley Road, Mill Hill NW7 2EP.

For full information and to book, please click on the following link - https://eventspace.thefa.com/amateur-fa/participant/arrangement.aspx?id=194741#regform



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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Classified Results, March 14th 1992				
Old Wokingians	1	1st XI	3	Trout 2, Murray.I
Honourable Artillery Company	3	2nd XI	1	Elliott
Old Wokingians	0	3rd XI	0	
4th XI	0	Chertsey Old Salesians	0	
Old Sedcopians	1	5th XI	1	Bier
John Fisher Old Boys	3	6th XI	2	Smith.A, Banks
Old Sedcopians	5	7th XI	2	Ayling, Warboys
Palace	1	Liverpool	0	Young

NOT A GOOD PRELUDE TO A CUP FINAL - John Fisher Old Boys 3 6th XI 2

After last week's poor performance the 6th XI knew they would have to improve, especially as places were still up for grabs for this week's Cup Final against Salesians. 'Skippy' Drawbridge thought this would provide the motivation for a good game and it soon became obvious that people did not want to play in the Final – they were saving themselves!

Unusually the 6th XI started well, forcing several corners and stretching the Fisher defence with some good work from our big flankers. Graeme Nelson and John Eccles, but we left their centre-forward in the clear with only Paul Britton to beat and they took the lead.

We continued to string a few passes together and good work left our own own centre-forward, 'Smithy', in the clear with only their 'keeper to beat and, with all of the composure and accuracy of a Higgins back pass, he missed!

This was the turning point of the game for, had we scored, we would almost certainly have won but, and for the rest of the half, the team lacked commitment and we turned round at half-time a goal down and, five minutes into the second half, we found ourselves 3-0 down after some suicidal defending.

This was the stimulus we needed and we started to move the ball around and, ten minutes later, '**SMITHY'** ended his drought with a goal from five yards. Then some good work from John Eccles down the left ended with us being awarded a penalty after he had been brought down in the box and, without hesitation, 'Needles' **BANKS** strutted up to the ball like a peacock without a pea, managing to fool the 'keeper, who expected Laurence to stroke the ball firmly into the corner but, and instead, he topped it and the ball trickled under the 'keeper and rolled just over the line.

The 6th XI then went in search of the equaliser but it was not to be and, to be honest, we did not really deserve it. We will have to play a lot better next week to stand a chance of getting a result.

Lee Drawbridge

Britton Banks Higgins Pegg Gilbertson Nelson Harper Drawbridge Eccles Smith.A Mir

Leavers' Supper/Grand Reunion

The supper is aimed at all pupils about to leave the school and will include two football matches and if you would like to play please contact Alex Forbes.

Those of you who have received the latest edition of 'NOW' will have found a list of dates inviting former members of the school and current OW members to meet at the Club for a drink and a chat.

These events begin on April 2nd for pupils at the school up to and including 1939 – most of you, judging by the mailing list, and will continue on a weekly basis until May 7th. If you can make any of these, then please inform Bryan Watts.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - GOING EVEN FURTHER BACK

Classified Results, March 18th 1967				
Maori	3	1st XI	1	Adams.T
2nd XI	8	Centymca	1	Brittain 3, Walker 3, Clasper, Carpenter
5th XI	0	Old Bromleians	2	
Rotherham	0	Palace	1	White

Playing with only ten men, the 1st XI held out until about ten minutes from time at one goal each before finally being beaten, **TERRY ADAMS** being our scorer. I think it is disgusting that a member of the 1st XI did not turn up on Saturday. If someone says he will make his own way to an away game then the onus is on him to obtain the proper directions and not get lost and to remember that soccer is still very much a team game!

The 2nd XI had a very easy game against a weak Centymca side and **JOHN BRITTAIN and DAVE WALKER** were both in tip top form, scoring three goals each. **DOUG CLASPER and ALAN CARPENTER**

Hard luck 5ths!

WHITE, Palace's Scottish leader, scored the only goal when the Rotherham defence left each other to mark a centre from the left and his header gave goal-keeper Hill little chance.

One item of sad news for the Club is that Dave Cunningham will not be with us for at least a year as he will be working in Kenya. We all wish him the best of luck in his new appointment and thank him very much for all he has done for us.

ALL OUR TODAYS

Reports Table

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	NP	Points	Dropped	% Response
8XI	24	24	0	0	0	72	0	100
1XI	31	29	2	0	20	67	26	100
9XI	22	20	2	0	4	58	8	100
2XI	28	21	3	4	16	50	34	85
3XI	23	18	2	3	18	38	31	86
4XI	24	18	1	5	17	38	34	79
6XI	21	6	0	15	5	13	50	28
5XI	27	3	1	23	3	7	74	11
7XI	20	2	1	16	1	6	54	15

1st XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic	15	11	3	1	39	15	24	36
2	Alleyn Old Boys	18	9	6	3	30	18	12	33
3	Old Wilsonians	17	9	2	6	31	28	3	29
4	Old Owens	17	8	3	6	34	32	2	27
5	Nottsborough	15	8	2	5	25	22	3	26
6	Old Garchonians	18	7	2	9	33	34	-1	23
7	West Wickham	16	5	6	5	20	19	1	21
8	Winchmore Hill	17	4	4	9	22	30	-8	16
9	Old Parkonians	15	4	2	9	18	29	-11	14
10	NUFC Oilers	14	3	4	7	18	25	-7	13
11	Crouch End Vampires	14	2	2	10	20	38	-18	8

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

25/03	Alleyn Old Boys (h)
08/04	Old Parkonians (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

2-1 West Wickham
0-2 Winchmore Hill
5-2 Crouch End Vampires

MATCH REPORT:

A SWEET VICTORY AGAINST LOCAL RIVALS 1st Xl 2 West Wickham 1

After the defeat at Winchmore Hill ended the side's unbeaten run since November, the 1st Xl were aiming to get back to winning ways in the local derby, the extra incentive being that the previous meeting between the sides ended in a 2-0 defeat.

It proved to be a game of two halves, the first being dominated by Old Wilsonians, who were very comfortable in possession and created numerous chances. One move in particular was beautiful to watch and arguably will go down as the best move in Old Wilsonian history not to produce a goal.

Intricate one touch play between Gravesande, Sellman, Stratford and Karamath completely cut open the defence in Barcelona-esque style. However, when it came down to the final ball, Karamath found himself in a great position in the box and decided to shoot straight into the 'keeper's hands rather than square the ball to two open players in the middle! The move had the huge crowd, of approximately ten in attendance, opposition, players and staff applauding.

This move increased the confidence of the side and eventually the deadlock was broken by **OZ AKKAYA** with an accomplished right foot finish into the far corner after a good cutback from Ant Childs.

The half time whistle came with Old Wilsonians in the ascendency, but only a goal lead to show for it.

The second half was the complete opposite of the first. West Wickham piled on the pressure and had a handful of chances, which produced a few fine saves from James Eglon. Most of the game was being played in one half now and, despite the best efforts of the back four and midfield, eventually the pressure told. A late challenge from Jonathan Chen, who apart from that had a solid game, resulted in a penalty, which was then coolly converted with around 20 minutes to go.

From this point it would have seemed that West Wickham would go on to win the game, with the momentum firmly in their favour. However, this was not to be. With around five minutes to go a West Wickham corner was headed away and the counter was on. Anthony Childs picked out Ben Giles, who managed to show great pace and get to the ball before the goalkeeper on the edge of the box and lift the ball in the direction of the goal, where **GRAVENSANDE** would tap into an empty net from about ten yards out to give Old Wilsonians the three points.

With this result, a strong end to the season is now the aim, with sights set on finishing as high as second place. Jalen Gravensande

NO JOY ON THE ROAD Winchmore Hill 2 1st Xl 0 (P. March 11th)

The crowd were in buoyant mood at the Paulin Ground as they were expecting a strong performance from their side against a team who they have historically done well against at home. Winchmore Hill are fighting to avoid relegation whilst the OWs are looking to keep within touching distance of runaway leaders Polytechnic, so everything was set up for a fantastic spectacle.

The game started in a quick tempo, with both teams looking for an early lead, and, after the early exchanges, it was clear Winchmore were playing a physical game and winning most first and second balls. The early threat came from their striker looking to hold the ball up and bring pacy wingers into play.

Winchmore pinned us back early in the first half, winning a couple of corners, but the best chance fell to Ben Giles after about 12 minutes with a one v one following a break from a corner, with their 'keeper getting down well to save; first warning to Winchmore of our attacking prowess. Brats, up top, was having to fight against two very physical centre backs, and we could have done more to get in and around him.

After 25 minutes the home side took the lead when we failed to clear our lines on the edge of the box and the chunky striker nicks it back for the winger to slide in past Ed Healy (thanks to Ed for filling in today).

We responded well once we realised we were in a game, and the crowd on the sidelines began to influence the referee's decisions; you could see he was beginning to lose his head, getting obvious decisions embarrassingly wrong. Wilson's started to gain more territorial control, with the next best

chance falling to Oz, heading wide after a delicious deep cross from the young, athletic, good-looking Old Boys right back, as he played a number of naughty cross field diagonals this half in an attempt to exploit the weaker side of their defence.

On 35 minutes Ed saved smartly from a one v one, following a break from Winchmore - the winger arguably should have done better, with a chip surely an obvious choice here.
Their busy little midfield players were quick to second balls, with Wilson's struggling to keep their rhythm, barely troubling the 'keeper, getting into a few good positions but lacking the final pass/end product.

The half time team talk was essentially to compete more for first balls and stop the supply to their striker.

The second half began and we pinned them in their half immediately, starting to threaten from wide areas, especially down the left hand side with Kara causing problems. Jalen made the switch to up front and was feeding off scraps, mainly using good feet to try and create chances for himself.

After 60 minutes, and completely against the run of play, Winchmore Hill got their second when a throw was not dealt with by Wilson's as the striker was able to turn, cross and find the opposite winger to head freely from six yards out - poor defending all round and now we faced a big uphill task.

They sat back and began to soak up pressure so we changed it to three at the back to get more bodies forward, with Serg coming off for big Jamie Parkinson to sit in and control things at the back.

They began to time waste and became very bitchy, which no one likes to see on a football pitch. More chances came for Wilson's, with Sellman slicing wide and Jalen flashing one yards past the 'keeper's post.

Good game management from Winchmore Hill ran down the clock and a goal looked less likely for the yellows. A dangerous tackle on Jalen with a minute to go looked something straight out of UFC and sums up the referee's performance and how he was unable to control players following the collision.

Still cannot believe they managed a 2-0 win but, in future, we need to be aware of opposition threats and adapt our game to beat it. Their performance suggests they should probably not be where they are in the league. Sergio Ohene-Djan

2nd XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	NUFC Oilers Res	12	8	3	1	37	20	17	27
2	Polytechnic Res	14	9	0	5	36	22	14	27
3	West Wickham Res	11	8	3	0	34	21	13	27
4	Civil Service Res	13	6	2	5	20	17	3	20
5	Actonians Association Res	13	5	0	8	19	21	-2	15
6	Old Parkonians Res	14	4	3	7	25	31	-6	15
7	Nottsborough Res	13	4	3	6	18	32	-14	15
8	Alleyn Old Boys Res	13	4	2	7	21	27	-6	14
9	Old Garchonians Res	13	4	1	8	30	36	-6	13
10	Old Wilsonians Res	14	4	1	9	26	39	-13	13

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

25/03	Old Garchonians (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

Nottsborough 1-3
Economicals 0-2
Alleyn Old Boys 2-3

CUP FINAL GOES TO EXTRA TIME Nottsborough 3 2nd XI 1

Wilson's early preparations were rocked by the loss of Dan Harris in the warm up but, luckily, Doug Smart's overdue son was considerate enough not to arrive before kick-off, so Doug replaced Dan.

Wilsons' made a solid start but came under pressure from a strong Nottsborough side and, after ten minutes, the offside Notts forward found some space on the corner of the penalty box, hand balling it into his path, and crashed an absolute rocket off the bar. Soon after the Wilson's defence half cleared a ball and failed to get out as a unit, leaving the Notts forward with the ball at his feet in the middle of the sixyard box, and only a last ditch tackle from the backtracking James Karamath stopped a certain goal

After a tough first 20 minutes the 2nd XI began to find their rhythm and created some chances of their own. A break from Craig Elliott in midfield ended with a chance for Nathan Tanner bursting forward

from right back. Only the sprawling Notts centre back was able to block the shot with the goalkeeper beaten. Soon after, a neat interchange between Kieran Steadford and Jon Howe led to a chance for the industrious Chris Kennedy, but he was unable to convert.

After a goal mouth scramble Wilson's had the ball in the net for the first time but it was inexplicably ruled out for offside. Soon followed another neat passage, with the ball ending up at the feet of Kieran Steadford, who sidestepped his marker and wrong footed the 'keeper who could only palm the ball into the net for Wilson's to take the lead. Another goal mouth scramble again ended up with the ball in the net for Wilson's, but the linesman was not our friend and again ruled offside.

Wilson's came in confident at 1-0 and set out to continue the high tempo from the first half. Five minutes in a passage littered with giving the ball away ended up with the Notts winger getting behind the back four and squaring for the Notts forward, arriving late, to bury the ball past the imposing figure of Adam Deadman in the Wilson's goal.

Wilson's replaced tired legs in the second half but the superior fitness of the Notts side was beginning to tell and only a brilliant save from Adam Deadman in the last five minutes forced the game into extra time.

Doug Smart came on at the heart of the defence and his first contribution was to chase down the Notts forward who was bearing down on goal and make an absolute 'worldly' of a tackle from behind to keep the game level. Very tired legs began to give the Notts midfield too much space and soon they were able to loft the ball forward to the Notts forward, who rounded the onrushing 'Deaders' and converted for 2-1.

Wilson's clawed away desperately to try and find an equaliser, committing more and more men forward, but found good chances few and far between. With two minutes left Notts got a third, after finding themselves two on one, to kill the game.

Wilson's ultimately did not get the rub of the green with some first half decisions and, in the end, fitness told to bring the curtain down on a brilliant AFA Cup run. Whilst losing the final was gut wrenching, the achievement of making it with a changeable side, three schoolboys and a number of the old guard, was immense. Jon Howe

Deadman Tanner Shelton Free Farmer Elliott Middleton Steadford Howe Kennedy Karamath Dunk George Smart Harris

3rd XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Alexandra Park 3rd	15	11	0	4	46	27	19	33	
2	Old Finchleians 3rd	15	10	1	4	49	39	10	31	
3	Carshalton 3rd	16	8	1	7	35	43	-8	25	
4	Civil Service 4th	15	6	3	6	28	27	1	21	
5	Nottsborough 4th	14	5	4	5	37	28	9	19	
6	Old Owens 3rd	15	7	1	7	31	39	-8	19	*
7	Old Parkonians 4th	14	5	3	6	32	37	-5	18	
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	16	4	3	9	38	45	-7	15	
9	Merton 3rd	16	4	0	12	30	41	-11	12	

* Adjustment made

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

25/03	Old Wokingians (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

1-0 Carshalton
1-3 Alexandra Park
1-1 Old Owens

MATCH REPORT

WIND ASSISTED VICTORY Carshalton 0 3rd XI 1

As the boys met at Beddington Park for this Spring Cup fixture, I must admit feeling like the Mario Götze of the side as I returned to the old fold. Familiar faces led the squad, as Ricky and former captain Matty set out the team. Following a good warm up, we lined up for the game against Carshalton with a sense of quiet confidence in ourselves. The surface suited our famed passing football, the wind would cause havoc and, most of all, 'Newbs' had arrived to serve as our very own cheerleader.

The match kicked off with the boys playing some good flowing football, coupled with uncompromising defending from the back four. We had a mix of youth and experience that proved useful in stopping Carshalton in their tracks, with Guy and myself at centre half, with Sam and Tommy on either side. Offensively we looked dangerous with every push, particularly when we broke through the right side, and Ben Newman-Sanders provided a strong sense of deja vu with an early miss! He was, however, very threatening from the wing, providing good runs, matched by Michael on the opposite flank.

The midfield battle was also being won, with Jimmy and Ricky playing with a level of cohesion, given only by many years of experience. Up front, the flair of Christian was running their defence ragged, whilst Matty caused headaches by drifting off of every shoulder present.

With Wilson's running the show, Carshalton opted to change things up by offloading a small, technically good striker for a substitute who, I think it is fair to say, was the complete opposite. Coupled with an even bigger lad, they began to threaten with some longer shots stopped by Ballard but still causing problems for us in the back four. Although not helped by some questionable refereeing decisions and some confusion on his part over the offside law, we went in at half time well aware of the game we found ourselves in.

As the second half began, with an unchanged 11, we once again started with a lot of threatening play and some well worked moves. One such move led to a parried shot from the edge of the box that fell to the goal machine that is Matty, who decided to show how good a player he is with a brilliant clearance. The referee again proved his worth by allowing some fantastic basketball dribbling from their midfielder in his own box, whilst we looked on in disbelief.

Our opposition were still threatening but their temperament seemed to be their own worst enemy, closely followed by Guy's relentless aerial challenges. Sam then came off with Shorey taking his place. This injection of physicality caused more arguments from Carshalton, and the infighting led to a needless foul on the halfway line at around the sixtieth minute. Ballard wanted to run up and take the ball, but I decided to assume the responsibility. As I put the ball down, with the 'keeper already thinking of attacking the cross that must be on its way in shortly, the wind picked up. This little bit of luck was all that I needed. I then struck the ball goal wards, and as it dipped and swerved as it rode the winds, it managed to, despite all odds, smack the underside of the bar and bounce in.

Deservedly 1-0 up, we pushed on again as Jimmy's deliveries from corners caused all sorts of problems, one of them even hitting the bar. Carshalton then brought their small striker back on, who almost immediately won a free kick on the edge of our box. The resulting shot smacked the top of the bar and was followed up on by their striker and Ballard, whose mere presence a metre away was enough to cause the player to head the ball onto himself and over, prevented the equaliser.

The rest of the game passed with little incident, other than the occasional chance falling to either side. That is until Ricky went down with what was initially suspected to be a sore throat from all the screaming, only for it to later to become clear that he had dislocated his elbow in a tussle with their striker. As the captain walked off, handing the armband to his midfield partner, Tommy moved up to left wing and Sam back to left back. The game closed out with more petulance from them and more composed football from us, with Wilson's effectively sealing out a deserved victory.

All credit goes to the boys, who each put in a top shift in and worked tirelessly to only be overshadowed by what was a brilliant winner. Ryan Kan

4th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 5th	15	10	2	3	63	20	43	32
2	West Wickham 4th	12	10	2	0	38	10	28	32
3	Weirside Rangers 3rd	13	7	2	4	25	26	-1	23
4	Old Wilsonians 4th	13	7	1	5	29	21	8	22
5	Alleyn Old Boys 5th	14	5	3	6	25	24	1	18
6	Actonians Association 5th	14	5	3	6	26	36	-10	18
7	Ibis Eagles 4th	16	4	3	9	22	34	-12	15
8	HSBC 4th	14	3	2	9	24	57	-33	11
9	HSBC 5th	13	1	2	10	17	41	-24	5

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

25/03	Polytechnic (a)
01/04	HSBC (a)
08/04	Alleyn Old Boys (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

3-1 Polytechnic
3-1 Old Owens
2-1 Actonians Association

MATCH REPORT:

CUP WINNERS DISLODGE LEAGUE LEADERS 4th XI 3 Polytechnic 5th XI 1

So the 4th XI, after the dizzy heights of a cup final, now faced a Hawes Down home fixture against Polytechnic 5th XI on a windy March day.

With half the squad unavailable, due to holidays / family commitments, a makeshift mix took on the travelling team from Chiswick. The message from the pre match warm up and team talk was "bundles of ability on show, let's play football and frustrate top of the league side." Wilson's set out their stall from the off, with Henderson bossing the midfield, winning every header, and players across the park showing how much they wanted this, with some great touches being shown from Steward and Exford.

Good football and intricate play aplenty, yet Wilson's could not score a goal before the half was done. Message at half time was more of the same, yet we knew this half was going to be a huge test, considering we were playing uphill and against the wind. Half time Inspired substitution (Wateridge's emergency trip to the khazi) is an understatement as **MCSHANE,** fresh on, ran in from the edge of the area and demanded a whipped ball in from Watson and the in-form full back obliged with a peach of an assist which was converted by a thumping header from the substitute.

After the restart more Wilson's pressure worked up the line lead to a ball across the edge of the box collected by **MCSHANE** who, one on one, calmly slotted beyond the on rushing Poly goalkeeper. Two nil within ten minutes of the second half and the black and golds found themselves in dreamland.

Wateridge now returned from Loggers leap and, unlike his bowels, he found us in control. Defend calm and solid, clear our lines and play percentages was the cry from many on the pitch.

With 20 minutes to go a Poly midfielder found himself in some space on the edge of the box and, with 'Chunk' unsighted, he drilled his shot in to the bottom corner. Backs to the walls time now and we were not anywhere near the showers yet. If this was a test then we passed with flying colours as everyone kept their heads and played good football, ensuring we ran down the clock.

With ten minutes to go a neat flick from Skeemer found **JAMES** in the area, who fired a volley into the net to seal the result and send Poly back on their jolly journey to Chiswick. 3-1 wins seems to be a recurrence with the 4th XI at the moment and long may it continue as we travel in to our final three games of the season. Sam James

Squad: Wellman, Watson, Exford, Rose, Wateridge, Henderson, Abdou, Steward, Skeemer, Jordan, James, Aguera, McShane.

5th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Carshalton 4th	17	16	0	1	79	18	61	48
2	Polytechnic 6th	16	11	1	4	60	26	34	34
3	Actonians Association 6th	13	10	1	2	52	17	35	31
4	Ibis Eagles 5th	15	9	2	4	38	30	8	29
5	West Wickham 5th	17	7	3	7	32	27	5	24
6	Old Wilsonians 5th	17	6	2	9	37	50	-13	20
7	Bank of England 4th	18	6	0	12	34	51	-17	18
8	Civil Service 6th	17	5	2	10	24	55	-31	17
9	Merton 4th	18	4	0	14	35	52	-17	12
10	Lloyds Warren 3rd	16	2	1	13	18	83	-65	7

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

25/03	Ibis Eagles (a)
01/04	South Bank Cuaco (h)
08/04	City of London (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

2-5 Dorkinians
1-3 West Wickham
6-1 Polytechnic

MATCH REPORT:

The 5th XI lost 5-2 to Dorkinians but did not submit a match report, nor provide details of their scorers!!

6th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Carshalton 5th	12	9	1	2	48	19	29	28
2	Old Salesians Res	15	7	5	3	51	33	18	26
3	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	10	7	2	1	37	11	26	23
4	Polytechnic 7th	15	6	5	4	44	31	13	23
5	Actonians Association 7th	13	6	4	3	23	23	0	22
6	West Wickham 6th	15	5	2	8	41	41	0	17
7	South Bank Cuaco 4th	16	4	2	10	30	48	-18	14
8	Old Wilsonians 6th	14	4	1	9	23	43	-20	13
9	HSBC 6th	14	3	0	11	22	70	-48	9

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

25/03	Actonians Association (a)
01/04	South Bank Cuaco (h)
08/04	Carshalton (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

0 -3 Alleyn Old Boys
0-3 Carshalton
0-3 Alleyn Old Boys

MATCH REPORT:

The 6th XI lost 0-3 away to Alleyn Old Boys 6th XI but did not submit a report

7th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 9th	15	12	2	1	53	23	30	38
2	Merton 5th	16	9	2	5	31	32	-1	29
3	Kew Association 3rd	15	9	1	5	53	41	12	28
4	Ibis Eagles 6th	14	8	0	6	45	26	19	24
5	Civil Service 7th	18	7	3	8	43	38	5	24
6	Actonians Association 8th	14	7	1	6	30	33	-3	22
7	Old Wilsonians 7th	15	5	2	8	25	34	-9	17
8	South Bank Cuaco 5th	16	4	3	9	31	34	-3	15
9	Polytechnic 8th	17	3	6	8	26	35	-9	15
10	HSBC 7th	16	4	0	12	26	67	-41	12

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

01/04	Ibis Eagles (a)
08/04	Actonians Association (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

0-1 Merton
2-2 Polytechnic

MATCH REPORT:

The 7th XI's game against Kew Association was postponed

8th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Carshalton 6th	13	12	1	0	86	11	75	37	
2	Merton 6th	14	9	1	4	41	32	9	28	
3	Civil Service 8th	12	8	1	3	53	25	28	25	
4	Bank of England 5th	13	6	1	6	36	21	15	19	
5	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	13	5	4	4	35	35	0	19	
6	Old Salesians 3rd	14	6	2	6	35	37	-2	17	*
7	Merton 7th	14	5	2	7	37	50	-13	17	
8	Old Blues 4th	10	4	3	3	25	30	-5	15	
9	Old Wilsonians 8th	14	4	3	7	27	45	-18	15	
10	South Bank Cuaco 6th	14	4	2	8	27	44	-17	14	
11	Old Wilsonians 9th	15	0	0	15	9	81	-72	0	

* Adjustment made

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

25/03	Old Salesians (h)
01/04	Merton (a)
08/04	Old Blues (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

1-2 Alleyn Old Boys
1-0 South Bank Poly
2-5 Bank of England

MATCH REPORT:

EIGHTS UNABLE TO BUILD ON LAST WEEK'S WIN 8th XI 1 Alleyn Old Boys 7th XI 2

Looking to build on last week's victory against South Bank Cuaco, the 8th XI saw a number of changes to the team, with welcome returns for Max Kurn and Lewis Cosstick and a few last minute additions following the postponement of the 7th XI game – which also saw this game move to Hayes.

Playing a 4-5-1, we looked to dominate the midfield and contain an unusually strong Alleyn's side. We created a couple of chances early in the game, with our wingers having some good possession and creating half-chances for lone striker Kurn, who was unlucky not to score. As the first half continued we defended resolutely, but were unlucky to concede just before half time when we gave the opposition too much time on the edge of the box.

As the second half started, poor defending from stand in right back Adams gifted Alleyn's a second. From that point, though, we improved and continued to create chances against a tiring Alleyn's

defence and were rewarded when neat build up play gave **ROSE** the chance to break into the box and fire a good finish past the Alleyn's 'keeper.

We need to take the positives – we matched strong opponents for most of the game, and if we can avoid defensive errors and string a consistent side together for the last few games of the season, we can still finish in a respectable league position. Ed Adams

Team: Seelan, E. Adams, Sparrow, L. Cosstick, Wheatley, Rose, Davies, Amankwah (c), Page, Rivens, Kurn, W. Adams

9th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Carshalton 6th	13	12	1	0	86	11	75	37	
2	Merton 6th	14	9	1	4	41	32	9	28	
3	Civil Service 8th	12	8	1	3	53	25	28	25	
4	Bank of England 5th	13	6	1	6	36	21	15	19	
5	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	13	5	4	4	35	35	0	19	
6	Old Salesians 3rd	14	6	2	6	35	37	-2	17	*
7	Merton 7th	14	5	2	7	37	50	-13	17	
8	Old Blues 4th	10	4	3	3	25	30	-5	15	
9	Old Wilsonians 8th	14	4	3	7	27	45	-18	15	
10	South Bank Cuaco 6th	14	4	2	8	27	44	-17	14	
11	Old Wilsonians 9th	15	0	0	15	9	81	-72	0	

* Adjustment made

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

01/04	Alleyn Old Boys (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

1-3 Merton
0-3 Merton
2-5 South Bank Cuaco

MATCH REPORT:

MISSED CHANCES COST US Merton 7th XI 3 (3) 9th XI 0 (1)

This was our cup final – a double header against the team second bottom in our league. We knew we had a great chance of leaving with six points but did not get off to a great start as we had to start with nine men, but our 4-4-0 formation proved impenetrable, and soon we had the full complement of 11 players. We went in at half time 1-0 down – their goal was a fluky miss-hit that snuck into the corner, but we totally bossed the second half, with Aubrey Cruz hitting the bar and Mandeep Dhariwal missing the post by inches. Merton were quick on the break, however, and caught us out twice more.

The second game did not start well. Only having one sub for a double header did not help, and Merton's energy levels were clearly higher, and they took an early lead. They were creating lots of chances, with Phil Gilmore forced into some great saves. However we got back into it and started to test Merton's defence, and, in the second half, Mandeep Dhariwal chased down a defender, won the ball and put in a great ball for **DAVE NELMES** , who fired into the roof of the net.

One all with about 15 minutes to go; could we hold on, or even get three points? Things could have been so different had Andy Steel stuck away a great chance, but he fired over, and we were made to pay for lack of fitness when Merton hit us twice on the break late on. Both games could have been very different had we converted our chances. Same old story! Roddy Trompiz

Team:Phil Gilmore, Matt Hallett, Roddy Trompiz, MandeepDhariwal, Dave Nelmes, Andy Steel, Aubrey Cruz, Darnell Douglas, Steve Chinnery, Ryan Nelmes, Bereket Jacob, Luke Curran