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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 – April 1st/2nd

	Score		Away Team
HSBC 4th XI	3	1	4th XI
(League) Scorer: Panicker MOM: Not reported			
5th XI	1	3	South Bank Cuaco
(Spring Cup) Scorer: Gilson MOM: Not reported			
Ibis Eagles 6th XI	4	0	7th XI
(League) MOM: Not reported			
Merton 7th XI	2	1	8th XI
(League) Scorer: Stride MOM: James			
Alleyn Old Boys 7th XI	3	1	9th XI
(League). Scorer: Krauss MOM: Not awarded			
9th XI	0	5	Alleyn Old Boys 7th XI
(League) MOM: Not awarded			
Chelsea	1	2	Palace
Scorers: Zaha, Benteke			
Super Vets	4	3	Arts Network
(Friendly) Scorers: Billing.C 2, Nelmes, Wellman			

OWFC FIXTURES – APRIL 8th and 11th

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

Team		Ground
1st XI	Old Parkonians	Away
League 3-00 p.m.		
2nd XI	West Wickham	Away
League 6-00 p.m. Tuesday 11th		
3rd XI	AFC Oldsmith	Hawes Down
Spring Cup 3-00 p.m.		
4th XI	Alleyn Old Boys 5th XI	Hayes
League 3-00 p.m.		
5th XI	City of London Reserves	Hawes Down
Spring Cup 3-00 p.m.		
6th XI	Carshalton 5th XI	Away
League 3-00 p.m.		
7th XI	Actonians Association 8th XI	Away
League 3-00 p.m.		
8th XI	Old Blues 4th XI	Hayes
League 3-00 p.m.		
9th XI	No game	
Vets	No game	
Super Vets	No game	

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

Leading Goal-scorers:

21	James
14	Williams. M
12 11	(Benteke) Gravensande
10	Bratterman, Howe, Falconer-Roberts Sellman, Stride
9	Krauss, Martin, Watson
8	Adams.W Kennedy
7	Giles

LATEST NEWS

- OWA SPORTS CLUB – TERMS AND CONDITIONS
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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.
Tickets are £35 (£15 for school boys) and available from Alex Forbes
Will players of the season, for 2015/16, please return their trophies as soon as possible to Stu Paton.

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/

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

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 Goalkeeping Level 1 Coaching Course – April 2017
This course is ideal for coaches who want to improve the performance of their goalkeepers. Learn how to develop and improve your goalkeeper's technique and plan and prepare progressive technical practices. Course details are:
Dates: Monday 24th April 2017 (9am-5pm), Tuesday 25th April 2017 (9am-5pm) and Wednesday 26th April 2017 (9am-5pm)
Venue: Power League Mill Hill, 31 Pursley Road, Mill Hill NW7 2BB
Cost: £125 Tutor: Emma Byrne
To book your place on the GK Level 1, please use the following link - https://eventspace.thefa.com/amateur-fa/participant/arrangement.aspx?id=192934#regform

FA Safeguarding Children Workshop
Date: Thursday 4th May 2017
Time: 7pm-10pm
Venue: Copthall School, Pursley Road, Mill Hill, London NW7 2EP
Cost: £30
For full information and to book onto the course, please use the following link - https://eventspace.thefa.com/amateur-fa/participant/arrangement.aspx?id=197787#regform

FA Level 1 Coaching Course

Sat 10th June	9am-5pm	Practical & Theory
Sun 11th June	9am-5pm	Practical & Theory
Thurs 15th June	7pm-9pm	Safeguarding Children
Sat 17th June	9am-5pm	Practical & Theory
Thurs 22nd June	7pm-10pm	Emergency Aid
Sat 24th June	9am-3pm	Practical & Theory

Venue: Copthall School, Pursley Road, Mill Hill, London NW7 2EP

Cost: £175 (this cost applies to anyone 16 and above)

AFA affiliated Charter Standard Clubs are offered £30 off the full course price. Please use the voucher code afacsclub.

For full information and to book onto the course, please use the following link - https://eventspace.thefa.com/amateur-fa/participant/arrangement.aspx?id=197759#regform



Proud sponsors of Old Wilsonians FC;10% discount for all OWFC members when they eat at the restaurant

Classified Results, March 28th 1992				
1st XI	1	Phoenix Old Boys	4	Townson
2nd XI	5	Phoenix Old Boys	2	Prince, Chapman, Law, Tarn, Giles
3rd XI	0	Old Tenisonians	2	
Old Reigatians	3	4th XI	3	Kidd, Barry (Ali)Simpson
5th XI	1	Old Suttonians	1	OG
Chertsey Old Salesians	3	6th XI	1	Ayling
Notts County	2	Palace	3	Coleman, Bright, Mortimer

CULTURED DISPLAY TOO MUCH FOR PHOENIX 2nd XI 5 Phoenix Old Boys 1

What a difference a week makes. After last week's display of apathy, a game against high-flying Phoenix was not something to relish. Yet, from the whistle, everyone in the team played as if their lives depended on getting a result.

However, this was no blood and thunder onslaught. with desperate tackles and crunching attempts to win the ball, but a display of cultured, classy, simple, passing football. On numerous occasions we put together moves of 12 to 15 passes which nearly all ended with an attempt or goal, whilst Phoenix spent all of the half chasing shadows and did not create one goal-scoring opportunity.

Our first goal was scored by our sweeper, **GRAHAM PRINCE,** who somehow popped up deep in the Phoenix half to latch on to a flicked header and slip the ball past the 'keeper with ease. There were no further goals in the first half, in which the 2nd XI undoubtedly played their best football of the season.

The second half saw us continue in the same manner – quite often this season we have made a good start only to let it slip later in the game and lose the advantage we had gained, but this was not the case this week.

Our second goal came from a pin-point cross from Andy Weaver, who picked out a completely unmarked **CYMON GILES** at the near post and he headed home from five yards. The third goal followed swiftly afterwards when a through ball from Kevin Law found **RICKY CHAPMAN,** who comfortably sprang the Phoenix off-side trap and raced through to fire a low shot into the bottom corner from 15 yards.

Three goals up, 15 minutes left and cruising; or so we thought! Five minutes later it was 3-2, and we were defending with ten men to prevent Phoenix grabbing an equaliser as two lapses in defence allowed our visitors to steal two totally undeserved goals, and it looked like the Reserves had hit the self-destruct button for about the eighth time this season.

But full credit to everyone as we composed ourselves and regained control of the game again and, with five minutes remaining, we made the points safe with a tap-in goal from **KEVIN LAW** after some excellent work from Nick Tarn, who made a goal-scoring opportunity out of nothing.

Our fifth goal came right on the final whistle after more hard work from **NICK TARN** saw him out-jump their 'keeper for a lofted through ball, run onto his own flick and place the ball between two defenders positioned on the line.

So it was Phoenix who were glad to hear the final whistle and the atmosphere of elation in our dressing room after the game was one that has been absent for a long time. A thoroughly enjoyable game, with a convincing win made possible through hard work and the ability to do the simple things early; well done lads. Kevin Law

Reeves Smith.G Prince McGeever Udale Giles Law Weaver.A Elliott Chapman Tarn

3rd XI: Wing.K Quarrington Valder Milledge Galvin.D (Ashley)Simpson Pullen Stone Boxall Mace Weaver.D

6th XI: Peckover Brindle Horner Goodwin Davey Harper Ayling Nelson Higgins Eccles Corrigall

ALL OUR TODAYS

Reports Table

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	NP	Points	Dropped	% Response
8XI	26	26	0	0	0	78	0	100
1XI	32	30	2	0	21	69	27	100
9XI	24	22	2	0	4	64	8	100
2XI	29	21	3	5	16	50	37	82
3XI	23	18	2	3	18	38	31	86
4XI	26	18	1	7	17	38	40	73
6XI	22	6	0	16	5	13	53	27
5XI	29	3	1	25	3	7	80	13
7XI	21	2	1	18	1	6	57	14

1st XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic	16	11	4	1	40	16	24	37
2	Alleyn Old Boys	19	10	6	3	33	18	15	36
3	Nottsborough	16	9	2	5	26	22	4	29
4	Old Wilsonians	18	9	2	7	31	31	0	29
5	Old Owens	18	8	3	7	34	33	1	27
6	Old Garchonians	19	7	3	9	34	35	-1	24
7	West Wickham	17	5	7	5	21	20	1	22
8	NUFC Oilers	16	4	5	7	20	26	-6	17
9	Winchmore Hill	18	4	5	9	23	31	-8	17
10	Old Parkonians	16	4	2	10	18	30	-12	14
11	Crouch End Vampires	15	2	3	10	21	39	-18	9

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

08/04	Old Parkonians(a)
15/04	Polytechnic (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

0-3 Alleyn Old Boys
2-1 West Wickham
0-2 Winchmore Hill

MATCH REPORT:

As the 1st XI did not have a game this week, thought I would use this space to replicate an email I received following the Football Club's successful participation in the Alf Parish Memorial darts match

Thank you Mike and thank you once more for organising such a lovely evening, it means a huge amount to Mum and me that Dad is remembered like this, it was a great evening and I'm really pleased I managed to get there.

Very Best and thanks again

Steve

Steve Parish | Chairman

CRYSTAL PALACE F.C.

2nd XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	NUFC Oilers Res	14	10	3	1	44	22	22	33
2	West Wickham Res	13	10	3	0	38	22	16	33
3	Polytechnic Res	16	9	0	7	37	25	12	27
4	Civil Service Res	15	6	2	7	21	22	-1	20
5	Actonians Association Res	14	6	0	8	23	22	1	18
6	Old Parkonians Res	16	5	3	8	28	36	-8	18
7	Nottsborough Res	15	5	3	7	22	35	-13	18
8	Old Garchonians Res	15	4	3	8	34	40	-6	15
9	Alleyn Old Boys Res	15	4	3	8	25	35	-10	15
10	Old Wilsonians Res	15	4	2	9	28	41	-13	14

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

11/04	West Wickham (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

Old Garchonians 2-2
Nottsborough 1-3
Economicals 0-2

MATCH REPORT:

No game for the 2nd Xl, either

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3rd XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alexandra Park 3rd	16	12	0	4	48	27	21	36
2	Old Finchleians 3rd	16	11	1	4	53	42	11	34
3	Carshalton 3rd	16	8	1	7	35	43	-8	25
4	Nottsborough 4th	16	6	4	6	40	32	8	22
5	Old Owens 3rd	16	8	1	7	36	41	-5	22
6	Civil Service 4th	16	6	3	7	31	31	0	21
7	Old Parkonians 4th	16	5	3	8	36	45	-9	18
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	16	4	3	9	38	45	-7	15
9	Merton 3rd	16	4	0	12	30	41	-11	12

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

08/04	AFC Oldsmiths (h)
15/04	Old Wokingians)h)

RECENT RESULTS:

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

MATCH REPORT

No game for the 3rd Xl, so thought I would reproduce the report on the darts match, which Steve Parish referred to - see 1st Xl space - because this is the side in which winner Matt Rand usually plays.

On Friday March 10th, a little after 11-00 p.m, Old Wisonians' Football Club collected their first silverware of the season when Matt Rand defeated George Johnstone in the final of the Alf Parish memorial darts competition at Selhurst Park

OW President Doug Forbes, who had earlier lost to Matt in a previous round, collected the team trophy, kindly donated by Bromley and Chishlehurst Labour Party, from Doreen Parish, Alf's widow, before she presented the individual trophy, donated by Crystal Palace Football Club, to Matt.

Less than 24 hours later the OWFC's 4th Xl defeated Old Owens 3-1 in the Old Boys Cup final whilst Matt scored the only goal in the 8th Xl's game at South Bank Cuaco to claim all three points, so we now have three trophies to proudly display at the 'George Croucher Memorial Dinner on April 22nd.



There were 19 darts players at this event and George Johnstone expertly explained that 13 needed byes in order to reduce the numbers to a manageable 16, which would then become eight, then four and then the two finalist

The six who did not achieve a bye took the decision stoically and the battle commenced, including our very own Stuart Paton, who is in charge of the Football Club's fund-raising this season and saw this event as an integral part of this project

As well as the aforementioned Matt Rand and Doug Forbes the OW team was competed by Mark Mace, an erstwhile treasurer of both the football club and the Association - Mark still keeps an eye on his OWA successor, Clive Peckover, and should almost certainly do so on Alex Forbes, the football club's version - and Chris Billing, who once took me to task for excluding him from the list of leading goal-scorers published in the weekly newsletter when he was having a particularly prolific season and which has not been repeated since!

But before I recall other events of the evening, and those leading up to it, it is apposite that I explain a few background details, and, most importantly, how the Alf Parish memorial darts competition came about.

Alf Parish was the general secretary of the National Graphical Association, one of the print unions, lived in Bromley and was very active in the local Labour party, and when he died in May 2011, Pete Williams, another Labour activists in Bromley, thought it would be a good idea to stage an event in Alf's honour, an idea which met with general approval, and it became a regular event in the H.G Wells centre on an annual basis and was attended by both Labour party members and trade unionists alike

Sadly Peter died himself in October 2015 and it was proving difficult to find someone to take over organising the event, and finding a venue, so I approached Alf's son, Steve, the Crystal Palace chairman, and asked if we could stage the evening at Selhurst Park, and he readily agreed and put me in touch with his events department

I had initial meetings with Sharon and Anna, and subsequently Kristina, contacted Bromley and Chishlehurst, Orpington, Greenwich and Woolwich and Dartford Labour parties and as I knew that the football club were due to have their own darts tournament on March 18th , asked them to put a team together



In the run up to the event I had a number of very pleasant and informative conversation with Betsey and George Johnstone (Bromley and Chislehurst) Chris Taylor (Orpington), Roger Hough (Woolwich and Greenwich) and Tom Maddison (Dartford), although the latter did tell me that most of his party members were Charlton supporters so would be reluctant to come to SE25, besides which they were organising a Quiz night near to March 10th and were concentrating their fund-raising activities towards that evening

Meanwhile, back at the oche, I scored two of Matt's games - getting into practice for the cricket season, 'Mitch' – including his game against Doug, which was a challenge to my mental arithmetic, whilst Roger Hough, who is also an Old Wilsonian, scored the final between Matt and George – thanks Roger, and for your help in so many other ways

Terry Edwards, a member of Roger's team, is yet another Old Wilsonian and he reminded me of the cricket reports I used to write

for the local paper - alas they do not cover local cricket anymore. Terry was a fine actor during his school days – probably still is – and I remember him playing the lead role in 'Billy Budd', despite having broken his leg about a week before the first night – what do actors say about breaking a leg(?)

This was an excellent evening and my thanks and congratulations to everyone who took part and to those who came along to support this fitting tribute to Alf, best summed up by Tom Murphy, the secretary of the London Print Branch who, when sending a donation of £250 towards the evening - thanks Tom –wrote:

"Alf was a great officer and it is our Branch's privilege to help sponsor the event in his name"

Doreen presented the trophies to much applause and it was her night as much as Alf's

Everyone at Palace was a joy to work with and could not have done more to ensure the evening was a complete success. They provided the buffet, three substantial raffle prizes - and the raffle tickets - purchased a new trophy and new dart-boards, which they then let us borrow for our own darts extravaganza the following week.

Kristina was on hand all evening and could not have been more helpful, whilst Caroline tended the bar, a position which is always extremely busy when Old Wilsonians are around, to perfection and, true to tradition, the OW contingent were the last to leave and did so respectively and at the allotted time

Sharon called me the next day to ask how the event went, as did Doreen to express her satisfaction

The Palace Chairman arrived soon after 10-00 p.m. and has already agreed that we can stage the competition at Selhurst again next year, when I am confident the event will be even bigger and better ,and that will take some doing

All of the participating teams - three local Labour parties and the OWFC – gained some much needed funds for their respective organiations and, as far as the Old Wilsonians are concerned and, after all, this is a column that appears on their website, they are £265 better off thanks to the efforts of the Trade Union and Labour movement and Crystal Palace Football Club; my attempts to gain converts may have been a long and arduous process, but perhaps I am at last getting there!

4th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 5th	16	11	2	3	66	21	45	35
2	West Wickham 4th	13	11	2	0	39	10	29	35
3	Weirside Rangers 3rd	14	8	2	4	27	27	0	26
4	Old Wilsonians 4th	15	7	1	7	31	27	4	22
5	Alleyn Old Boys 5th	15	5	3	7	26	27	-1	18
6	Actonians Association 5th	16	5	3	8	27	39	-12	18
7	Ibis Eagles 4th	16	4	3	9	22	34	-12	15
8	HSBC 4th	15	4	2	9	27	58	-31	14
9	HSBC 5th	14	2	2	10	20	42	-22	8

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

08/04	Alleyn Old Boys (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

1-3 HSBC
1-3 Polytechnic
3-1 Polytechnic

MATCH REPORT:

The 4th XI lost 1-3 to HSBC but did not supply a match report. The goal was scored by Panicker.

5th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Carshalton 4th	18	17	0	1	83	21	62	51
2	Polytechnic 6th	17	12	1	4	62	27	35	37
3	Ibis Eagles 5th	16	10	2	4	43	32	11	32
4	Actonians Association 6th	15	10	1	4	57	24	33	31
5	West Wickham 5th	18	8	3	7	33	27	6	27
6	Old Wilsonians 5th	18	6	2	10	39	55	-16	20
7	Bank of England 4th	18	6	0	12	34	51	-17	18
8	Civil Service 6th	18	5	2	11	25	57	-32	17
9	Merton 4th	18	4	0	14	35	52	-17	12
10	Lloyds Warren 3rd	18	3	1	14	21	86	-65	10

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

08/04	City of London (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

1-3 South Bank Cuaco
2-5 Ibis Eagles
2-5 Dorkinians

MATCH REPORT:

The 5th XI lost 1-3 to South Bank Cuaco, the goal scored by Gilson. They did not submit a match report

6th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Old Salesians Res	16	8	5	3	53	34	19	29
2	Carshalton 5th	12	9	1	2	48	19	29	28
3	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	12	8	2	2	41	14	27	26
4	Actonians Association 7th	15	7	5	3	29	25	4	26
5	Polytechnic 7th	15	6	5	4	44	31	13	23
6	West Wickham 6th	16	5	2	9	42	44	-2	17
7	South Bank Cuaco 4th	16	4	2	10	30	48	-18	14
8	Old Wilsonians 6th	15	4	2	9	24	44	-20	14
9	HSBC 6th	15	3	0	12	23	75	-52	9

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

08/04	Carshalton (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

1-1 Actonians Association
0 -3 Alleyn Old Boys
0-3 Carshalton

MATCH REPORT:

No game for the 6th XI this week

7th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 9th	16	13	2	1	55	24	31	41
2	Kew Association 3rd	17	11	1	5	59	43	16	34
3	Merton 5th	17	9	2	6	32	36	-4	29
4	Ibis Eagles 6th	16	9	0	7	50	28	22	27
5	Actonians Association 8th	16	8	2	6	33	35	-2	26
6	Civil Service 7th	18	7	3	8	43	38	5	24
7	South Bank Cuaco 5th	18	5	3	10	34	37	-3	18
8	Old Wilsonians 7th	16	5	2	9	25	38	-13	17
9	Polytechnic 8th	18	3	6	9	27	37	-10	15
10	HSBC 7th	18	4	1	13	28	70	-42	13

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

08/04	Actonians Association (a)
22/04	Kew Association (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

0-4 Ibis Eagles
0-1 Merton
2-2 Polytechnic

MATCH REPORT:

The 7th XI lost to Ibis Eagles 4-0 and did not submit a match report.

8th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Carshalton 6th	13	12	1	0	86	11	75	37
2	Civil Service 8th	16	11	1	4	64	31	33	34
3	Merton 6th	17	11	1	5	50	39	11	34
4	Merton 7th	17	8	2	7	43	52	-9	26
5	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	15	7	4	4	43	36	7	25
6	Bank of England 5th	16	7	1	8	40	27	13	22
7	Old Blues 4th	14	6	3	5	31	36	-5	21
8	Old Wilsonians 8th	16	5	3	8	31	47	-16	18
9	Old Salesians 3rd	16	6	2	8	37	43	-6	17
10	South Bank Cuaco 6th	17	4	2	11	29	53	-24	14
11	Old Wilsonians 9th	17	0	0	17	10	89	-79	0

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

08/04	Old Blues (h)
15/04	Old Wilsonians 9thXI
22/04	Merton (h)
25/04	Carshalton (a)

RECENT RESULTS:

1-2 Merton
3-0 Salesians
1-2 Alleyn Old Boys

MATCH REPORT:

A GAME OF THREE HALVES Merton 7th XI 2 8th XI 1

Before we get into the game I want to explain the 45 minutes that preceded it as I take you on a journey that could well end up on some TV show, or just be an excellent April Fool's joke.

Kek was waiting for me at Raynes Park in his car. As I got in the car a lady, also in the car says, 'oh another friend' (Kris was already in the car). My first thought was that Kek was dropping a girl he picked up the night before home or something. Anyway, we started driving and were going in a direction completely away from Merton's ground. No one was really telling me what was going on. She asked a lot of questions, such as did I have a business card scanner, and could we drop her to Wimbledon instead of Roehampton.

Then she started telling us she was a doctor and worked 20 hour shifts. We said we had to get to a football game and she said it is fine and to just get her near Wimbledon. At this point I still thought Kek knew her. She also started telling us she had a start-up and wrote blogs in the four hours she was not working. If it was not strange already, it was now. She kept changing the destination she needed to go to and then offered to wash our kit as a 'thank you' if we dropped it off at the hospital she worked at.

We just had to provide her with 'supplies' when we picked it up. – 'supplies' being mineral water and almond milk. Safe to say we were being merked / punkd (sic) or something.

Kek had had enough and we dropped her at a bus stop before she proceeded to give us her number (which I have and will be contacting her) despite a bus horning at us. She left. I then asked Kek how he knew her.

"She knocked on the car window before I picked you up", he said and told him that someone had stolen her car and that the taxi driver she was with drove away. Ultimately it was a bizarre situation, and I feel we will be on a TV show of some sorts. We then went to the wrong football ground.... Comedy of Errors. DoD: Amankwah for picking up a stranger.

Anyway, to the game. With little time to warm up you could forgive a slow start. With a lethargic pace to the game, chances were few and far between for both teams. We were a little slow at getting the ball out of our feet and ultimately conceded as we did not clear our lines from defence, with the opposition snatching the ball from our centre back and shooting at the 'keeper, who redirected the ball into the net.

We were not behind for too long and our goal came with a great switch ball from Jones that found **STRIDE**, who was onside and neatly placed the ball into the net. It was a stop start half, with lots of off sides and free kicks. We had a few chances to score more but were lacking conviction - 1-1.

The half time team talk was all about upping the intensity and we looked pedestrian at times. We started well, with a flurry of chances, but nothing came about. There was some controversy when they scored direct from a free kick, but the referee had blown the whistle for offside before the ball went in and confusing everyone, but the right decision.

Shortly after there was further debate when the ball struck the side of Rose in the box and the referee gave a penalty. James reached it in the top corner but could not prevent it going in.

We switched up our formation for the final 20 minutes and, by the end, were playing with one defender. Chance after chance came but we could not score. They managed to attack on the break a few times but were unable to capitalise. Ultimately we should have been more clinical and won the game.

Himesh Patel

Team: James, Crombie, Sparrow, Wicks, Patel, Amankwah, Page, Rivens, Jones, Rose, Stride, Small, Cheshire MoM: James DoD: Amankwah

9th XI

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
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2	Civil Service 8th	16	11	1	4	64	31	33	34
3	Merton 6th	17	11	1	5	50	39	11	34
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UPCOMING FIXTURES:

15/04	Old Wilsonioans 8th XI (h)
22/04	Old Blues (h)
29/04	Carshalton (h)

RECENT RESULTS:

1-3 Alleyn Old Boys
0-5 Alleyn Old Boys
0-3 Merton 7s
1-3 Merton 7s

MATCH REPORT:

TOO MUCH FOR THE MIGHTY NINES Alleyn Old Boys 3 (5) 9th XI 1 (0) – double-header

Six places and 19 points separating the two teams at the start of play meant we (however optimistically) came into the match believing it was winnable. From kick- off, however, it was fairly evident why Alleyns are a lot higher in the league than us, moving the ball on the ground quickly, resulting in us largely chasing shadows for most of the first half. Despite keeping our shape well, we were beaten by an awkward cross which somehow managed to nestle in the corner of the net from a tight angle and a second goal soon followed.

The second half began and saw us grow into the game a lot and, despite their quality, we kept a good shape and got a few chances on goal, with myself and Mandeep going close. Midway through the second half Mandeep Dhariwal slipped past the offside trap on the left wing and put in a delectable ball, completely bypassing the defence. and **OLIVER KRAUSS**, who has been absolutely deadly when he has been playing this season, took a single touch and slotted past the 'keeper; game on, or so we thought.

Despite some good link up play we could not find a second goal and, in the dying seconds, a free kick swung in from one of their players bounced awkwardly and looped over our 'keeper, putting the final nail in the coffin, a score-line which does not do our creditable display justice.

If our first game performance can be looked on positively, then our second game was the polar opposite. One bright spark from the day came from the performance of the returning Ned Foulkes, who looked at home in the heart of our midfield. Other than this, very few positives can be taken from this display.

Two quick-fire goals in the match saw our heads visibly fall, and, after this, the floodgates opened, with everyone getting more and more frustrated, seeing us receive three(?!) yellow cards in one 60 minute game, with the highlight of the game being when 'keeper Nev Spencer, evidently bored of picking balls out of the back of his net, asked the referee if he needed help refereeing! Harry Smith

Team: Nev Spencer, Mervin Nicholas, Jamie Moniz, Jim Lloyd, Ned Foulkes, Roddy Trompiz, Matt Hallett, Bereket Jacob Harry Smith