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Latest News

Pre-season Training
Preparation for the new season is in full swing with training taking place every Wednesday at Power League, Wallington. The session normally starts at 7pm. Keep your eyes peeled on Facebook & Twitter for updates

Recruitment
A new season brings with it the opportunity to encourage new members to join the club. Make sure you are contacting anyone returning from university. As always we are desperately looking for Goalkeepers, so if you know someone who is handy, or even just willing to go in goal, please reach out to them and pass their details on to the captains.

OWFC AGM 2017
This years AGM took place on the 4th July with 14 people turning up to have their say on the future of the OWFC. The main issues discussed were the amendments to the constitution. Those present unanimously voted in favour of amending rule 5(a) to include "brothers" in the definition of an Old Boy, while an amendment to rule 5(b), allowing two committee members of the OWFC Junior FC to recommend players to join the OWFC, was passed with a vote of 12-2. It was also agreed (13-1) that subs for 2017 would increase from £120 to £125.

Special Thanks
We would like to place on record our thanks to Mike Pike and Mike Harris. Mike Pike steps aside from his role as editor of the newsletter after 47 years and nearly 1,500 editions! His impact is hard to put in to words but you will be delighted to hear he will continue to have an input in the Newsletter through the "Throwback" section, where you will have the opportunity to read match reports from 25 and 50 years ago. Mike Harris is stepping aside from his role collecting all the stats. Again this is a huge loss to the club, but keep an eye on the website for the most up to date appearance and goal numbers.

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	£100.00 per extra hour
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.

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2016/17 Season Review

A very poor season by our standards on the pitch with only the 4th XI bringing home silverware in the form of the OBC Minor Cup. This was a testament to the hard work that Yuved Bheenick and Jon Knight put in.

Our other cup final was the 2s who came so close in the AFA Intermediate cup final, having 2 goals chalked off before eventually losing to Nottsborough after extra time, while in the league they narrowly avoided relegation. Elsewhere the 9th XI again propped up the SAL but did so with great spirit and sportsmanship. The 7s threatened a title early on but fell away badly and the 1s can be pleased with their 4th place finish.

The 3s had a good first year under Ricky Martin without gaining the results that they deserved. They lost in the first round of all the cups which meant they got to play in the Spring Cup. A final was reached but late goals gave the game to Old Parmiterians. The 5s were the definition of mid table mediocrity but given they didn't have a skipper this was a good achievement.

The 6s had a much improved season in terms of results, unfortunately this didn't translate to a better league position. They did however have a good run in the AFA Cup beating a number of higher ranked sides. The 8s suffered with availability issues resulting in them rising and falling in the league throughout the season.

The school games were played at Hayes in September which led to Old Boys victories. A few of the school boys ended up appearing in the sides as the season progressed, so this is something we should look to push again in 2017.

We were once again at the top end of the table for discipline and hospitality and Mick Pilgrim was recognised by the FA by receiving a 50 years voluntary service award which was awarded at the VP Day. This is an amazing achievement and so well deserved for a man who has put his life and sole into our club.

2016/17 End of Season Award Winners

2016/17 Player of the Year:
1XI – Jalen Gravesande
2XI – Adam Deadman
3XI – Josh Mackley
4XI – Jon Knight
5XI – Elliott Tiffin
6XI – Chris Scott
7XI – Will Davies
8XI – Michael Crombie
9XI – Matthew Hallett

Young Player of the Year :
Jon Chen

Goalkeeper Award:
James Eglon

John Brittain Memorial Top Goal Scorer:
Sam James

Clubman of the Year:
Nicholas Mole

Clarke Quarrington outstanding achievement award for commitment to the club:
Doug Smart

Fixtures and Results

Classified Results - 5th August			
Old Wokingians	1	2	1st XI
Goals: Carruthers, B., Carruthers, J.			**MoM:** Carruthers, B.

Classified Results - 12th August			
Dorkinians	2	3	1st XI
Goals: Williams, N., Osbourne, A., Thomas, R. **MoM:** Not reported			
Dorkinians	3	3	1st XI
Goals: James, S. (2), Martin, R.			**MoM:** Not reported

Classified Results - 19th August			
HSBC	3	5	1st XI
Goals: Braterman, A. (2), Steadford, K., Parkinson, A., Childs, A. **MoM:** Not reported			
2nd XI	1	1	Merton
Goals: Piri			**MoM:** Carruthers, B.
Dorkinians	1	0	3rd XI
Goals: N/A			**MoM:** Searle, D.

Fixtures- 26th August		
Merton	11-00	1st XI
Friendly - Away		
Old Wokingians	15-00	2nd XI
Friendly - Away		
Merton	13-00	3rd XI
Friendly - Away		
5th XI	10-45	Dorkinians 5s
Friendly - Hawes Down - Change of kit required		
Old Tiffinians 3s	13-00	6th XI
Friendly - Away		
Old Tiffinians 4s	15-00	7th XI
Friendly - Away		

Match Reports Table:

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
1st XI	3	3	0	0	9	0	100
2nd XI	2	2	0	0	6	0	100
3rd XI	1	1	0	0	3	0	100

Match Reports – Pre Season so far...

OWFC 1XI 2-1 OLD WOKINGIANS - Played 1, Won 1 5th August
OW 1s got the season off to winning ways in their first pre-season game after a well deserved win over Old Wokingians.

The 1s were much changed from the side that finished last season with only GK Ed Healy, Sam Wilson, Dan Sellman and Nick Williams featuring. This meant a chance for youngsters to step up and make a claim for their position going into the season.

The 1s were 1-0 down very early on, and without really getting out of their own half. A dubious free-kick was awarded to Wokingians about 20 yards out, and the Wokingians forward stepped up and bent the ball into the top corner.

From there the 1s settled and started to play some really neat stuff. Tommy Highwood and Ben Carruthers were linking up well down the left hand side, and Ben Giles and Nick Williams were causing the Wokingians defence all sorts of problems. One flowing move, started by Tobi Olowu, went from back to front and Tommy delivered a lovely left foot cross that was met by a diving Teddy Farmer who headed just wide.

The second half was a bit more stretched as early pre-season fitness started to tell. The Wokingians 3 in midfield started to find a bit more space, but the 1s restricted the number of clear cut chances.

The equaliser came as the Carruthers brothers linked up. A through ball from younger brother Ben was latched onto by John, who took it round the keeper and slotted home into the empty net. And the winner wasn't long after. After John Carruthers had hit the bar, the ball was recycled and Ben Carruthers cut in from the left hand side and beautifully curled the ball into the top right hand corner.

And that is how it finished. A really strong performance and a lot of players stepped up and showed real quality to beat a strong AFC side.

Match Reports – Pre Season so far...

OWFC 1XI 3 – 2 OLD DORKINIANS - **A game of three thirds** 12th August
After an unfamiliar early kick-off time meant there were a few fuzzy heads following Friday night, the OW 1s made it two wins out of two, after coming back from 2-0 down to beat Old Dorkinians 3-2.

The game started with the 1s playing a new diamond formation, but a lack of intensity from the 1s meant that Dorkinians, who were playing a 3-5-2, could easily get the ball wide and exert pressure on the 1s full-backs who were outnumbered. In fairness, on the ball the 1s played some neat triangles, but without ever really threatening the Dorkinians goal. And it was the home side that opened the scoring towards the end of the first third. A ball played in behind the 1s back four was latched on to by the Dorkinians forward, which was squared across the goal allowing the other forward to tap into the open net.

At the end of the first 30 minutes, OW 1s reverted to a more familiar 4-3-3, with Ryan Thomas coming on for Dom Wilson. This enabled the 1s to more effectively negate the width offered by the Dorkinians wing-backs, and to offer more of a threat out wide going forward. Nevertheless, a continued lack of pressure from both sides meant the game became very stretched with at either end. It was Dorkinians, though, who doubled their lead. After another counter-attack down the OW left hand side a cross came in, which Ed Healy could only parry out to the Dorkinians striker who cooly slotted home.

However, the response from the 1s was good, and as Dorkinians started to tire, OWs started to gain a stronger foothold and put more continuous pressure on the Dorkinians goal. The goal which started the comeback came from some nice play down the right side found Tobi Olowu in space, and he stood the ball up to the back post and Nick Williams out-jumped the goalkeeper to head in.

The final third started with the 1s continuing where they left off, and the equaliser wasn't long in coming. A corner, whipped in by Ant Childs, was met at the back post by Ally Osbourne who headed in on his debut. The third shortly followed; Dan Sellman was able to beat his opposite right back and delivered a low cross (with his left foot!), which found its way to Ryan Thomas at the back post who smashed the ball into the net.

And that's how it finished. Some weary legs made for a tense finish, but without Dorkinians really creating any clear-cut chances. It was a solid win, but with room for improvement. Still 100% for the season.

Match Reports – Pre Season so far...

OWFC 1XI 5 – 3 HSBC - How it wasn't double figures I'll never know 19th August
A pristine pitch was met with some less than pristine finishing, but the OW 1s continued their winning pre-season with their most comprehensive performance yet, beating HSBC 5-3.

After an unsuccessful outing last week, the diamond formation was back in force again, and this time it really seemed to allow the 1s to control the game from the off. Ant Childs could easily pick the ball off of the back four to start moves going forward, and Kieran Steadford had the freedom of the park to pick the ball up between the HSBC midfield and back four. After some neat play in the opening exchanges, it was HSBC who opened the scoring against the run of play. A long ball over the top of the back four was latched onto by HSBC forward (Tobi Olowu and Alex Karamath felt he was miles offside) who rounded the debutant keeper and put into the empty net.

However, the 1s responded almost immediately. The ball was worked out to Alex Karamath on the left side, who took on his man and delivered a peach of a cross that was met at the back post by a flying Andy Parkinson. And from there, the chances came thick and fast. The HSBC back four were playing such a high line that it enabled any of the strikers to get in behind at will. First Kieran Steadford rounded the keeper (and could have gone down to win a pen) and then had his shot cleared off the line; then the OW 1s scuppered a two-on-one situation with Ben Giles shooting tamely at the keeper; and finally, Ope Fashoro was nudged in the back (for what should have been a penalty) just as he was about to tap in from a cross.

The second goal did eventually come. Again, after good work down the right-hand side the ball ended up at Kieran Steadford's feet, who swivelled on the ball and struck low into the bottom left corner. The 1s should have gone on to kill the game, but again a long ball was the 1s undoing, and gave HSBC a cheap way back into the game just before half-time. The long ball over the top wasn't dealt with properly and was squared from one HSBC forward to the other to tap into the empty net.

It was 2-2 at half-time, and stayed that way for the first 25 minutes of the second half, despite another three or four more clear cut chances for the 1s. It was a strike of real quality which opened the floodgates. Ant Childs picked the ball up 20-25 yards from goal on the left-hand side of the box and curled a beauty home into the bottom right corner.

This was then quickly followed by a Braterman double. Ben Giles got in down the left, took on two and squared across the six-yard box for Braterman who couldn't miss! Then, Braterman got in behind the HSBC back four again and this time, with his new-found scoring boots, comfortably beat the keeper from 18 yards, curling the ball into the top right corner.

The game finished with a sublime goal from the HSBC forward, who picked the ball up 40 yards from goal and struck a wonderful strike over the scrambling Kris in goal. A sour note to end on, but a really really positive performance, despite the missed chances.

Match Reports – Pre Season so far...

DORKONIANS 3 - 3 OWFC 2XI 12th August
The sun was shining the weather was sweet, it made the 2s want to move their dancing feet. Or at least it would have done had they not had to travel for 2 hours 15 minutes to play in a field with more cows than working showers, and not a jug of beer or even a baked bean smothered pie in sight.

That being said, this field could boast spectacular views of the rolling Surrey hills, which the defence enjoyed equally as much as the football on offer during a rip snorter of a first half. Even the cows, basking in the glorious sunshine, were on their feet. The score was a good one.

Weather and vistas aside it was a somewhat satisfying run out by the 2s, shaking off summers of excess and finally doing some football. There were goals a plenty, three for each side in fact, with a variety of players scoring them.

Given the team's arrival with only 9 people, none of whom being a goalkeeper, it was a minor shock to all that any goals were scored. Fortunately the omni-generous 1s could lend three willing souls, effortlessly plugging the vacant gaps and simultaneously clinching the coveted accolades that are the 2nd XIs first, second and third best players.

Forza Wilsonians!

Team: Sellman, Tanner, Dunk, Farmer, Free, Elliot, Carruthers J, Martin (1), James S (2), John J, Osbourne A., Picciano, Akpakwu
Tan of the match – Ricky Martin
Man of the match – Sam James

Written by Andy Free

OWFC 2XI 1 - 1 MERTON 19th August
The second pre season game for the 2s kicked off at home to a strong Merton side. A game that saw not only Andy Fox's return and an actual keeper in net, we also began adapting to a new formation.

We started positively and extremely sharp, pressing high and being solid at the back, we were looking promising going forward with the energetic John Carruthers and Pirilesh reading the attacking play well and making positive runs. Despite this, we couldn't apply a finishing touch and were to concede first. A cross into a Merton dominated penalty area led to their player scoring a free header at the back post.

However in almost perfect fashion we came back and equalised immediately. James Karamath receiving the ball off of a throw in and crossing it to the back post where Pirilesh, unmarked, tapped the ball in - dé ja vu. 1-1 and it stayed that way for the half.

The second half consisted of a lot of defensive work from both teams. Our highlight of the half was a Carruthers partnership leading to John forcing their keeper into a good save at the bottom corner. Towards the end we were on the defensive, however our central players were solid aerially and worked hard throughout to maintain a second half clean sheet. Another draw, but there's strong potential for the season.

MoM - Ben Carruthers
Team - Bradley, George, Dunk, Shelton, Tanner, Harris D, Parkinson A, Carruthers B, Karamath J, Carruthers J, Piri, Smart D, Fox, Howe

Written by Nathan Tanner

Match Reports – Pre Season so far...

DORKONIANS 1 - 0 OWFC 3XI 19th August

After a vigorous warm up, the team look visibly unready for the start of pre-season.

1 - **KICK OFF** Williams gets the 2017/18 season underway.
1- **CHANCE**… Ballard forced into early save as the defence fails to realise we've started
4- Captain Martin is down after heading their centre back as well as the ball.
10- little to report, BNS went to 2 festivals and we've been debatably offside twice
14- Searle has shown great trickery so far, might become my new favourite player now Playford has gone.
17- **CHANCE**… Ricky Martin has a shot from outside the area which is close.
18- a sharp back heel turn from Matty Wills soon comes to a halt as he finds himself off the pitch
19- the Dorkinians number 9 has come out of his shell and shown himself to be not a very nice guy, as if Rand has ever fouled anyone.
30- Kirby wins the ball back using his 'mid-drift' and is still able to play a ball over the top before collapsing in a heap, heroics from the man that was sick as we arrived at the station.
30-whistle goes for a change around. 0-0
31- game resumes with BNS replacing Josh Eves on the left.
37- **CHANCE**… route one football from the 3s as a Ballard goal kick finds Ricky's head who puts BNS through who rustily fires wide
42- Dorks are having a good period but the new look defence have worked well all game to keep the scores level.
44- Eves replaces the jet lagged and sleep deprived Kirby
47- Searle impressively beats 4 men but the attack breaks down as BNS forgets what team he is on
49- Martin with his first outside of the boot of the season, please come to the front desk if you had number 49.
51- **CHANCE**… a nutmeg from Eves and good work from BNS sees Williams beat his man before shooting wide
52- **CHANCE**… the ball is chested to Bonsels by Martin who sees the keeper off his line, a well executed chip is narrowly tipped over.
55- the oversized number 11 Ballard lookalike at centre back goes down like a sack of spuds as Eves tickles his shoelace. He has taken offence to me laughing, hopefully he knows not to hit a guy in glasses.
58- **BIG CHANCE…GREAT SAVE**… a Dorks corner lands at the feet of their striker who from a few yards out can only score. His shot is however saved at point blank range from Ballard who is even able to grab the ball off his parry.
60- another change of ends with the scores still at 0-0.
61- the final half hour begins as the 12 men of Wilsonians will have to cope with fitness levels against the 20 man squad of Dorkinians
63- Williams narrowly fires wide as Searle puts him through.
64- **CHANCE**… a great start to the final third as Eves low shot is saved and goes behind for a corner
65- the number 9 again loses his cool as he fails to shoot and then plays through his teammate who's offside. I'm not sure even his own team like him.
66- Ballard just shouted row Z. It's an open field.
68- **CHANCE**… another good shot from Eves forces another corner. Perkins' header is blocked from the resulting and claims of hand ball are ignored.
75- more great work from Eves on the right finds Bonsels in an offside position who's shot is saved.
75- Kirby replaces Martin
76- **CHANCE**… Williams fires across the face of goal as BNS slides in to no avail. Very gazza at Euro 96. A reference lost on numerous members of the squad, some who are born in 2000.
77- Tyler clears the ball over the bar from a corner. Unfortunately we were attacking.
79- **GOAL…1-0 DORKINIANS**… a shot cannons off the post and falls perfectly for their striker who can't miss.
84- **BIG CHANCE…SHOULD SCORE**… Searle this time beats 3 men who squares to Bonsels whose shot is cleared off the line with the keeper beaten.
86- Martin replaces the impressive debutant Perkins
89- **CHANCE**… a final push for Wilsonians as first a bicycle kick from Williams doesn't fall to a black and gold shirt before a shot is again blocked by the keeper.
90- **CHANCE…CROSSBAR**…Bonsels controls and volleys into the woodwork.
90- **FULL TIME** A fantastic display from the lads as we were unlucky not to take something from the game. A game full of positives, leaving the 3s optimistic in the upcoming season.

Live touch line pitch reporter: Rand
Squad: Ballard, Rand, D'Costa, Perkins, Tyler, Martin (c), Kirby, Bonsels, Eves, Searle, Williams, Newman-Sanders

5-a-Side Report

The annual OWFC 5-a-side tournament was held on Sunday 13th August in glorious sunshine. Disappointingly only 19 sides were entered however that didn't stop some competitive, and at times feisty, football taking place.

The top two teams from each group qualified to the quarter finals of the main draw, while the 3rd and 4th placed teams progressed through to the Europa League equivalent "Plate Competition". It meant two opportunities for success, giving those not blessed by the presence of players from the higher OWFC teams an outside chance.

The final of the main competition was between "One Trick Bony's" and "Santos 92 A". Neither side conceded a goal en route to the final and they played out a 0-0 draw. "One Trick Bony's", a side made up of Cambridge University Old Boys, won the deciding penalty shootout 3-2. The Plate Competition was won by "Old Sedcopians 2", who beat "The Badger's" in the final.

A huge thank you to all those who helped set up, organise and ensure smooth running of the tournament.



Tournament Winners scoring 13 goals without conceding

Santos @Santos92Fc · Aug 13

Top morning at @oldwilsonians today, B team knocked out in quarter finals and the A team losing on penalties in the final #preseason

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Carshalton FC @CarshaltonFC · Aug 13

1s made it to the @oldwilsonians tournament semi final of the main cup, but lost 0-2 (only goals conceded all day).

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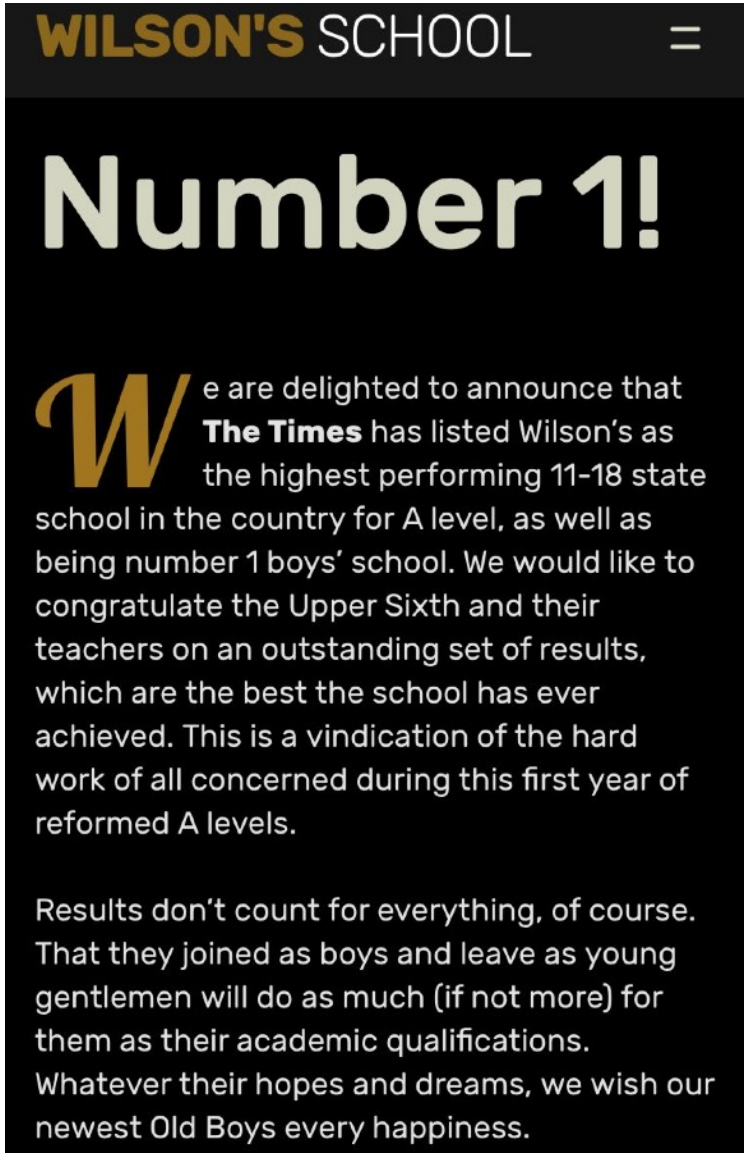
More News…

OWFC 1s have been drawn away in the first round of the Surrey Premier Cup



The fixtures for the 2017/18 AFA Cup have been drawn. The 1s will host Weirside Rangers on the 28th October. You can view all the fixtures by clicking the image below.





Former Wilsons pupil Jack Elliott bagged his first MLS goal for Philadelphia Union, scoring from a corner to make it 1-1. You can check out the video by clicking on the image below. The Union conceded a late penalty meaning they left San Jose with a point after a 2-2 draw. Interesting kit sponsor…





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