OLD WILSONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

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News

Training
training takes place every Wednesday at Power League, Wallington. The session normally starts at 7pm. Keep your eyes peeled on Facebook & Twitter for updates.

TOGGER
Togger returned to our lives on Saturday 30th September. Details of the Week 1 winners will be available soon. It is not too late to sign up, you can still make up the points difference and beat the Chairman. Full details on Togger are later in the Newsletter, including how to submit your scores via the website.

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.

Yearly Subs Due
As pay day approaches for most it is a good time to point out that your yearly subs are due by 30th October. This year's subs are £125, please make sure these are paid to the club account as soon as possible. Account number is 00685852, Sort Code 20-05-57. Once you have paid please email Alex Forbes (alexforbes46@hotmail.co.uk) to let him know, alternatively you can pay at the bar after your next home game. If you would like to discuss payment plans please talk Alex. Failure to pay means you won't be able to play after October 30th.

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.

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

Events – OW Tennis Club Quiz Night

The next OWTC Quiz Night will take place on Friday 6 October, starting promptly at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm).

This is always a very popular event on the social calendar at the clubhouse and the number of tables is limited. Several have already been booked so please act quickly if you want to join in. You can reserve your table (a maximum of six people per table) by emailing Jan Jenkins (jan.alan@ntlworld.com) or by signing up on the list in the club hut. At the time of booking, please indicate how many fish and chip suppers your table will require.

Entry into the quiz is £6.50 and fish and chips are £7. Payment is made on the night.

For all enquires please contact Jan Jenkins - jan.alan@ntlworld.com



Togger 2017/18

With the OWFC season now well underway, the 2017/18 Togger kicked off on Saturday 30th September - it's an important source of fundraising for the club and loads of you made some decent returns last season, so let's make this year's Togger even better. It's not too late to sing up, you can still make up the points difference!

Hopefully we can tempt you (and members of your team) in to making your Togger debut, or playing again this season. Again, it's only £2/week, with the first half of the competition running over 12 weeks up to Christmas, from 30th September - 16th December.

All you have to do is submit your scores online here each week and we will do the rest with the scoring, producing results for the various prizes. The scoring is as follows:

- 2 points for correct result
- 5 points for correct score
- -2 points for predicting either team (OWFC or oppo) to win or draw and they lose by at least 3

As a guide, last year the prizes were roughly as follows (obviously this year's prizes will depend on how many players sign up to play):

Weekly – £17
Monthly – £10.50
Quarterly (12 weeks) – £50 for 1st place, £20 for 2nd place
Overall (24 weeks) – £55 for 1st place, £25 for 2nd place, £10 for 3rd place

2016/17 Togger Prize Winners

Ash Phakey	£140.00	Steve Howe	£20.00
Stu Paton	£133.00	Mike Pike	£18.00
Josh Falconer-Roberts	£126.00	Matt Williams	£18.00
Arron Newble	£101.00	Geoff Robinson	£18.00
Michael Crombie	£65.00	James Doyle	£18.00
Jamie Parkinson	£64.67	Rich Smart	£16.67
Kek Amankwah	£54.00	Henry McGeever	£6.67
James Eglon	£24.67	Andy Parkinson	£6.67
Will Adams	£20.00	Jon Knight	£6.67

To get involved, all you need to do is transfer the entry fee of £24 to the club's account (Account Number 00685852, Sort Code 20-05-57), email Ed at owfctogger@outlook.com to let us know you're in, and submit your entry for the first week's results online here.

SUBMIT YOUR TOGGER RESULTS HERE

Social Media

Old Wilsonians
@oldwilsonians
Following

Oooo what a feeling, when you're dancing on the ceiling



Philadelphia Union @PhilaUnion
The Rookie 🔒 in

#DOOP

9:42 AM - 1 Oct 2017

Neil Kendrick
@KendoCricket
Follow

And what a goal it was - left foot swinger scuff, hit 3 defenders and trickled in!

Old Wilsonians @oldwilsonians
Sat 30 Sept. @TheSAL1907 Junior Div 6 South. 7s 3-2 @midfield1900 6s. @KendoCricket @SuperStridey, Curran.

Eggy
@jeglon

@wicksyyy relinquishes manager duties to become match winner, 3rd clean sheet in a row & @oldwilsonians 6s in to the next round of the LOBC

Dorkinian FC
@dorkiniansFC
Follow

OD's welcome @oldwilsonians to pixham for what must be 15th time already this season. This time it's 5's they face #ods

Old Wilsonians
@oldwilsonians
Following

J Parkinson cruelly overlooked

Staff @WilsonsPE
Player Of The Week: Tom Hubner who scored the winning goal for the U14A's in their fine league win against Carshalton.

Staff
@WilsonsPE
Follow

2nd X1 lose 5-2 to OW's in game closer than it seems. Goals - super Oskar finish & superb Elliot run & left foot strike
#poordefendingcosts

Fixtures and Results

Classified Results - 30th September

1st XI	0	1	Polytechnic
Goals: N/A MoM: Wilson, S.			

2nd XI	1	0	Wilsons School 1st XI
Goals: Carruthers, J. MoM: Dunk, S.			

3rd XI	6	2	Wilsons School 2nd XI
Goals: Williams, M. (2), Gilson, T., Bonsels, G (3). MoM: Bonsels, G.			

4th XI	3	1	Wilsons School 3rd XI
Goals: Watson, C (2). Williams, M. MoM: Tiffin, E.			

5th XI	0	4	Reigatians
Goals: N/A MoM: Cotter, J			

Dorkinians	0	1	**6th XI**
Goals: Wicks, S. MoM: Wicks, S.			

7th XI	3	2	HSBC 6th XI
Goals: Kendrick, N. Stride, J., Curran, L. MoM: Kendrick, N.			

Old Salesians 3rd XI	8	2	**8th XI**
Goals: Dulaeh, B. MoM: Not Reported			

Fixtures- 7th October

1st XI	14-00	Bank of England
SAL - Hayes		

Old Salvatorians	14-00	**2nd XI**
AFA - Away		

3rd XI	14-00	HSBC
SAL - Hayes		

4th XI	14-00	HSBC
SAL - Hawes Down		

Merton	14-00	**5th XI**
SAL - Away		

6th XI	14-00	HSBC
SAL - Hawes Down		

Bank of England	14-00	**7th XI**
SAL - Away		

Merton	14-00	**8th XI**
SAL - Away		



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Match Reports

Match Reports Table:

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
1st XI	8	7	1	0	22	2	100
2nd XI	7	7	0	0	21	0	100
3rd XI	7	6	1	0	19	2	100
5th XI	6	6	0	0	18	0	100
6th XI	5	5	0	0	15	0	100
7th XI	5	5	0	0	15	0	100
4th XI	4	4	0	0	12	0	100
8th XI	4	4	0	0	12	0	100

John Brittain Memorial Top Goal Scorer:

Scorer	Goals
Williams, M	9
Carruthers, J	5
Giles, B	4
Stride, J	4
Bonsels, G	4
Carruthers, B	3
Howe, J	3
Stanley, W	3
Watson, C	3

OWFC 1ST XI 0 – 1 POLYTECHNIC

The 1s welcomed last years' champions to fortress Hayes in what was always going to be a close affair. Wilson's looked the stronger of the sides early, allowing no chances of note for the visitors. Wilson's best opportunity fell to their skipper SELLMAN who volleyed just wide from the edge of the box after a scrappy passage of play following a long throw. The sides went in level at half time with Wilson's having had the better first half.

Wilson's started the second half brightly continuing to look solid defensively and starting to look dangerous going forward. Wilson's midfielders continued to work tirelessly and were starting to threaten going forward. First, STEADFORD was picked out at the far post and after controlling beautifully looked certain to score. Unfortunately he shot wide to the relief of the visitors. Several more chances fell with DOM WILSON dragging one just wide before powering a second chance over from the edge of the box.

The deadlock was finally broken in controversial fashion by the visitors. Having been beaten all afternoon to every ball by WILSON and OSBORN Poly's striker tried a different tactic. As WILSON leapt to challenge for the cross the Poly striker gave him a very cheeky but effective push, preventing him from winning the header and leaving the striker free to nod home at the far post. Despite Wilson's protests the referee saw no infringement and awarded the undeserving Polytechnic the lead. Wilson's were unable to recover from this and were unlucky to find themselves on the losing end of this game.

Healy, Parkinson, Osborn, Wilson, Karamath, Childs, Wilson, Steadford, Sellman, Braterman, Williams, Fashoro, Simmons

Match Reports

OWFC 2nd XI 1 – 0 SCHOOL 1st XI
With a couple of notable players missing this week's action, the 2s turned up low in numbers but high in confidence looking forward to the annual game against the schoolboys. The team started solidly and went ahead early on as John Carruthers follow up a Jamie Parkinson rocket to put us 1-0 up.

The 2s continued to hold our shape through the first half and held off the pressure from a well organised schoolboys' side. The side looked solid at the back with only a couple of individual mistakes forcing good saves from Luke in net but we couldn't retain the ball and continued sloppily until half time.

Blowing from his thunderous strike, Jamie Parkinson was replaced by a tenacious schoolboy in the middle of the park and the second half continued much the same as the first. The 2s couldn't assert their physical dominance against a strong team and continued to look vulnerable on set pieces. Stu Dunk and Dan Harris looked strong anchoring the defence and held off the late pressure to see out a good win and the team's first clean sheet of the season.

Beating out a few strong contenders, DoD goes to Joe Kirby for spending his birthday spooning corners into trees.

MoM – Stu Dunk
DoD – Joe Kirby
Side: Bradley, George, Dunk, Harris, Kyne, Parkinson, Farmer, Howe, Tanner, Carruthers, Kirby, Callum

Match Reports

OWFC 3rd XI 6 – 2 SCHOOL 2nd XI

Much like Christmas, the Old Wilsonians Vs schoolboys game is an event that every good girl and boy looks forward to each year. As such, this weekend saw the 3rd XI hosting the school 2nd XI on an extremely presentable pitch two.

The game started with the 3s playing in a manner that could only be described as relaxed. Maybe it was the early kickoff time, or the lukewarm pre-match atmosphere; whatever the reason, the 3s soon paid for their complacency. A schoolboy, utilising his superior levels of enthusiasm, managed to steal a ball over the top in the no man's land between keeper and defence. He coolly finished his chance and put the opposition ahead. The 3s finally kicked into gear after this sorely needed wake-up call and began to 'play their football'. After a bout of sustained attacking pressure, star striker, MATT WILLIAMS broke through the scattered defence and equalised. The assault continued up until the schoolboys failed to clear a cross in their goalmouth. In the ensuing scramble, MATT WILLIAMS stepped up and expertly booted the ball into the back of the net to allow the Old Boys to finish the first half in the lead.

The half-time talk called for more of the same from the 3s, who appeared to take the message to heart. Taking full advantage of their aerial superiority, the 3s began peppering the box with crosses. This strategy paid dividends, with GARY BONSELS managing to deftly put away two almost identical balls over the top from Josh Mackley and Ricky Martin.

Although 4-1 down, the opposition's spirits didn't seem to be dampened; with Old Wilsonians up-and-comer, Elliot Roberts dodging four lackadaisical tackles and scoring a consolation goal for the schoolboys. The 3s attacks also continued, with Tommy Highwood winning himself DOTD for being able to consistently hit the trees behind the goal with a number of long range shots.

The 3s final goal came in the form as a cherry on top of an already sweet game for GARY BONSELS, who smashed a rebound from a corner into the top right of the net, cementing his place as MOTM and hat-trick hero.

By now, the game was in its dying light, with the only other notable event being a highly professional foul from keeper, Dan Hall to stop a goal scoring opportunity and keep the final scoreline at 5-2. As he walked away from his floored victim, some say they heard him whisper, "Welcome to Old Boys".

Note: It appears as though Tyler Gilson's goal was missed in this report, I'm sure it was a screamer!

Match Reports

OWFC 4th XI 3-1 SCHOOLBOYS 3rd XI

The annual old boys vs Schoolboys day was upon us and saw 3 school teams travel to Hayes to see what their future football careers would entail. The 4s could only muster 7 players this week so called upon a few 3s players who had already played 90 mins to make up the numbers. Matt Ballard was doing his best in his new GK outfit to support Pride Weekend. Whilst the Schoolboys warmed up professionally we spent 15 mins trying to smash the ball at Ballard. Warm Up done we lined up in an old school 4-4-2 putting paid to the current fashion of 3 at the back.

As expected the Schoolboys started well and I personally was having terrible flashbacks of when the 4s once lost 5-1 to the school 2s..! The 4s slowly started easing themselves into the game with Roberts and Searle finding good space on the flanks but the final ball was lacking. At the other end Ironside and Tiffin were being kept busy by the big burly 'Schoolboy'. The Schoolboys took a deserved lead when some lack defending saw Ballard's initial save in vain when they striker scored a deserved goal. This sparked the 4s into life and our passing accuracy increased finding Williams and Watson more who were able to run and take on the young defence. We drew level when a corner was swung in from Rand and after some ping-pong CEJAY WATSON managed to get one of his gangly limbs high enough to poke the ball home. The 4s perhaps someone fortunately after an even first half managed to grab a second when MATT WILLIAMS was sent through and he smashed one into the roof of the net.

Half-Time we decided a switch to 3-5-2 would nullify the younger schoolboy midfield although up against Bheenick, Martin and Bance that was debatable. The formation worked and the 4s looked more balanced and started seeing more of the ball. Searle in an unfamiliar role at right-wing back was excelling enjoying a number of mazy runs and it only looked a matter of time before we extended our lead. This duly came when some good work from Rand on the left saw him chopped down for a penalty. As Ballard rushed up to take it before he was told to get 'back in his box', CEJAY WATSON stepped up calmly rolled the ball home.

Further chances came and went with efforts on goal from plenty of players. The Schoolboys also stared to attack and the game became stretched with the Schoolboys competing well and coming close by striking the post with the old boys fitness levels fading fast. The game finished 3-1 to the old boys in what was a competitive game with the school continuing to bring through excellent quality that we hope can represent the old boys moving forward.

Squad: M Ballard(GK), P Matthews, E Tiffin, C Ironside, M Rand, E Roberts, R Martin, Y Bheenick, C Watson, D Searle, M Williams, M Bance
Scorers: C Watson(2), M Williams
MOM: E Tiffin

Match Reports

HSBC XI 5TH – 0 OWFC 5TH XI
After a return to winning ways last week the 5s started their first cup campaign of the season against Old Reigatians 5s in the London Old Boys Cup. With several key players missing from previous week, the 5s fielded a much changed line up.

The 5s started brightly in the first 5 minutes as Jay Breen was put through, but fired just past the post from the right-hand corner of the penalty area. Despite the bright start the 5s began to shrink into themselves, struggling to maintain possession and inviting pressure from Reigations. The pressure told, as a neatly worked Reigations counter led to the first goal of the game after 25 minutes. Still struggling to gain a foothold in the game the deficit was doubled 10 minutes later as the Reigations forward turned neatly on the edge of the box and fired into the bottom corner. This finally spurred the 5s into action as first Paul Smiths header was brilliantly saved from 4 yards out, before the Reigations keeper closed his angles well to keep out Nick Morley.

2-0 down at half time, but with added confidence from the last 10 minutes of the first half the 5s started the second half well. Keeping then ball well and having the lions share of possession, however chances were few and far between. The game was affectively put to bed when George Young's misplaced pass to his full back went straight to the Reigations forward, who slotted in to an empty net. As the 5s continued to push forward in search of a lifeline they were left exposed at the back, with Young making a couple of good saves to keep the score at 3-0. With just 5 minutes on the clock Reigations added a 4th, perhaps giving the score line more of a shine than was deserved.

Team: George Young (GK), Chris Charman, Paul Smith, Chris Billings, Nick Morley, Chris Dyki, Jay Breen, Steve Moniz, Josh Cotter, Ash Phakey, Kevin Fowler, Will Bennet
MoM: Josh Cotter

Written by Chris Charman

Match Reports

OLD DORKINIANS 0 – 1 OWFC 6th XI

With Adams' and Eglon's holidays over it was back to business with a London Old Boy's Cup game away at Dorkinians. Unfortunately there had been some miscommunication with the kick-off time which meant the 6s were scrambling to get to Dorking in time for kick-off, maybe Wicks should have been left in charge after all. DoD Nomination 1 to Eglon. This was shortly followed by DoD Nomination 2. On arrival and in a rush to get changed Stanmore suddenly realised he had forgotten to pack shorts and socks. This started a desperate search of any room the lads could get into, thankfully Mander showed up with spares.

Luckily the opposition agreed to delay kick-off for 10mins, this allowed for a quick warm-up and Eglon's "far too long" team-talk. The 6s started well with a good tempo, threatening without creating any real chances. As the half progressed Dorkinians became more composed and were more settled in possession. A dangerous free-kick outside the box was brilliantly pushed on to the crossbar by Holland, so brilliantly that the 6s were caught admiring the save allowing the OD midfielder an open goal, which he somehow managed to blaze over when it was easier to score. This sparked the 6s in to life and they ended the half the stronger side, pushing for the opening goal. As the half-time whistle went they were greeted by Adam's who was offering a "thumbs up" to everyone.

A formation change to 4-4-2 and one sub at the break saw Eglon bring himself on and the ref took the opportunity to explain that he "really didn't want extra time" and posed the question "who knows what may happen if the scores are still level and you find yourself in the box in the 89th minute". A change in shape was intended to offer the 6s more going forward but at times left us overrun in the midfield. Chances were still at a premium, but with 10 minutes to go a cross in to the box resulted in a corner. As has been the case all season Jeevan's delivery was pinpoint and Wicks rose to loop his header back across goal and into the top corner. 0-1.

With that it was back to a 4-5-1 to see out the game. There was only one real scare, as the midfielder who'd earlier missed the open goal missed another glorious chance, as he skied a pull back in to the middle of the box. A solid defensive performance ensured a third consecutive clean sheet for the 6s and progress in to the next round of the LOBC. As the lads left the pitch they were greeted by yet more "thumbs up" from Adams on the sideline.

MoM: Wicks – a goal and good performance inn an unfamiliar left back role.
DoD: Eglon – for getting the kick off time wrong.
Team: Holland, J., Stanmore, J., Gunnnell, W., Davies-Winifred, S., Wicks, S., Mander, J., Cheung, A., Dixon, T., Jeevan, G., Page, N., Wrenn-Smith, C., Eglon, J.

Match Reports

OWFC 7th XI 3 - 2 HSBC 6th XI
We kicked off with ten men and held our own for about ten minutes, setting up defensively but still getting into some ok attacking positions. Unfortunately the ten men told as we conceded. After that we managed to get 11 on the pitch and played out a strong first half against the slope, making chances and defending well. We couldn't capitalise of any chances however. There were a few offsides which were border line and we won a freekick just outside the box for a handball that skimmed over the bar. The opposition had a few attacks but there were no more goals in the half. 0-1.

Going downhill in the second half and changing to two up top gave us control of the game. We battled hard and managed to get the balls on the ground and some good balls over the top and into the box. It was from a corner where we got the second ball back into the box and KENDRICK stabbed it home. We kept the pressure on and some good passes led to CURRAN getting in front of his man at the back post to give us the lead. The opposition had a chance as they hit the cross bar and the ball falling back was sung at by their winger only to go away from the goal. A quick kick from Deadman went straight to STRIDE who trapped the ball took it wide just outside the box and with the outside of his boot hit the back of the net. The opposition managed to grab a second as the game closed with a superb strike that went into the top corner. However we kept the pressure up and kept control of the game. 3-2.

Team:Deadman, Patel, Sparrow, Nelson, N.Kendrick, Tyler, Dhariwal, Mcaweaney, T.Shelton, Curran, Stride
MoM: Kendrick

Match Reports

OLD SALESIANS 8 – 2 OWFC 8th XI
(Apologies to the team as I have lost the team sheet with surnames - I will email M.Harris with this later this week)

This was a game which could be summarised in three parts. First 20 minutes saw us fail to defend as a team and allowed the oppo to run through at will and we only conceded four due to the efforts of Matt Hallett in goal. Midfield enjoyed going forward but were not as keen to track back which was a bit of a problem. 20mins to 80mins much improved organisation and effort by all. Dropping back when they had the ball and showing much more commitment in the challenging. Going forward we had a better platform and in this period Barry scored two fine individual goals to the Salseians one. Last tens minutes we conceded three more sloppy goals when we lost our shape compounding general lack of fitness.

Old Salasians are a very good young side and fully deserved this win but we gave them a start and from next week we need to be up to speed from the start of the game. Lets get the defending right first and build from there.

Despite the score we should be encouraged by the encouraged by the 60 minute performance. Good performances from the defence with fullbacks Nathan and Seb impressing while Aubrey in centre midfield played his best game for the side. The brothers Dillon and Armani in wide midfield improved throughout the game and should be pleased with their efforts while Josh Mile, De Sousa and Aaron Steele were a steadying influence.

Hallet, "Seb", De Sousa, Mole.J, Nathen, "Dillon", "Ben", Aubrey", "Armani", Klaus, Nelmes, Steele.A, Spencer

All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

Classified Results, October 3rd 1992				
Old Ignatians	3	1st Xl	1	Pilgrim.M
Old Sinjuns	4	2nd Xl	3	Elliott, Prince, Egan
Shene Old Grammarians	6	3rd Xl	0	
4th Xl	3	Alleyn Old Boys	2	Barry, Cowell,C, Gilbertson
5th Xl	2	Old Salesians	5	Leach, McCoustra
6th Xl	0	Old Reigatians	5	
Old St Mary	4	7th Xl	2	Spencer, Therley
Alexander Howard	9	8th Xl	1	Sarago
Coventry City	2	Palace	2	Coelman, McGoldrick

THE 7TH'S FIGHTING SPIRIT IS THERE UNTIL THE END Old St Mary 4 7th Xl 2

I understand that, as a result of injuries and other reasons, the various team captains and organisers – such as Alex Forbes – were still running around like demented things on Saturday morning getting the teams sorted out and yet we still ended up with an 8th Xl playing with 13 players in it, and that is a great effort.

Our game started in the rain on the famous Hall Place slope with the team very much changed from last week. We started very briskly down the slope with some adventurous charges at the opposition's goal, but the last third of the pitch proved to be our un-doing and we could not convert the pressure into goals.

Old St Mary were very good on the counter-attack, with three good and lively forwards who were willing to exploit and punish our lack of discipline in not getting back quickly enough when our attacks broke down, and only some good goal-keeping from Andy Kirchin, and some desperate defending, kept our goal in tact at this stage.

Charlie Therley and Matthew Clarke fought the midfield well, the former using his size to good effect to win the ball and the latter playing some delightful short balls to promote our forward play.

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All Our Yesterdays - 25 years ago

From a massive goal-kick by Andy Kirchin **NEVILLE SPENCER** cheekily lobbed the opposition's rather short goal-keeper and we had a deserved lead. However, our vulnerability to the counter-punch proved to be our downfall when St Mary's broke again, and a superb cross from the left-wing left Ian Rayworth in a one-on-one situation with their centre-forward, who managed to get a foot on the ball first to level the scores at half-time.

A good team talk at half-time, from at least half of the team, lifted everybody up for the second half and we went out with the intention of eradicating some of our first half short-comings.

With the slope against us defending became the order of the day, and it was particularly gratifying to see our lightweight players, such as Daniel Anneberg and Andy Phillips, getting stuck in and taking a buffeting without complaint.

Despite our efforts we began to be over-run and went 4-1 down, but no heads went down and we continued to go forward and try to rectify the position and managed to get several corners and other efforts that went wide, and from one of these corners, supplied by Roger Hayes, **CHARLIE THERLEY** beat two opponents to the ball to head home an excellent goal, a well deserved reward for his contribution to the game.

This was a very good game, played in the right spirit by both sides, with notable contributions from Ian Rayworth, Andy Kirchin, Neville Spencer and Mike Ayling. Fred Brindle

Kirchin Craven Rayworth Ayling Brindle Hayes Clarke Therley Anneberg Spencer Phillips

2nd XI: Reeves Udale Mole.N Churchmann Prince Quarrington Smith.G Elliott Weaver.D Tarn Egan
3rd XI: Wing.K Murray.B Milledge Bier Hoffman Stewart (Ali)Simpson Mole.J Wilson Sullivan Stringer
4th XI: Adams.T Serre Taylor Robinson Gilbertson Burton Barry Knight Cowell,C Harris.L
6th XI: Britton Johnson.S Horn Kendrick.M Higgins Dutton Parsons Horner Lewis Rice Blake

All Our Yesterdays – 50 years ago

Classified Results, September 30th, 1967				
Lensbury	4	1st Xl	1	Reaseley
2nd Xl	11	Magdala Amateurs	0	Marks 3, Youle 3, Bartlett 2. Jennings 2, Golborn
Palmers Green	3	3rd Xl	1	Portman
Palace	1	Queens Park Rangers	0	Long

Playing with a very makeshift side the 1st Xl were one up within five minutes and, after ten minutes, it was one goal each, both having been scored by **GERRY REASELEY!**

The 2nd Xl's score would appear to speak for itself, and in the 3rd Xl "Bryan Watts scored yet another own goal and Gordon Manning played excellently"

The 1967/68 season began with Ron Ashdown still at the helm of the newsletter and the traditional fixture with the Tennis Club. This was a more difficult game than you might imagine, as 'The Rackets' numbered amongst their ranks Eric Nottage, who was an England amateur international

It was also recognised that Football Club members who also played tennis would be in the latter side, which featured a very young Les Wilkes The game was reported thus by Susan Sontag, "The man they need not gag"

Old Wilsonians' Football Club 7 Benfica – alias the Tennis Club 2

The annual game between the Soccer and Tennis Clubs was not in the classic form as cherished by all soccer theorists. In fact one critic described it as the prostitution of a once noble sport! Whilst not a show piece, it was a display to grace any stage.

Heard from the touchline: ***"Never mind the ball, get on with the game….. come on Hilary; wrap your racket round his neck…….come on Hilary……all you need is love…come on Hilary"***

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All Our Yesterdays - 50 years ago

The result was a 7-2 victory for the Soccer Club, but more important than the score was the spirit in which the game was played. The Tennis Club showed a determination to succeed that would hold any side in good stead.

It was particularly interesting to witness the performance of players rarely seen on the field. ***Mike Pike,*** or 'Garth' as he is better known, played as if he was born to the game and his two goals reminded me of Tommy Lawton at his best. ***Jeremy Judson*** displayed uncanny ball control; "He can make the ball talk", remarked one spectator – it invariably said goodbye.

Gerry Reaseley played like a dream, being awakened as the final whistle went. In full flight ***John Wilks*** is like a concrete bunker with a barbed wire wrapped around it and I know, for I had to tackle him a few times. ***Dave Cohen*** never stopped once for a beer….. he stopped about six times, whilst ***John Matthews*** just stopped!

Finally, I leave you with these lines from Sir Walter Scott
"Then strip my lads, and to it, though sharp be the weather
And if, by mischance, you should happen to fall,
There are worse things in life than a tumble in the heather
And life is itself but a game of football"

And Susan Sontag? - none other than John Ford

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