OLD WILSONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

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News

TRAINING
training takes place every Wednesday at Power League, Wallington. The session normally starts at 8pm. Keep your eyes peeled on Facebook & Twitter for updates.

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.

OWFC CLUB SHOP
If you are need of training kit look no further than the OWFC Club Shop. We have an exclusive agreement in place with Macron to supply the kit which can be purchased here.

ANNUAL SUBS NOW OVERDUE
Subs were due on 31st October, if you are haven't paid then you can't play! 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

OWA AGM – 12th December

Old Wilsonians' Association

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Wilsonians' Association
to be held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at the Clubhouse Hayes.
To commence at 19.30

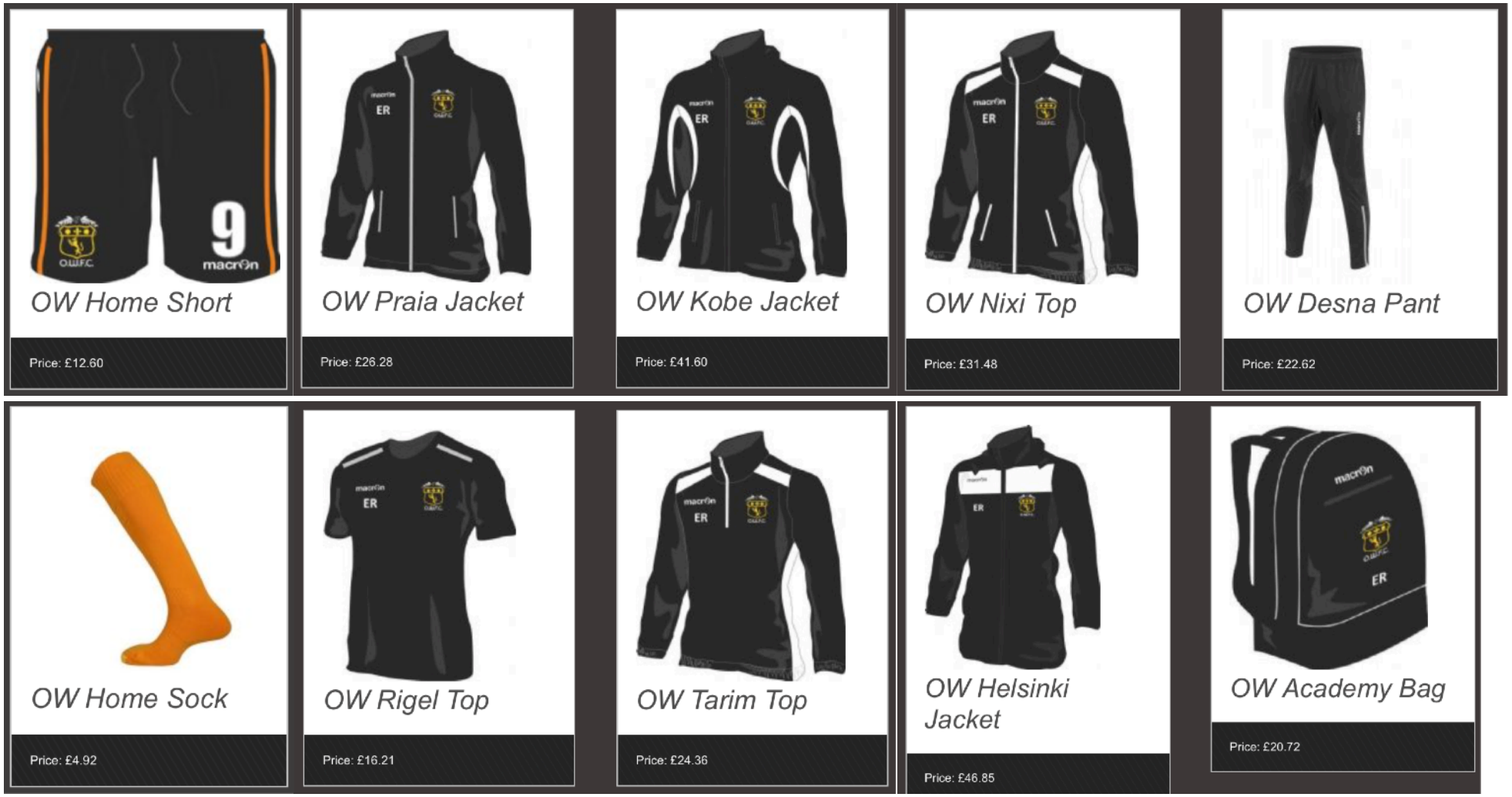
Agenda and Notice of Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 2016 AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Report of the OWA President
5. Ground Maintenance Arrangements
6. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2016/2017
7. Bar Report
8. Sports Club report
9. Clubhouse report
10. Ground report
11. Confirmation of President for 2017/2018
12. Confirmation of Club Captain for 2017/2018
13. Election of Vice Presidents
14. Election of Officers
15. Election of Council
16. Election of Honorary Members
17. Reports of Subsidiary Clubs
    a. Football Senior
    b. Football Junior
    c. Cricket
    d. Tennis
    e. Squash and Racketball
    f. Netball
18. Any Other Business

Roger Matthews
Hon Secretary OWA

Minutes of the 2016 AGM are available from the Secretary or on the Old Wilsonians' website

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To The Club Shop

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Off to the annual @The_FSF awards this evening, more in hope than expectation. Seems the right occasion for my @oldwilsonians 'Old School Tie' though



Daniel Stratford
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One of the best grounds I've played on for the #OWFC



David Bauckham @CentreCirclePub
One of the great venues in English Amateur Football - the Bank of England Sports Ground at Roehampton, opened in 1908. Bank of England vs. Old Parkonians @TheSAL1907

Old Wilsonians @oldwilsonians · Nov 29
Wed 29 Nov. @surreyfa Premier Cup. 1s 1 @FarnhamTownFC 1. @Jamiep1981. Won 4-2 on pens



Matt Rand
@mattranduk
Following

Raise your beers if you scored today @oldwilsonians #thankyouverymuchforthesixpointswickham



Fixtures and Results

Classified Results - 29th November				
Farnham Town 2XI	1 (2)	1 (4)	**1st XI**	SPC
Goals: Parkinson, J. MoM: Simmons, M. / Healy, E.				

Classified Results - 2nd December				
1st XI	5	0	Kew Association	AFA
Goal: Fashoro, O. (2), Williams, N. (2), Parkinson, J.				
Old Parkonians	2	1	**2nd XI**	OBC
Goals: Farmer, T. MoM: Bradley, L.				
3rd XI	P	P	Carshalton	SAL
West Wickham 5XI	1	2	**4th XI**	SAL
Goals: Matthews, P., Rand, M. MoM: Jeevan, G.				
5th XI	4	3	Acton Association 8XI	SAL
Goals: Breen, J. (2), Small, J (2). MoM: Breen, J.				
City of London 3XI	1	1	**6th XI**	SAL
Goals: Quinn, J. MoM: Quinn, J.				
7th XI	4	6	Merton 7XI	SAL
Goal: Dhariwal, M. (2), Rand, R. (2)				
8th XI	P	P	Salesians 3XI	SAL

Fixtures- 9th December		
Garchonians	14-00	**2nd XI**
SAL - Away		
3rd XI	14-00	Actonian Association 4s
SAL - Hayes		
4th XI	14-00	Alleyn 6s
SAL - Hawes Down		
5th XI	14-00	City of London 3rd XI
SAL - Hawes Down		
HSBC 5th XI	14-00	**6th XI**
SAL - Away		
7th XI	14-00	Civil Service 8th XI
SAL - Hawes Down		
8th XI	14-00	Merton 7th XI
SAL - Hayes		



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Match Reports

Match Reports Table:

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
3rd XI	15	14	1	0	43	2	100
5th XI	14	13	1	0	40	2	100
2nd XI	14	14	0	0	42	0	100
6th XI	13	13	0	0	39	0	100
7th XI	13	13	0	0	39	0	100
4th XI	13	13	0	0	39	0	100
8th XI	11	11	0	0	33	0	100
1st XI	18	16	1	1	49	5	94

John Brittain Memorial Top Goal Scorer:

Scorer	Goals
Williams, M	16
Watson, C Carruthers, J	10
Williams, N Small, J	7
Gilson, T Fashoro, O	6
Stride, J OG Bonsels, G	5
Giles, B Dyki, C Dhariwal, M Carruthers, B	4
Wrenn-Smith, C. Wicks, S Wellman, I Stanley, W Sellman, D Rand, R Pathmonathan, P Parkinson, J Karamath, J Jeevan, G Howe, J Hill, J Breen, J Barber, S	3

Match Reports – 1st XI

FARNHAM TOWN 2ND XI 1 – 1 OWFC 1ST XI (OWFC WIN 4-2 ON PENS) Played 29th November
Following on from Saturday's festivities, Wilson's looked to answer the age old question of, 'can they do it on a cold Wednesday night in Farnham?' As expected Farnham had a surplus of assistants who pushed their players through a laborious warm up as Wilson's were forced to listen to Shaw's questionable music in the changing room before lining up in front of a ferocious home support. Questions have been raised as to why the ten who were in attendance decided to spend £3 to watch the fixture.

As the match kicked off Wilson's quickly emerged on the front foot with Simmons assertively dictating play. Unfortunately, ten minutes in Carruthers was forced off with a hamstring injury and on came James. Wilson's continued to have the lion's share of possession with our four central midfielders linking up well but failing to produce that final piece of quality necessary to disrupt the deadlock. As the half progressed Farnham attempted to raise their game and fashioned a few promising chances but with Healy standing firm in goal and Shaw executing a vital back post interception, nothing materialised. Even so, Wilson's consistently asked questions of Farnham's defence with Osborn and Mitchell providing width and attempting to find James and Williams in the middle but once again falling just short of the quality required. Chance after chance presented itself to Wilson's who failed to capitalise on a shaky Farnham defence, with Osborn missing the standout chance of the half at the back post. Nevertheless, Wilson's entered the changing room in high spirits and confident of scoring first.

With Farnham needing to alter their approach, they decided to substitute on what could only be described as a head on a stick. In true Wilson's style, we conceded shortly after the kick-off with a Farnham corner being cleared initially, but then crossed back in to their captain who slotted in a free header. Despite this setback, Simmons, Wilson's ex-England University 5-a-side player, for those of you who have not heard the story, fired off multiple shots which just missed its intended target. Naturally, Wilson's began to gamble when going forward, pushing men on as they desperately sought to find an equaliser. This in turn resulted in an abundance of Farnham chances but Healy, Shaw and Wilson proved formidable forces at the back, resolutely diffusing the relentless attacks. In fact Healy produced the save of the season, coming out for a 1vs1 and perfectly timing his dive to his left hand side to pluck the ball away from the striker's feet.

With the deficit not yet overturned Wilson's altered their formation to a back three with J Parkinson coming on for Shaw. This would prove to be an inspired substitution. With minutes to go Simmons hit a corner to the back post where J Parkinson anxiously stood in wait and proceeded to leap like a salmon to nod the ball into the back of the net. The 90 minutes ended one apiece.

Wilson's went first in the penalty shoot-out with Sellman converting his penalty convincingly. Farnham then missed theirs. Next, Wilson's firmly struck penalty was saved by the Farnham keeper. Steadford and A Parkinson scored Wilson's next two penalties before Healy saved Farnham's fourth penalty, diving low to his left. The stage was set for J Parkinson, scorer of Wilson's late equaliser, to finish the job and he duly obliged as he sent the keeper the wrong way. Not bad for an Old Boys team.

Team: Healy (GK), Osborn, Shaw (J Parkinson), Wilson, Mitchell, Simmons, A Parkinson, Steadford, Sellman, Williams, Carruthers (James)
MoMs: Simmons and Healy
Report by Alexander Osborn

Match Reports – 1st XI

Senior Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys	8	6	1	1	17	5	12	19
2	Polytechnic	7	5	2	0	20	4	16	17
3	Nottsborough	8	4	2	2	22	10	12	14
4	Old Parkonians	7	4	2	1	15	11	4	14
5	West Wickham	8	3	2	3	12	14	-2	11
6	East Barnet Old Grammarians	7	2	2	3	11	16	-5	8
7	Bank of England	9	2	1	6	11	28	-17	7
8	Old Wilsonians	6	1	3	2	6	7	-1	6
9	Old Owens	6	1	2	3	12	11	1	5
10	Old Garchonians	8	1	2	5	8	23	-15	5
11	Winchmore Hill	6	0	3	3	5	10	-5	3

OWFC 1ST XI 5 – 0 KEW ASSOCIATION

The 1st XI continued their run in the AFA Cup on Saturday as they defeated fellow SAL team Kew Association 5-0 in a well-deserved victory to progress through to the last 16 of the competition and ensure a second cup victory in a week.

Availability meant a few changes in personnel from the mid week side, but the 1st XI lined up in a familiar 4-3-3 formation, looking to use the attacking threat of Ope and Dan Sellman on the flanks, with Nick Williams through the middle.

The visitors actually started quite brightly, passing the ball well, and had some dangerous players upfront. However, the home defence handled these threats well and the visitors expansive style of football was always likely to ensure chances for the home side and so it proved, as the 1st XI broke the deadlock after with a bullet header from mid-week goal scoring hero Jamie Parkinson at a corner after around 15 mins. The header certainly took a deflection, and seemed to take an eternity to trickle in, but Jamie remained adamant it was his despite competing claims from OG - one for the dubious goals panel to review in due course….

The next 30mins or so saw the 1st XI demonstrate its acting potency, as the team created a number of good chances from fast breaks. The second came from a diagonal through ball from midfielder Oz Akkaya onto Nick Williams in the inside left channel, who after steadying himself, fired a low left footed shot into the far corner. The lead was soon 3-0, as Sellman and Ope combined to set Nick free 1-1 in the inside right channel, who secured his double by opening his body and calmly slotting past the onrushing keeper.

Half time saw Sellman reinforce the need to stay focused, keep being clinical and ensure we kept the tempo up, which the team duly did. Ola, replacing Sellman on the left wing, was beginning to look a threat and duly made it 4-0 after a fine solo goal, dropping a shoulder to dink past their right-back, cutting inside and reversing his shot past their goalkeeper. The visitors continued to press and were a little unlucky not to get on the scoresheet, in particular as their forward hit a post from a tight angle having been forced wide by Ed. That said, the 1st X1 remained dangerous and always likely to add to the scoresheet, with Tobi unlucky not to score with his finish hitting the inside post and Jamie “narrowly” heading over. Ola eventually made it 5-0 having been played in by Sellman, cooling beating the keeper at his near post.

Overall a good performance and a good week for the side, progressing through to the next round in 2 cup competitions. The 1st XI will be hoping to take this good form into the final league game before xmas.

Side: Ed Healy, Ally Osborne, Richard Shaw, Sam Wilson, Michael Mitchell, Jamie Parkinson, Craig Elliot, Oz Akkaya, Dan Sellman, Nick Williams, Ope Fashoro. Subs: Tobi Olowu, Ola Fisher
Report by Oz Akkaya

Match Reports – 2nd XI

Intermediate Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic Res	9	6	2	1	27	10	17	20
2	West Wickham Res	8	6	1	1	24	11	13	19
3	Actonians Association Res	10	5	0	5	20	19	1	15
4	Civil Service Res	8	3	2	3	15	22	-7	11
5	Winchmore Hill Res	7	3	0	4	17	15	2	9
6	NUFC Oilers Res	4	2	2	0	11	6	5	8
7	Alleyn Old Boys Res	5	2	1	2	9	5	4	7
8	Nottsborough Res	8	2	1	5	17	20	-3	7
9	Old Wilsonians Res	4	2	0	2	7	9	-2	6
10	Old Garchonians Res	7	2	0	5	18	24	-6	6
11	East Barnet Old Grammarians Res	6	0	1	5	5	29	-24	1

OLD PARKONIANS 2 – 1 OWFC 2nd XI

After a rather lengthy journey to the north east of Greater London, the 2s arrived at Old Parkonians for another big cup tie. A noticeably youthful 2nd XI found themselves in an open game from the start with Ted causing havoc up top for WIlsonians and the Parkonians right winger, driving towards the 6 yard box, found himself on the receiving end of a brutal James Kyne body check, obvious to everyone but the ref.

Unfortunately, the 2s found themselves a goal down 10 minutes in after play broke down in the middle of the pitch and fell to a Parkonians player who after scuffed a shot into the bottom left corner from just outside the box. The excitement continued minutes later as the Parkonians centre mid did his best Kieron Dyer/Lee Bowyer impression, completely losing his head and attempting to start a fight with arguably their best player, the reason for this unbeknown to anyone but the two. The equaliser for Wilsonians came after a sloppy back pass forced by good pressure high up the pitch found Ted, smartly positioned 10 yards off side, who neatly slotted past the keeper to make it 1-1. The game remained open with both sides having multiple chances. The 3rd goal of the half went to Parkonians after an arguably soft penalty was given against WIlsonians, 'Deano' skipping past James Kyne whose legs brushed together but the ref saw it as enough to award the home side a penalty. Luke did exceptionally well to pull off a one armed save from the penalty, for it to be quickly followed up by the penalty taker who netted with a diving header. The half ended 2-1.

The second half was played in the same fashion as the first, both teams creating a number chances but great work from Luke kept us in the game. Without any subs to call on, it was noticeable that the fresh legs brought on by Parkonians were beginning to cause problems and with increased work to be done in the middle of the pitch Joe Kirby went down with cramp in his hamstring, this brought about perhaps the most interesting moment of the second half as the parkonian winger decided he was best suited to aid Joe and proceeded to tenderly work his way up Joe's leg, bringing peculiar groans. The intimate moment tempted a number of other struggling players to request a massage, rather than use the services of the advertised post-match masseuse. Wilsonians valiantly pressed for an equaliser and managed to create a couple of half decent chances but unfortunately could not find an equaliser. The game ended 2-1 and our old boys cup dreams are over. Big game in the league next week to get back into winning ways!

Team: Luke Bradley, Mike Evans, Jack Shelton, James Kyne, Nathan Tanner, Joe Kirby, Andy Free, Josh Eves, James Taylor, Josh Mackley, Teddy Farmer.
MoM: Luke Bradley
Report by "John Hew"

Match Reports – 3rd XI

Junior Division 1 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	South Bank Cuaco 3rd	9	5	2	2	20	15	5	17
2	Polytechnic 4th	5	4	1	0	14	3	11	13
3	Carshalton 3rd	8	4	0	4	19	20	-1	12
4	Old Wilsonians 3rd	6	3	2	1	18	9	9	11
5	City of London	7	3	2	2	16	12	4	11
6	Nottsborough 4th	7	3	1	3	14	14	0	10
7	Alleyn Old Boys 4th	5	3	0	2	12	12	0	9
8	HSBC 3rd	6	2	2	2	10	9	1	8
9	Kew Association Res	9	2	0	7	16	31	-15	6
10	Actonians Association 4th	5	1	1	3	9	10	-1	4
11	Merton 3rd	7	1	1	5	11	24	-13	4

OWFC 3rd XI P – P CARSHALTON 3RD XI

Match Reports – 4th XI

Junior Division 3 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Carshalton 5th	8	7	1	0	26	7	19	22
2	Actonians Association 6th	10	6	2	2	22	18	4	20
3	Old Wilsonians 4th	7	4	1	2	13	13	0	13
4	Ibis Eagles 4th	6	4	0	2	18	8	10	12
5	Polytechnic 6th	8	2	4	2	19	23	-4	10
6	HSBC 4th	8	3	0	5	20	24	-4	9
7	West Wickham 5th	7	3	0	4	13	18	-5	9
8	City of London Res	9	2	1	6	13	22	-9	7
9	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	8	1	3	4	15	18	-3	6
10	Bank of England 4th	9	1	2	6	13	21	-8	5

WEST WICKHAM 5TH XI 1 – 2 OWFC 4TH XI

It was a cold winters day in the murky surroundings of West Wickham. OWFC IV 11 faced a steep task before a ball was even kicked. We were on a bare 11 with a much-changed team, with 90% of those available being midfielders. However, we knew something special was in the offering when Jacques turned up on time with our newly improved, slick kitbag for life (consult your local Sainsbury for a replica kitbag). He of course hadn't been to sleep yet since Thursday night, but that's besides the point. Commitment.

The changing room was buoyant and the 90s club classics were pumping thanks to the Notorious Ballard-In-Goal. A moment of confusion arose before we headed out to the pitch, with stand-in skipper, Pat Matthews asking Tiffin if he had any hair product. Because he's always meticulously prepared, of course did. Pat then demanded he use some BEFORE the match, grabbed it, marched into the toilet, stood in front of the mirror and made little-to-no difference to his barnet. Using the justification that "well Ronaldo does it before every game." Further providing evidence that Pat does indeed live in an alternative reality to the rest of us. Few Stranger Things have happened before the start of a game.

Once out on the field and after having completed yet another stellar Matt Rand warm up, stand-in skipper Pat Matthews huddled the team together. Pat then delivered some exciting news, announcing that he would not be starting himself in the back 3. Jubilation swept across the team. He then announced that he would be starting himself at right-wing. Despair. A decision that would have a huge impact on the outcome of this match. Fortunately, we were able to name 3 excellent additions to the IV 11 frow OWFC III 11. BNS, Spuds and Dan Searle. All of whom showed their class and calmness throughout the game when chaos ensued around them. A shout must go to the IIIs for helping us out. Another welcome addition to the starting lineup was Chris Ironside, making his long awaited return to the team. Rumour has it that the Ironside household is still reeling from the lack of a WAGS WhatsApp group, which explained his absence. Watch this space...

Once we kicked off, it took us at least 25 minutes to start to understand each other and gel as a team. Unfortunately during that period, West Wickham made a strong start. In the first 5 minutes Gowtham rose like a salmon at the near post and diverted an expert header goalwards, the only negative was that it was towards Ballard's goal. Matt Rand was fortunately there to "sweep the ball off the line". Most watching the game and not wearing gold and black would argue that the ball was at least 2 yards over the line. We of course disagreed and most importantly, so did the man in the middle.

10 minutes after this, a moment of slack defending and communication provided an opening to Tom Daley of West Wickham who drove a good strike into the far corner from outside the area. Matt Ballard claimed that he could've done better, which we of course all agreed with, however it was a very good strike.

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Match Reports – 4th XI

WEST WICKHAM 5TH XI 1 – 2 OWFC 4TH XI
We then finally started playing some football, the midfield pairing or Gunnell and Gowtham started flying in and throwing in some very important challenges. We cut open the WW defence on 3 occasions in the first half but unfortunately came up against one of the best keepers in the league, Manuel Almunia, who made a string of excellent saves from BNS, Dan and Rands (following a pinpoint Matthews cross).

Before half time, Will Gunnell was unfortunately on the receiving end of a painful challenge, from the match ball, which left him realistically on 1 leg for the rest of the game.

We rallied at half time and some stirring words from Tiffin and BNS (although most of us didn't understand the long words he was using) gave hope to the bare 11. Especially as in the first game of the season we turned over our local rivals 3-2 after falling 0-2 behind. With the team talk over, we told Ballard to start playing more like their keeper and we ran out to the pitch (well Will didn't, he did a sort of, sidewards shuffle onto the pitch. Kind of like a crab).

What happened next was probably one of the grittiest, most committed and determined second half performances I have ever been a part of. Some horrendous challenges went flying in from WW, one of which caught Gowtham somewhere between his shin pad and his neck. Differing reports claim a different impact point. This unfortunately left our remaining fit CM with an injury that meant he couldn't run either. This then propelled Will Gunnell into the most-fit-CM role. A task that he was up to.

With no subs and now only 9 fit players playing, we faced an upward struggle. Tiffin, Ironside and Spuds all made some important last ditch challenges and blocks as the game opened up. Then a moment of magic, Jacques Abdou pinged a delightful ball into the box from the left, unfortunately it sailed over BNS' head but to everyone's astonishment, there arrived Pat Matthews late at the back post and he powered a headed-equaliser in off his perefectly-styled barnet. A captains goal and proof that never being in position defensively can have its advantages.

Exactly what we said would happen at half time, then started to happen. WW lost their heads and sensing a comeback, started to cheat. Tom Daley broke down their left and took a tumble in the box that explained why the ground is called Corkscrew Hill, as he completed a perfect double-tuck pike corkscrew 180 dive to the ground, with no one near him. A penalty was not given and after witnessing an act of such gamesmanship and cowardice Tiffin temporarily lost his mind. Running over to Tom Daley and attempting to push a man from the ground, to the ground. It kind of succeeded.

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Match Reports – 4th XI

WEST WICKHAM 5TH XI 1 – 2 OWFC 4TH XI
After stemming the flow of an onslaught of attacks, during which Matt Ballard made an excellent save to his right from a swerving ball, the match winning moment happened. Jacques decided to take a break from making 17 foul throws in the match and actually do something useful. He broke free down the left flank and cut in on to his right foot, only for one of the WW defenders to come sliding in and take his standing leg away. Penalty. As if WW weren't irate enough, the smirk on Jacques' face as he waltzed back to his Left Wing position threw them into a frenzy. It's the kind of smirk you'd expect to see on a dog's face after it took a dump on your pillow or ate your slippers.

This then posed a question, who would have the balls to take a potentially match winning penalty in the 86th minute? Matt Ballard. But after being told to stop being an idiot and piss of back to his goal, up stepped the unfazed Matt "daisycutter" Rand. We knew it'd have to be something special to beat Almunia, and it was. Rand sent a bobbling drive in off the right hand upright and sent OWFC IV into a state of delirium.

During a tough final 5 minutes, more important blocks were made, Pat actually defended and Gunnell and Gowtham found something left in the tank to dig in in the centre of the park on one leg each. It was kind of like watching a charity game with the CMs being from The Walking Dead cast. Then, whilst shielding the ball in the dying moments, BNS was on the receiving end of a double-footed drop kick from Randy Orton. It was out of nowhere but fortunately, West Wickham's Randy Orton is about 4ft3inches and has the aim of Chris Ironside when spraying a long ball. So BNS remained unhurt and everyone was astounded that he didn't see red, even his teammates.

But what that one moment of aggression and petulance encapsulated was that on our day, if we dig deep and work as a team, we can frustrate any team in the league. That's exactly why we are unbeaten in 7 and our form is WWWWWDW. We woke up on Sunday morning knowing that Father Yuved would be looking down on us proud (from up North) and also knowing that we're going to show as much determination and togetherness next week, when we make it 8 unbeaten and go into the Christmas break with our heads held high.

Lineup: Ballard, Ironside, Tiffin, Spuds, Jacques, Matthews (c), Gowtham, Gunnell, Dan Searle, Rand, BNS

Goals: Matthews, Rand
Assists: Jacques (2)
MOTM: Gowtham
Words: Tiffin

Match Reports – 5th XI

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Merton 6th	10	6	2	2	37	20	17	20
2	Actonians Association 8th	9	6	1	2	34	17	17	19
3	Old Wilsonians 5th	9	5	1	3	20	25	-5	16
4	HSBC 5th	9	4	1	4	27	23	4	13
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	7	3	2	2	15	13	2	11
6	Civil Service 7th	7	3	0	4	12	12	0	9
7	Merton 5th	8	2	2	4	14	21	-7	8
8	South Bank Cuaco 5th	8	2	2	4	11	18	-7	8
9	City of London 3rd	11	0	5	6	13	34	-21	5
10	Carshalton 6th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

OWFC 5th XI 4 – 3 ACTON ASSOICATION 8TH XI

The life of a Millennial in London; thrust further and further from the city and obliged, for five days a week, to navigate an overcrowded, unreliable transport system in order to perform a demeaning job that pays just enough to perpetuate this seemingly endless cycle of misery.

And then, every so often, the calendar delivers a Saturday. It brings football. It brings Old Wilsonians. It brings Old Actonians. It brings Jay Breen. And Jay Breen, more often than not, brings the magic.

Old Actonians arrived at Hayes as league leaders; punctual and with twelve men they represented formidable opposition, a real test of character and ability.

It took ten minutes for Breen to score his first. The Wizard of Wallington controlled a pass from a teammate forty yards from goal, drove towards the box and bent a curling shot high into the near post, deceiving the keeper with both his eyes and unbridled talent.

Old Actonians had conceded just thirteen goals in eight games prior to the weekend.

Two minutes later, Breen had his first assist and it was a piece of conjury befitting any great illusionist. With Actonians seemingly comfortable in possession, the Tsar of Tiki-taka blocked a clearance, chased the ball to the byline and back heeled into the path of the onrushing Jon Small who fired home with the outside of his right boot.

Old Actonians had been defeated just once all season prior to the weekend.

Humble Breen was on display minutes later, as the Godfather of Goalscoring demonstrated his generous side with a pre-assist. Having controlled the ball on the half way line, Breen elected to play the ball wide to the excellent Sam Fairhurst rather than score himself. Fairhurst delivered a beautiful cross to the far post where Small arrived to connect with a half volley into the top corner.

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Match Reports – 5th XI

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At this point, it feels important to stress that Old Actonians are a good football team and there is a reason they reached the summit of the prestigious SAL Junior Division 5. In a spell twenty minutes either side of half time, despite Wilsonians looking like they were in control of the game, Actonians scored twice. To borrow a phrase from Alex Ferguson we had entered 'squeaky bum time.'

There are moments in matches, stages in seasons, where personality traits rather than football ability become the decisive factor; courage, belief and experience of winning affect the result just as much as the ability to do a step over. Having seen a three goal lead cut to one and playing up the hill on the Hayes annex against an Old Actonians side who had not conceded more than three goals in a game all season, the 5's had reached such an instance.

Breen fired home the fourth. Chasing down a hopeful cross by Small, the effervescent Breen forced a mix up between defender and goalkeeper and was presented with an open goal. With the Actonians keeper trying to rugby tackle him to the ground, the Sultan of Striking showed the courage, determination, power and focus which won him numerous borough championships in a variety of sports to break free of the shackles and win the game.

Despite Breen providing the high notes, this was by no means a one-man show. O'Callaghan, Moniz, Billings, Smart and Hicks all produced strong performances in what was one of the most impressive displays of the season from the 5s. Now that there is finally some consistency in availability and selection, running the table and a deep foray in the cup should be the aim for the remainder of the season.

Young, Ffrench, Billings, Hicks, Moniz, Fairhurst (Cotter), Moniz, O'Callaghan, Small, Breen, Smart

MOTM: Jay Breen – Beyonce in a team of Kelly's and Michelle's
Report by Jay Breen (SHOCK!)

Match Reports – 6th XI

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Merton 6th	10	6	2	2	37	20	17	20
2	Actonians Association 8th	9	6	1	2	34	17	17	19
3	Old Wilsonians 5th	9	5	1	3	20	25	-5	16
4	HSBC 5th	9	4	1	4	27	23	4	13
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	7	3	2	2	15	13	2	11
6	Civil Service 7th	7	3	0	4	12	12	0	9
7	Merton 5th	8	2	2	4	14	21	-7	8
8	South Bank Cuaco 5th	8	2	2	4	11	18	-7	8
9	City of London 3rd	11	0	5	6	13	34	-21	5
10	Carshalton 6th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CITY OF LONDON 3RD XI 1 – 1 OLD WILSONIANS 6TH XI

When playing a side bottom of the league it's key that you are motivated for the game, unfortunately for 45mins the 6XI weren't. This wasn't helped by an unfamiliar 3-5-2 formation or the fact that the City of London 1st team game had been cancelled, so the opposition found themselves with some attacking players of much better quality.

After a prolonged period of pressure, which in all truth resulted in little threat to the goal, one of the on loan 1st team players opened the scoring. His heavy touch caught out two of the 6s players and gave him enough time to pick his spot in the bottom corner. After this the 6s switched to a more familiar 4-4-2 and began to control the game without creating many chances of note. Jonny Q was a constant threat with most of the opposition giving him a wide berth when the ball was in the air.

The half time team talk was about desire and targeting their full backs. Ed Adams was clearly very pumped after this, as within 5mins of the restart he slid in late on one of the midfielders. To be honest it didn't look like he made much connection with the player at all, but the fella rolled around as if he had been shot. This added a bit of spice to the game, and 2mins later Ed and his opposite number went in late on each other in the space of 30 seconds. This resulted in Ed being grabbed in a headlock and a number of players from each side jumping in to back their guy. Thankfully the ref kept his cool and we all played on with 11, but some of the oppo clearly couldn't keep control of their tempers, with one player in particular keen to square up to people every time he was tackled or miss-controlled the ball, which was very often.

There were a couple of penalty shouts for Wilson's after it appeared that the ball was handled twice by the defence in a matter of seconds, but nothing was given. Their was a real split in the City side, the 1st team players who were all pretty much stood on the half way line, ready to break at any opportunity, and the 3rd team players desperately defending to secure their first win of the season. One of these breaks saw the striker get in behind as he chased a long ball, as he tried to knock it past the onrushing Eglon he pushed the ball away, and to his and most of the 6s amazement nobody called handball. Lucky escape number 1.

The 6s pressure was constant, and as a ball was played across the box it looked inevitable that Jonny Q would tap the ball in to make the scores level, but to everyone's amazement he blazed it over. Thankfully he got a chance to make amends as the 6s recycled the ball well on the edge of the area and played it out wide. The cross came in and was firmly headed home by Jonny Q. 1-1.

We continued to push to try and find a winner, but once again City caught us on the break. This time the striker lifted it over Eglon but there was Ed to clear off the line, ensuring the score remained 1-1. There was still time for Steve to be called a girl (because of his long hair) by a guy playing football in tights, which we all had a good laugh about.

Team: Eglon, J., Shelton, T., Crombie, M., Adams, E., Wicks, S., Dixon, T., Lawrence, J., Mander, J., Dyki, C., Quinn, J., Wrenn-Smith, C., Adams, W., Faloye, T.
Report by James Eglon

Match Reports – 7th XI

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Civil Service 8th	8	5	1	2	24	15	9	16
2	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	5	5	0	0	33	6	27	15
3	Bank of England 5th	5	4	0	1	18	8	10	12
4	South Bank Cuaco Seventh	6	3	2	1	29	17	12	11
5	South Bank Cuaco 6th	7	3	2	2	22	17	5	11
6	Old Blues 3rd	6	3	1	2	18	19	-1	10
7	Merton 7th	7	3	0	4	31	30	1	9
8	Old Salesians 3rd	6	2	0	4	14	18	-4	6
9	Old Wilsonians 7th	8	2	0	6	15	37	-22	6
10	Old Wilsonians 8th	5	1	1	3	11	34	-23	4
11	HSBC 6th	7	0	1	6	10	24	-14	1

OWFC 7th XI 4 – 6 MERTON 7TH XI - Going back to those days where you conceded one and capitulated..
I'm going to gloss over the second half completely. Frankly embarrassing, we all fell asleep and thought we had the game won. Yes there are games of two halves but to describe this would need a number of expletives.

We started off brightly in the first half taking the ball and making strides with it, literally with the Stride brothers and Rand as the front three taking the ball forward with Dhariwal feeding them. The team set up nicely with five at the back, with Amankwah able to sweep and take the ball forward a few times.

The game was evenly poised after the opening ten or so minutes and the opposition had a chance or two on the break. Out break came from a mistake at the back but the opposition. This led to RAND taking the ball out wide and dancing round a few players into the box, cooly beating the keeper from a tight angle. Quickly this became two with Rand dancing around the box again, this time laying off to DHARIWAL to slot home. Merton had some chances but we started to work well on the break and looked to kill off the game after a corner led to Chen taking a shot and the ball falling nicely to RAND to ping a scrumptious volley into the back of the net. Rand followed up a great first half display with another assist to DHARIWAL from a free kick that floated over the keeper for a simple tap in. Game. Set. Match... Right?? 4-0

I said I would gloss over the second half, which I will, but it was a collection of errors after conceding one from a controversial penalty. A lack of communication, short passes and indecision everywhere on the pitch led to a humiliating loss. Two games left before the Christmas break... Let's turn this around.

Team: Sparrow, Chen, Amankwah, N.Mole, Ojo, Patel, Connew, D.Stride, Dhariwal, Fairhurst, Rand, J.Mole, J.Stride

Match Reports – 8th XI

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Civil Service 8th	8	5	1	2	24	15	9	16
2	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	5	5	0	0	33	6	27	15
3	Bank of England 5th	5	4	0	1	18	8	10	12
4	South Bank Cuaco Seventh	6	3	2	1	29	17	12	11
5	South Bank Cuaco 6th	7	3	2	2	22	17	5	11
6	Old Blues 3rd	6	3	1	2	18	19	-1	10
7	Merton 7th	7	3	0	4	31	30	1	9
8	Old Salesians 3rd	6	2	0	4	14	18	-4	6
9	Old Wilsonians 7th	8	2	0	6	15	37	-22	6
10	Old Wilsonians 8th	5	1	1	3	11	34	-23	4
11	HSBC 6th	7	0	1	6	10	24	-14	1

OWFC 8th XI P – P OLD SALESIANS 3RD XI

All Our Yesterdays - 25 years ago

Classified Results, December 5th 1992				
Palace	2	Sheffield United	0	Armstrong, Southgate

All other game postponed – and spare a thought in particular for the 1st XI who will this week make their ***third*** attempt to make the tricky journey to Birmingham for their AFA Cup tie

Unique, unbeatable Christmas offer

Whilst rummaging in his attic, or wherever it is he rummages, Andy McClinton has discovered three OW Sports bags. (Well, he found four actually, but being a sensible lad, he is going to buy one for himself.)

These will make ideal Christmas presents either for yourself or a discerning friend or relative – how about your Uncle Lionel or Aunt Mona? They cost a mere £10 and are obtainable from the said Any McClinton

Stranger than fiction department

And talking of Christmas, unexpectedly published in time for the festive season is "Leeds United's European Diary", which contains some drama, somewhat less action than they hoped for, and yet no room for the Club's battiest fan, the former ***Mike Harris***

Harris achieved some notoriety last year by becoming the first man to change his name by deed poll to a 'phone number. Last June, guided by a premonition, he changed it again to 'Charles and Di set to announce separation.'

And just before Leeds's first-round home leg he had another premonition and although he was worried that he might, as he put it, "lose credibility", he was determined to change his name again to 'Leeds Four, Stuttgart Nil' From 'The Guardian'

Thought for the week

Presumably the fact that Norman Lamont is "strapped for cash" has got something to do with Madame Whiplash(?)

All Our Yesterdays - 50 years ago

Classified Results, December 2nd 1967				
1st XI	0	City of London College	0	
Eagle Star Insurance	9	2nd XI	3	Brittain 2, Youle
3rd XI	7	Old Esthamians	6	Saunders 3, Watson, Carpenter, Marks, Golborn
Witan	5	4th XI	1	Robinson
5th XI	2	Cassewaries	1	Bevan, Richardson
Palace	0	Bolton Wanderers	3	

Twice Gerry Reaseley hit the upright and that's about all that happened in the 1st XI's game. It was not their best performance, even Mike Kendrick admits to having a bad game but, nevertheless, I think the City were very lucky indeed to be let off with a draw

I was told that this was the worst display of the 2nd XI so far this season and the score certainly seems to reflect this. **JOHN BRITTAIN** got two and **CHRIS YOULE** the other, whilst Dave Walker gave a creditable performance

The 3rds were well on top in their match but did relax somewhat during the last 20 minutes when Esthamians scored four of their goals. **BRIAN WATSON** opened the scoring for us and told me that he ran 30 yards to get in a first time shot, but I don't believe him! **CHRIS SAUNDERS** got a well-deserved hat-trick and **ALAN CARPENTER, ALAN MARKS and TONY GOLBORN** got one each

Bob Collinson reports: Although the 5th XI out-played the opposition for 75% of the game they still failed to convert their chances into goals. Indecision allowed Cassewaries to equalise the 5th XI's fortunate goal – scored by **BOB BEVAN** - and the winner, from **PETER RICHARDSON,** came from a period of pressure in the second half

Crystal Palace suffered a severe – and surprising – loss on Saturday, namely that of their unbeaten home record reaching back to Easter. Bolton were the wreckers and by one of soccer's little ironies they did it by power on the wings, the very department for which Palace have so long been seeking reinforcements

And how about this for important news:
It is intended to start a Veterans XI within the Club and if any of you older members are interested in this would you please contact Joe Miller (Manager) or Charlie Holder (Captain). Members so far enlisted into this team – although some of them may not know it yet – are Cyril Lucking, John Brittain. Dave Cohen, Gerry Adams and Eric Massey

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