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OWFC Events – Alf Parish Memorial Cup (21st Sept)

The Football Club seek their first trophy of the season

As the 2018/19 season gets under way, and the first newsletter is produced by the incomparable James Eglon, players' thoughts will be turning to the triumphs to come – the League title, promotion and scoring the winning goal in a Cup Final, perhaps…

All of this is a long way off, of course, but the OWFC could pick up their first trophy of the season as early as Friday September 21 st when their intrepid team of darts players will attempt to defend the Alf Parish Memorial Cup, which they won last year.

I say "team of darts players" but as I write this only two have confirmed their attendance – Matt Rand, last year's individual winner, and Doug Forbes, a man for all sports although, and whilst helping to complete the tasks necessary to transform Hayes from a cricket lovers delight to a haven of football excellence on Saturday a couple of further names were suggested by treasurer Jon Howe.

The venue of this darts extravaganza is the Vice President's lounge at Selhurst Park and participants are asked to arrive at 6-30 in order to complete the draw. The entry fee is £10 whilst supporters are charged £5, to cover the cost of the food

As well as a superb buffet, already referred to, there will be a raffle, when the prizes will include:
A football signed by the Crystal Palace first team squad
Two bottle of the Eagles unique brand of wine
Two tickets for a game of your choice
A bottle of House of Commons whisky

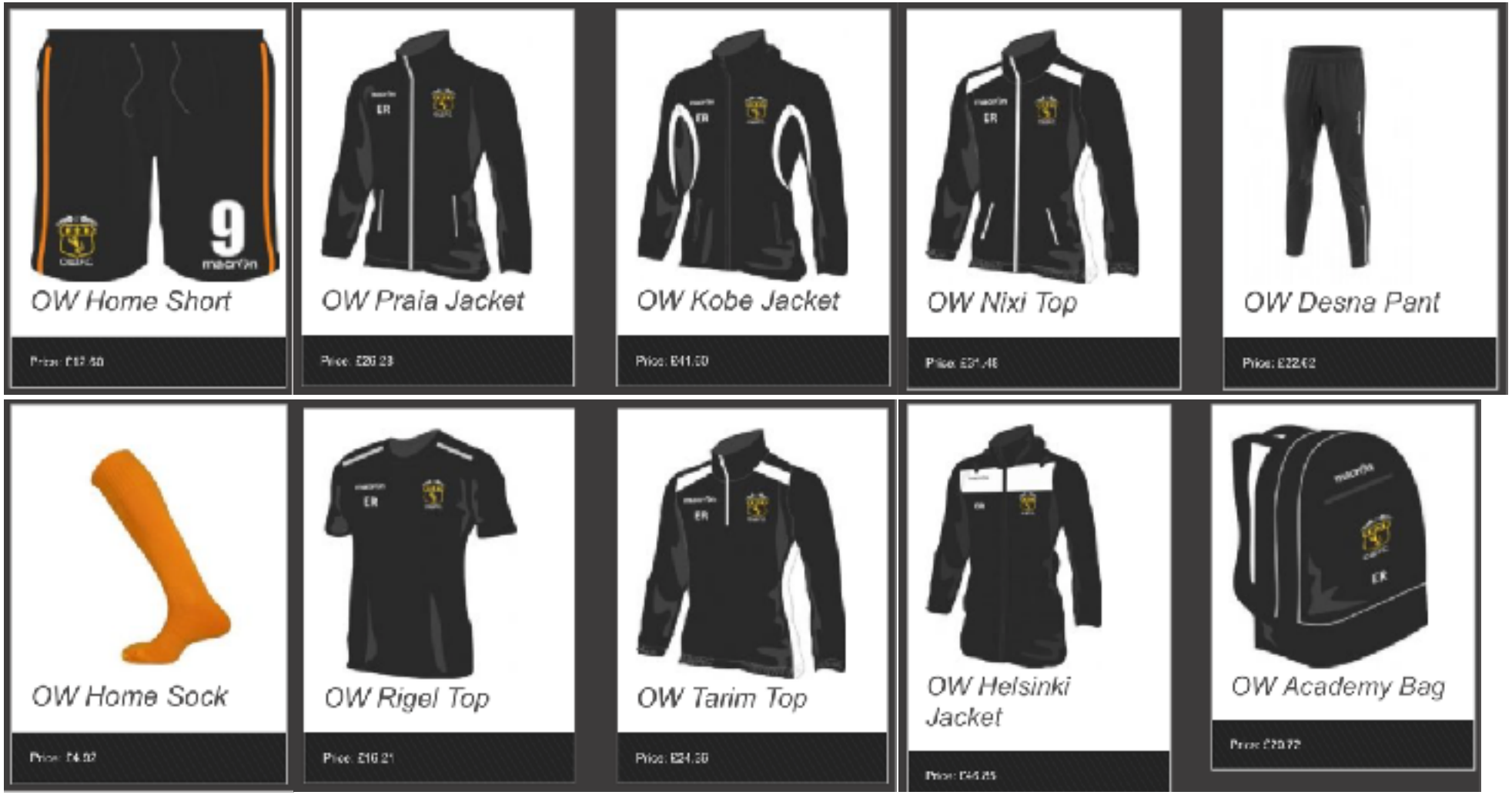
There will be eight teams participating and each side can have a maximum of five players, and perhaps it is worth noting that the Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club have already named their team of five and that they beat the Football Club 3-1 in March when a curtailed version, because of the arctic conditions, of this competition was held.

But this time it is for real, with that trophy being presented by Doreen Parish at the end of the evening. Steve Parish, the Crystal Palace Chairman. hopes to attend – he did so last year – if other commitments permit

All participating teams are guaranteed some prize money, irrespective of where they finish in the competition - the more people who attend then the more money we will make - and there is a bar for those who like a drink!

More details from yours truly but please let me know if you wish to attend so that I can inform the catering staff accordingly Pikey - 0208 659 6443 owmikepike@yahoo.co.uk

Club Shop



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Fixtures and Results

Results - 8th September		
West Wickham 1s	SAL 3 – 3	**1st XI**
Goals: Mallins, B., Wright, S., Sellman, D.		
2nd XI	SAL 0 - 2	West Wickham 2s
Goals: N/A		
3rd XI	SAL 5 - 0	Old Actonians 6s
Goals: Newman-Sanders, B (2)., Martin, R., Highwood, T., Perkins. M		
4th XI	Friendly 6 - 1	**5th XI**
4s Goals: Quinton, J., Dixon, T., Gunnell, W. (2), Platts, P., OG 5s Goal: Trialist, A.		
6th XI	Friendly 2 - 4	South Bank Cuaco 5s
Goals: Relf, H. (2)		
7th XI	Friendly 5 - 5	South Bank Cuaco 6s
Goals: Stride, J., Small, J. (2), Jones, J., Rowney, J.		
South Bank Cuaco 7s	Friendly 3 - 1	**8th XI**
Goal: Nelmes, D.		

Fixtures - 15th September		
1st XI	14-00	Winchmore Hill
SAL - Home		
Old Minchendenians	14-00	**2nd XI**
OBC - Away		
Old Parkonians	14-00	**3rd XI**
OBC - Away		
4th XI	14-00	South Bank Cuaco
SAL - Home		
HSBC	14-00	**5th XI**
AFA - Away		
6th XI	14-00	Civil Service
SAL - Home		
7th XI	14-00	Old Guildfordians
AFA - Away		
HSBC	14-00	**8th XI**
SALC - Away		



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1st XI Match Report (3-3 vs West Wickham)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
2	Old Wilsonians	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
3	West Wickham	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
4	Normanhurst	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
5	Old Scrivenians	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
6	Civil Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Old Thanet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Old Portonians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Polytechnic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Winchmore Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Actonians Association	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0

A new season, a fresh start, another chance at silverware. Derby day. Plenty of reason for optimism and Wilson's knew it was going to be their day when they realised they'd forgotten the kit.

Pre-match prep out the way, Wilson's lined up in the classic 433 with a 'fluid middle three' (whatever that is). Wickham dominated possession from the off, seeming keen to give their centre halves plenty of early touches as they amiably passed it around the back of what was possibly the biggest pitch in the world. The partnership between the Wickham striker and No 10 proved troubling with several early chances threatening the Wilson's goal.

In the end it was careless passing from Wilsons that gifted the opener to the opposition as an unfortunate rebound landed at the feet of the Wickham forward. Wilson's reacted well to this setback, looking to slide Mallins in behind whenever possible - leading to some hilarious offside decisions.

Halftime was productive and the boys returned to the pitch confident they could turn it around! Alas, another lapse in concentration gave the tricky No. 10 the time and space to scuff the ball in and Wilson's inexplicably found themselves two goals down.

Either tactical genius or pure desperation led to Sellman bringing Sheridan on into midfield and Escobar on as centre half. Ditching the 'fluid middle three' with a holding midfielder screening the defence took Wickham's No. 10 out of the game leaving Wilson's free to start some attacks of their own. Indeed a trademark long throw from Escobar into the box brushed Sheridan's ear before reaching Wright at the far post to fire home.

Wilson's were on top but a lack of communication at the back saw the ball nodded down to the Wickham attacker who unleashed a pea roller down the middle of the goal leaving keeper, Healy, with no chance.

It was about this time Wilson's began to realise they could actually end up losing and that they should probably start trying! Moving Mallins out to the wing gave him the freedom to run at the Wycombe defence to which they had no answer. A quick ball out wide allowed him to dance past the clearly struggling left back and fizz a ball across the six-yard box to the waiting Sellman to tap home - the simplicity of the move seeming to bamboozle the Wickham defence. Wilson's were now firmly in control and had set up camp in the opposition's half. Time was ticking down though, and the fans could be seen heading for the turnstiles.

That was until a moment of individual brilliance from Mallins levelled the tie. Collecting the ball out wide he once again skipped around the lost looking left-back before launching an outrageous thirty-yard strike that flew past the keeper's outstretched arms into the far corner.

Wilson's nearly nicked the winner at the death as well with a late corner fizzed in by Sellman met by Sheridan who nodded just wide of the far post. Late penalty cries from the Wickham supporters smacked of desperation before the final whistle signalled the end of an intense second half. Wickham will be disappointed that they couldn't have put the game to bed earlier but the quality of Wilson's showed through in the end and another ten minutes would likely have seen a point become three for Wilsons.
Report by Niall Sheridan

2nd XI Match Report (0-2 vs West Wickham)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bank of England Res	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
2	West Wickham Res	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
3	Nottsborough Res	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
4	Alleyn Old Boys Res	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	NUFC Oilers Res	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Polytechnic Res	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Winchmore Hill Res	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
8	Actonians Association Res	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
9	Old Wilsonians Res	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

It was our first game of the season against the champions and with 2 guys dropping out due to illness we were left a little light. However, we started with a good tempo looking very dangerous behind their full backs. We had a few shots from the edge of the box and a great chance from a corner, but could not take the lead.

Matt Powley at the other end was very solid and although they had good possession our defensive shape kept them to long distance shots. We went in at half time 0-0.

The start of the 2nd half they ended up getting a player sin binned. We had our greatest period of possession here but lacked quality in the final third. That period of high tempo left us tired and a sloppy pass inside left us vulnerable to a counter attack. A good move from them was finished well.

A tired OW side tried to chase the game with little avail. And eventually their pressure lead to another goal on the counter. We never gave up and certainly look good at times but as always looked unfit at this stage of the season. Enough though to get us excited for a positive season.

Team: Powley, George, Cliffe, Shelton, Kyne, Harris D, Middleton, Ojetunde, Howe, Farmer, Aofolaju, Tanner, DCosta

MoM – Powley
Report by Jon Howe

3rd XI Match Report (5-0 vs Old Actonians)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Old Wilsonians 3rd	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
2	Civil Service 4th	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	3
3	Polytechnic 5th	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
4	Actonians Association 5th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Carshalton 4th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Kew Association Res	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Old Salesians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Merton 3rd	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
9	HSBC 3rd	1	0	0	1	2	5	-3	0
10	Actonians Association 6th	1	0	0	1	0	5	-5	0

The 3s lined up for their first league match under new management with Joe Kirby starting with an attacking 3-5-2 approach. It was clear from the opening minutes that both teams were looking to play total football as is the fashion these days. However, it was also clear that out i the two Old Wilsonians were more the Tommy Hilfiger whereas Actonians were a bit more Jacamo.

With a high press and quick forward passing the 3s began to cut through Actionians with ease but only to be denied by the woodwork on two occasions. If was instead a quick free kick on the half way line played over the top from left to right to Tommy Highwood who required one touch to take it down and another to dink it over a rushing keeper to make it 1-0 (Assist: Joe Kirby). T

he pressure which continued into the second half had worked its way into the minds of the Actonian players which resulted in some serious headloss from their captain which was unnecessary since it was only a Saturday. The 3s took advantage of Actionians' fraying composure as Ricky Martin headed home an whipped Gowthan Jeevan corner.

The 3s grew in confidence and continued overloading the oppositions box resulting in a blocked shot falling invitingly to Matt Perkins who calmly curled his shot into the top right hand corner. Desperate to get something out of their opening game Actonians began to throw more men at the 3s but this left them exposed at the back. Quick counter attacking football and strong centre forward play saw Ben Newman Saunders slot home to make it 4-0 (Assist: Tommy Highwood).

There was to be one final hurrah and one final mistake from a shaky keeper which summed up the way this opening day had gone as another Ryan Kan educated long pass bounced underneath an outrushing goalkeeper allowing Ben Newman-Saunders to pass the ball into an empty net for arguably the easiest goal of his career. A great day for the 3s with plenty of signs of a promising season ahead.

6th XI Match Report (2-4 vs South Bank Cuaco)

ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY

A new look, youthful, 6th XI started their pre-season campaign with a home game against league rivals South Bank Cuaco 5s. Fielding 10 players promoted from the OWFC Junior section it was a good way for many to sample Old Boy football for the first time, and watching the opening exchanges you'd have thought they had been playing at this level for a while.

The 6s dominated the early part of the game with a number of players impressing on debut. Dan Shave in the middle was breaking through the lines and looking composed on the ball, while Harry Relf was enjoying plenty of the ball between the midfield and defence. It was a bit of a culture shock for Old Boys Eglon, Quinton and Dyki, as the lads often played out from the back with confidence, looking to draw the opposition in before switching the pace and play out wide to spring an attack. It was from the wide areas that Wilsons scored their two goals, good cut backs smartly turned in by Harry Relf.

2-0 up at the break…surely Old Boys football couldn't be this easy…perhaps a bit of over confidence began to creep in.

The second half proved much tougher, and served as a good lesson that players at this level don't let their heads drop, as might have been the case in junior football. The vital 3rd goal of the game went the way of South Bank, the shortest player on the pitch rising highest to head home. Shortly after a second corner and a similar result. Once again the short lad rose to head back across goal for a simple tap in. 2-2.

Wilsons rallied and really should have gone 3-2 up. A cut back found Eglon at the back post, only for his in-decisiveness as to whether to head home or volley resulted in him attempting to tap it in with his belly, and the ball trickled agonisingly wide.

South Bank then grabbed a third, and as Wilsons chased the game SB made it 4-2 with the last kick of the game.

Not an ideal start to the youthful revolution, but some positive signs. Hopefully things will be different when we start our league campaign at the weekend. Report by James Eglon

7th XI Match Report (5-5 vs South Bank Cuaco)

ROBBED AT THE DEATH

The OWFC 7XI met for a preseason friendly against South Bank Cuaco on the famous Hawes Down and the capacity crowd in attendance was in for an thriller. The slightly patchwork team took the lead after 5 mins with ROWNEY curling a looping shot over a flailing goalkeeper. Frustratingly a defensive lapse meant we conceded on the 40th minute and before we knew it were down 2-1 as we headed in to the break.

After some constructive chat in the interval the 7s came out flying and dominated the opening exchanges creating chances with the slope now in our favour. It wasn't long before a beautiful through ball from Rand found Stride who was unluckily cut off by the CB but the ball fell to the feet of JONES who cooly finished into the top left corner.

Shortly after we took the lead through SMALL after several ricochets off the woodwork and within 10 minutes SMALL was there again to seal his brace. Good work from Stride to keep a lost cause in led to Dhariwal squaring to Small who slotted through a crowded goalmouth to ecstatic celebration from the team.

We continued to defend excellently but as the game wore on our lack of subs started to take its toll and we were subject to a questionable penalty decision which the SB player finished despite Ballard guessing the correct way and coming agonisingly close to saving. 4-3.

Jones was in the action again after he robbed the SBs arguably best player after he overplayed in a dangerous area. After wriggling past the player he crossed under pressure to J.STRIDE who swept into the bottom corner. 5-3.

With the final 20 rumbling on a couple of players started playing through nasty muscle pulls. A neat bit of play meant the pulled a goal back. After a wrong throw in call the ball was put off for an SB corner. Heartbreak as despite having 7 in the box a dodgy deflection dropped to the only SB player in space who tapped in.

Ended 5-5 but many positives to take for the 7s as we get used to our new division. Great play from the new signings and with the return of other core players there's no reason we can't challenge for the title.

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Report by James Stride.

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