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Annual Subs

It is now time to pay your annual subs, and with pay day just around the corner now's the time to get it done.

There has been a price freeze this year, so you still benefit from the low prices of:

- £125 - Full Membership
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The Old Wilsonians' Association is currently running two fund raisers that you can join:

THE PRIZE DRAW

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For £150** a year payable by 12 monthly payments of £12.50, you will be entered into 12 monthly draws of £70, ten monthly draws of £170 and two annual draws of £1000

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You can hold as many numbers you like. For further details please contact Graham Watts you can request a direct debit mandate by completing the forms on the website, or by calling him on 07956 46 26 85 or email him at grawat@ntlworld.com

The SUPER DRAW & PRIZE DRAW are part of the OWA Lotteries. All payments to Old Wilsonians' Association fund raising lotteries will be used to improve facilities at the club and grounds for the benefit of all members.

OWFC Tour to Riga- Friday 3rd to Monday 6th May

This seasons tour takes in the wonderful city of Riga (provided someone books the flights), for what will no doubt be a fun weekend with questionable quality of football. There are still a few places available, so get in touch with those listed below if you are interested in joining.

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FRIDAY 3RD MAY -
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Contact Doug Forbes email Doug.forbes@outlook.com
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OW Helsinki Jacket

Price: £46.85



OW Academy Bag

Price: £20.72

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Fixtures and Results

Results - 15th December				
Civil Service	2	1	**1st XI**	SAL
Carruthers, B., Sellman, D.				
Bealonians	1	3	**2nd XI**	OBC
Cooper, N., Hewson, L., Karamath, J.				
HSBC	7	4	**3rd XI**	SAL
Not reported				
Southbank Cuaco	2	2	**4th XI**	SAL
Wright, M., Watson, C.				
Merton 4s	1	5	**5th XI**	SAL
Honeyman, W., Rand, R., Stride, J., Kennedy, C (2)				
6th XI	2	4	Winchmore Hill	AFA
Forbes, S., Dyki, C.				
Actonians Association	P	P	**7th XI**	SAL
City of London 3s	10	1	**8th XI**	SAL
Chinnery, S				
9th XI	2	2	Bank of England 5s	SAL
Belgrove, S., Rinson, J.				

Fixtures - 22nd December		
1st XI		No Game
2nd XI		No Game
3rd XI		No Game
4th XI		No Game
5th XI		No Game
6th XI		No Game
7th XI		No Game
8th XI		No Game
9th XI		No Game



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Stats

Top Goalscorer	
Sherlock, Stan	12
Watson, Ce	
Wright, M	10
Williams, M	7
Seddon, O	
Benwell, S	6
Rand, R	
Gunnell, W	5
Mallins, B	
Stride, J	
Karamath, J	
Afoluja, D	4
OG	
Breen, J	
Lineker, D	
Cotter, J	
Dixon, T	
Karamath, J	
Sherlock, Syd	
Stride, J	
Williams, N	
Sellman, D	
Wright, S	

Clean Sheets	
Sherlock, T	2
Gigi	
Dalby, J	1
Steel, C	
Bradley, L	
Healy, E	
Renee-Carter, H	
Ballard, M	

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
1st XI	14	13	1	0	40	2	100
2nd XI	13	12	1	0	37	2	100
6th XI	12	12	0	0	36	0	100
3rd XI	13	9	1	3	28	11	77
5th XI	11	9	1	1	28	5	91
9th XI	9	8	0	1	24	3	89
7th XI	11	7	3	1	24	9	91
4th XI	11	8	2	1	26	7	91
8th XI	11	6	5	0	23	10	100

1st XI Match Report (2-1 vs Civil Service)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottsborough	11	7	2	2	24	14	10	23
2	Polytechnic	11	6	2	3	28	16	12	20
3	West Wickham	8	5	2	1	19	10	9	17
4	Old Owens	9	5	1	3	21	17	4	16
5	Alleyn Old Boys	8	3	3	2	12	9	3	12
6	Old Garchonians	10	3	3	4	15	16	-1	12
7	Old Wilsonians	11	3	3	5	18	25	-7	12
8	Actonians Association	10	3	1	6	15	23	-8	10
9	Winchmore Hill	7	3	0	4	7	12	-5	9
10	Civil Service	9	2	2	5	11	18	-7	8
11	Old Parkonians	8	1	1	6	8	18	-10	4

After a disappointing result last week at home against West Wickham, the 1s travelled to Barnes to face Civil Service. With unfavourable conditions the players knew they were going to have start strong to get a result in this game. Despite the cold temperatures Wilson's had a fiery start with wingers Giles and Carruthers getting the better of the Civil Service fullbacks. On the ball Wilson's looked dangerous as Steadford, John, and Sellman were instrumental in build-up play.

A One-two ball in behind saw Gravesande pull out to the left and beat his man to the cut back the ball to Carruthers who had a simple finish past the Civil keeper. After a deserved goal Wilson's look comfortable with Civil Service unable to create any meaningful attacks. However, as the half drew to a close and after a few changes, Civil Service were able to get a foothold in the game. OW's were finding it difficult clear their lines as they faced a strong wind. OW's were then made to pay the price for this as Civil Service's number 9 found himself with the ball on the edge of the box. He was able to create a yard of space and drive a shot past Healy in goal to tie the game up at 1-1. The sides headed into half time level as Civil Service took one of their few chances despite Wilson's being the team on top.

Like the first, Wilson's started the second half strongly with Gravesande continuously getting the better of the Civil centre halves and in terrible conditions, Wilson's were still able to dominate the game. Giles dribbled past a couple of defenders before placing a shot just wide of the post. On the other end Healy pulled off a handful of impressive saves to keep the game level at 1-1. With 25 minutes played in the second half, Giles picked up the ball off a quick throw then managed to glide past two players to then tee up Sellman who had simple tap in from six yards out.

1st XI Match Report (2-1 vs Civil Service)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottsborough	11	7	2	2	24	14	10	23
2	Polytechnic	11	6	2	3	28	16	12	20
3	West Wickham	8	5	2	1	19	10	9	17
4	Old Owens	9	5	1	3	21	17	4	16
5	Alleyn Old Boys	8	3	3	2	12	9	3	12
6	Old Garchonians	10	3	3	4	15	16	-1	12
7	Old Wilsonians	11	3	3	5	18	25	-7	12
8	Actonians Association	10	3	1	6	15	23	-8	10
9	Winchmore Hill	7	3	0	4	7	12	-5	9
10	Civil Service	9	2	2	5	11	18	-7	8
11	Old Parkonians	8	1	1	6	8	18	-10	4

After OW's deserved second goal, Civil Service inevitably raised the tempo again and began to dominate possession more. As time passed they became more and more direct but were unable to create many good opportunities as the OW defence improved at clearing their lines and Healy was in command of his box. Despite Civil's control of possession OW's continued to look the more dangerous side, as Gravesande and Giles continued to threaten on the counter attack. Gravesande had brilliant run down the left after which he cut back onto his right foot before narrowly bending the ball past the far post. OW's came close again as a Sellman volley flashed past the post. Then a moment of madness saw the Civil keeper fortunate to save three rebounded efforts, one off his own defender. These numerous chances would have seen go OW's 3-1 and look comfortable going into the final minutes, however, they were able to see the game out and grab a well-deserved win.

A very good performance from the 1s who dug in through very harsh weather conditions against a decent Civil Service team. The standout performers were the attacking trio of Giles, Carruthers and Gravesande with Sellman putting in a real captain's performance, winning almost everything in the air. The win should prove to be a crucial with Division 1 very tight this season and OWs will head into Christmas break with confidence after an impressive performance.

Match report: Gbonju Odukale
Team: Healy, Odukale, Rose, Osborne, Karamath, Steadford, John, Sellman, Carruthers, Gravesande, Giles, Chen

2nd XI Match Report (3-1 vs Bealonians)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottsborough Res	9	6	2	1	20	7	13	20
2	West Wickham Res	9	5	4	0	18	5	13	19
3	Alleyn Old Boys Res	7	4	3	0	20	11	9	15
4	Winchmore Hill Res	9	4	2	3	25	17	8	14
5	NUFC Oilers Res	5	3	2	0	16	4	12	11
6	Actonians Association Res	9	3	0	6	14	21	-7	9
7	Old Wilsonians Res	7	2	0	5	11	17	-6	6
8	Bank of England Res	9	2	0	7	15	37	-22	6
9	Polytechnic Res	8	0	1	7	11	31	-20	1
10	The Warren 3rd Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2's march on in the 'Posh Cup'

Having very literally man-handled Old Etonians out of the OBC in the last round (Matt Powell's GBH charge still pending) the 2s headed up to Ilford without their esteemed leaders Jon Howe (injured) and Stu Dunk (sight-seeing in Scotland). Disappointed to not get Old Harrovians in the draw to make this a proper 'posh boy smashing' cup run, Dan Harris having failed to swerve this away fixture took charge of a side that welcomed back uni boys Ted Farmer and Jack Shelton.

Notable pre-match events include Aaron George remembering the team kit and his 'going out clothes' but forgetting his entire match day kit, and Will Stanley informing us that he would be 'circa an hour and twenty minutes late'. Splendid.

On the back of a bad run of results, we started the game poorly, as per. Conditions far from ideal on a park pitch, howling wind and freezing rain, mistakes were plenty and the first from Dan Harris stepping out from defence left keeper Luke Bradley exposed and we were down 1-0.

Time on our side, we began to assert ourselves on the game and started to minimise the errors and create chances. The equaliser came through a Ted Farmer free kick met by a bullet header from debutant Nathan Cooper to equalise, who went on to MOM with a confident game in the no.10 role and will be a welcome addition to the club.

Surviving a couple of scares we came out from the break feeling confident. The wind now against us we managed to soak up a fair amount of pressure and as planned by our inspirational leader beat Beals on the counter twice, firstly through an Aaron George through ball smashed home by Louis Hewson and the goal that killed the game off came from a Louis Hewson break down the left, nicely slotted through to James Karamath who fired home after a clever one-two with the keeper.

A satisfying win sets up a semi-final at home (finally) to Old Owens. Some work to do in the league before then but an encouraging display and as ever availability, fitness and spirit remain key to our success this season.

Dan Harris

Team: Luke Bradley, Aaron George, Jack Shelton, Dan Harris, Josh Mackley, Andy Free, James Taylor, Nathan Cooper, Ted Farmer, Ben Newman-Sanders, James Karamath. Subs: Kevin Cliffe, Louis Hewson, Will Stanley

3rd XI Match Report (4-7 vs HSBC 3s)

No match report and no scorers submitted…

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Civil Service 4th	9	8	0	1	30	13	17	24
2	Kew Association Res	11	6	3	2	33	26	7	21
3	Polytechnic 5th	9	6	1	2	23	21	2	19
4	Actonians Association 5th	10	4	2	4	18	15	3	14
5	Old Salesians	9	4	1	4	33	19	14	13
6	Actonians Association 6th	9	4	1	4	20	25	-5	13
7	HSBC 3rd	8	3	1	4	27	27	0	10
8	Merton 3rd	11	3	0	8	21	32	-11	9
9	Old Wilsonians 3rd	8	2	1	5	16	18	-2	7
10	Carshalton 4th	8	1	0	7	10	35	-25	3

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

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Corinthian-Casuals U21	9	6	1	2	32	21	11	19
2	West Wickham 5th	8	6	0	2	18	12	6	18
3	Old Wilsonians 4th	9	4	3	2	23	15	8	15
4	South Bank Cuaco 4th	9	3	2	4	16	23	-7	11
5	Weirside Rangers 3rd	10	2	5	3	14	23	-9	11
6	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	7	3	1	3	20	19	1	10
7	HSBC 4th	8	3	1	4	16	17	-1	10
8	Bank of England 4th	7	2	2	3	7	9	-2	8
9	Civil Service 5th	9	2	1	6	16	25	-9	7
10	Ibis Eagles 3rd	6	2	0	4	16	14	2	6

Clear sunny skies, crisp winter days and a carpet-like football pitches. That's what Saturday afternoons are all about.
This match was absolutely nothing like that.

The pitch resembled a bog, it felt like it was -5 and the sun didn't fancy it. Wilsons 4s looked to continue their impressive league form, building on an excellent derby victory last week and remaining unbeaten in the last 8 league games.

With a bare 11, it was never going to be an easy game, but the start of the game couldn't have gone much better. Old Wilsonians dominated the first half with the now-legendary 3-5-2 formation. Nick Page and Tom Dixon provided excellent width and troubled South Bank's back line time and time again. In contrast, our back line of Tolu, Shelton and Davis-Winifred looked in control the whole of the first half. A disjointed first half from South Bank came to a peak when something wearing a shirt with the number 14 on it was sent off by his own captain for kicking, spitting and screaming at Wilsonian's dominant midfield and attack. He then stormed off of the pitch and out of sight for 20 mins. I can only presume he headed back to the swamp where he was raised.

The only negative for Wilsonians in the first half was that we only scored once. A tidy finish by Magnus WRIGHT trickled into the net with a morally-troubled Cejay hovering over the ball for the final yard wondering whether he could snake the goal off of WRIGHT in his search for the golden boot. Surprisingly to us all, he didn't and WRIGHT's goal separated the teams at the break.

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

The second half became much harder for a number of reasons, the weather turned even worse, South Bank found an 11th man that didn't have social issues and the influential Kris Page sustained a groin strain early on. South Bank piled on the pressure and were awarded a very soft penalty, which was converted to bring the tie level. A sustained period of pressure tested the back 3 and also the very impressive George Young stood strong in goal pulling off 3 excellent saves to keep Wilsons in the tie. Unfortunately South Bank squeezed in a second midway through the half to put the unbeaten record in serious jeapordy. Everyone dug deep, some vicious tackles flew in, lung busting runs were made and Wilsons hung in the game and started to threaten in the last 15. Nick Page nearly scored a goal of the season contender with a vicious volley from outside the box that struck the upright. The other, less-mobile Page had an effort saved from 6 yards after a slick Wilsons move. It didn't look like it was going to be our day. With the game all-but over, and the unbeaten record almost gone in the last game of the year, Wilsons won a free kick 1 minute into the 2 mins of added time. The ball was lofted high into the box from deep and the tallest man on the pitch WATSON glanced a soft header towards the keeper. With the game seemingly done, the keeper decided to do something amazing. Instead of catching it, he did something that Ballard would've been proud of and let it roll through his legs and over the line. We all enjoyed the goal a lot. But we enjoyed WATSON's celebration even more when he let the swamp-beast know how much he enjoyed levelling the game. It wasn't WATSONs best finish, but it could end up being his most important of the year so far. It kept Wilson's unbeaten momentum up, kept South Bank 4 points at bay in 4th and means we finish the first half of the season in 3rd. 3 points behind second and 4 points behind first. The encouraging thing is that we've beaten both teams ahead of us already this season and will go into the New Year with a great chance to 'do bits' to quote captain Ballard.
Have a top Christmas lads - you're unbeaten in 8.

Team: YOUNG, DAVIS-WINIFRED, TOLU, SHELTON, DIXON, ABDOU, PAGE, TIFFIN, PAGE, WATSON, WRIGHT
MOM: TIFFIN
GOALS: WATSON, WRIGHT

5th XI Match Report (5-1 vs Merton 4s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 6th	9	7	2	0	37	11	26	23
2	West Wickham 6th	11	7	1	3	29	23	6	22
3	Polytechnic 7th	7	4	1	2	19	14	5	13
4	Merton 4th	9	2	4	3	20	23	-3	10
5	Actonians Association 7th	7	3	0	4	13	18	-5	9
6	Old Wilsonians 5th	7	2	2	3	17	18	-1	8
7	Ibis Eagles 4th	5	1	1	3	10	14	-4	4
8	Merton 5th	11	1	1	9	9	33	-24	4

Conditions were absolutely appalling for our visit Merton with driving rain and a strong wind adding to the freezing temperatures. We had a strong squad out with the perfect mixture of youth and experience and dominated the opening exchanges missing numerous chances with Stride particularly guilty from close range.

Obviously we conceded the first goal with pretty much their first attack when I corner got caught in the wind and was cleared off the line only to fall to their strikers 6 yards out who nodded in. We actually almost went 2-0 behind after we were caught out by a long ball but Stephen made an excellent 1-1 save. This woke us back up and we were soon level when Kennedy bundles in from a yard out from a corner. Half time.

Playing with the wind, we came out in the second half and ripped into Merton absolutely dominating the game all over the pitch. Goals from Kennedy, Rand, Stride and Honeyman followed as we cut them open time and again without letting them have a sniff. 5-1 actually flattered them in what was definitely the best we've played all season. Happy days and a great way to sign off the year!

MotM: Chris Charman

6th XI Match Report (2-4 vs Winchmore Hill)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	South Bank Cuaco 5th	9	6	2	1	31	16	15	20
2	Old Blues 3rd	8	5	0	3	23	12	11	15
3	Polytechnic 8th	8	4	2	2	23	18	5	14
4	Old Wilsonians 6th	7	4	1	2	17	8	9	13
5	HSBC 5th	7	3	2	2	21	14	7	11
6	Civil Service 6th	9	3	2	4	18	23	-5	11
7	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	8	3	1	4	22	30	-8	10
8	South Bank Cuaco 6th	8	1	3	4	15	20	-5	6
9	Actonians Association 8th	6	1	3	2	10	18	-8	6
10	Civil Service 7th	5	1	1	3	11	15	-4	4
11	Old Wilsonians 7th	7	1	1	5	11	28	-17	4

On a freezing cold day we took the field on the glorious Hayes 1st team pitch. The team is a young one with lots of potential and when it clicks is a joy to watch.

We started fast and fluent today and ran our opponents ragged down the lines and good 2 touch in the midfield. A free kick inside their half was drilled deep into our opponents penalty area by Mitch where the diversionary runs by the players left CHRIS DYKI with a free header, which he guided past the keeper for a 1-0 lead.

We kept pressing with minimal attacks from our oppo, which were mopped up by the classy back four turning defence into attack. Another searching ball down the line from Mitch picked up by Stan Sherlock who flicked the ball inside to SAM FORBES who passed it into the bottom left corner to make it 2-0 at half time.

The second half remained freezing cold with the wind now in our faces. Momentum was given to our opponents when a poor clearance allowed their player to drive a ball into the goal. This momentum continued throughout the 2nd half leaving us 4-2 losers of this quarter final.

Heads dropped, tackles didn't bite and physically we allowed out opponents to dominate, which is the same message from the previous cup defeat. We need to want it more and individuals to step up and make a difference. Good games from the back four who show good composure and fight and a good battling performances from Dan Shave and Johnny Q whose heads never dropped.

Back to the league in the New Year

Team: Jamie Watson, Dan Seston, Sydney Sherlock, Michael Mitchell, Ben Cooper, Dan Shave, Harry Relf, Stan Sherlock, Sam Forbes, Chris Dyki, John Q, Doug Forbes and Ed Adams

7th XI Match Report (P-P vs Actonians 8s)

No Game

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	South Bank Cuaco 5th	9	6	2	1	31	16	15	20
2	Old Blues 3rd	8	5	0	3	23	12	11	15
3	Polytechnic 8th	8	4	2	2	23	18	5	14
4	Old Wilsonians 6th	7	4	1	2	17	8	9	13
5	HSBC 5th	7	3	2	2	21	14	7	11
6	Civil Service 6th	9	3	2	4	18	23	-5	11
7	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	8	3	1	4	22	30	-8	10
8	South Bank Cuaco 6th	8	1	3	4	15	20	-5	6
9	Actonians Association 8th	6	1	3	2	10	18	-8	6
10	Civil Service 7th	5	1	1	3	11	15	-4	4
11	Old Wilsonians 7th	7	1	1	5	11	28	-17	4

8th XI Match Report (1-10 vs City of London 3s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 6th	8	7	1	0	51	13	38	22
2	South Bank Cuaco 7th	8	5	2	1	29	24	5	17
3	City of London 3rd	7	3	4	0	29	12	17	13
4	Bank of England 5th	7	3	3	1	14	12	2	12
5	Merton 6th	7	2	3	2	15	18	-3	9
6	Old Salesians Res	4	2	0	2	9	7	2	6
7	Old Wilsonians 8th	8	1	2	5	18	29	-11	5
8	Old Wilsonians Ninth	9	0	2	7	11	50	-39	2
9	Civil Service 8th	6	0	1	5	6	17	-11	1

An 8th XI that looked strangely like the 9th XI took to the field at City of London in conditions that could be described as not suited to beautiful football. An artic wind, icy rain and an opposition who – as the 9s – we had lost to 6-2 recently meant we were in for a tough afternoon. Not only that, but thanks to a no-show (Himesh!) we were on the bare 11, with several players not fully match fit (some for self-inflicted reasons). We held our own for the first 20 minutes or so, as we tend to do, but fell behind to some fine long range efforts. We nearly scored one of our own - Ian “Chunk” Wellman with an almost perfect long-range rocket that seemed destined for the top corner, only for the keeper to make a fine save. 4-0 at half time and it wasn’t getting any warmer or drier. After conceding early in the second half, we managed to pull one back. A Nick Mole corner was flicked on by Chunk and powerfully headed home by the legend that is Steve Chinnery! We had a few more chances, and were a threat especially on the wings with Seb Ayers and Saj Phakey putting in a particularly hard shift. But City seemed to score every time they broke forward, and our tiring, limping defence was unable to cope. With a couple of subs we might be able to compete in games!

Kek Amankwah, Roddy Trompiz, Nick Mole, Alex Forbes, Seb Ayers, Ian Wellman, Jon Hart, Steve Chinnery, Atty Ravinthuron, Graham Nelson, Sajan Phakey

9th XI Match Report (2-2 vs Bank of England 5s)

No report submitted

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 6th	8	7	1	0	51	13	38	22
2	South Bank Cuaco 7th	7	4	2	1	25	22	3	14
3	Bank of England 5th	6	3	2	1	12	10	2	11
4	City of London 3rd	6	2	4	0	19	11	8	10
5	Merton 6th	7	2	3	2	15	18	-3	9
6	Old Salesians Res	4	2	0	2	9	7	2	6
7	Old Wilsonians 8th	7	1	2	4	17	19	-2	5
8	Civil Service 8th	5	0	1	4	4	13	-9	1
9	Old Wilsonians Ninth	8	0	1	7	9	48	-39	1

All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVING THE SCHOOLBOYS WELL ILLISTRATED 7th XI 3 Dorkingians 1

The 7th XI suffered this week when a combination of injuries, illness and non-availability left us with only four regular players. Fortunately the School had finished their games and the Universities had broken-up so we were able to call upon some useful replacements

Not surprisingly we were chasing the game for the first 20 minutes against a useful Dorkingians' side and they took the lead when a shot was deflected by a defender past Mark Blandfor and, for the next ten minutes, we were grateful to Mark for some fine saves which kept the score-line to only 1-0

Gradually we got back into the game and a fine move down the left led to **DARREN COOMANSINGH** easily beating their 'keeper and shortly afterwards another good through ball by Gary Atkins gave **DARREN COOMANSINGH** another run on goal and he duly put us ahead. Ten minutes from the break a good cross from Lawrence Banks was flicked on by Mark Welfare to **GARY ATKINS,** whose left-foot drive easily beat the 'keeper to give us a 3-1 interval lead

We talked about the importance of more control at half-time and practiced what we preached by controlling the second half and could have scored on numerous occasions, our best chance falling to Mark Welfare, whose 20 yard shot cannoned off the cross-bar

On a horrible day we played some good football, especially considering we had such a makeshift team. The four schoolboys, Mark Blandford, John Benbow, Gary Atkins and Darren Coomansingh, all played exceptionally well, the last three all making their debuts fot the Old Boys

It is important that we get the schoolboys into the Club even for a few games. Most of them will go to University, but if we encoarge them to become part of the OWs, then we will reap the benefits in the long run

Tony Higgins

Blandford Higgins Johnson.A Rayworth Brindle Banks Welfare Atkins Benbow Coomansingh Corrigall.S

IT LOOKS LIKE BEING A HAPPY NEW YEAR Old Tiffinians 1 5th XI 1

Wet conditions and a strong wind dictated the way in which this game was to be played. Tiffinians scored from a long through ball which 'Jimmy Summerville' converted well. Doug Smart, in his last game in goal, admitted he should have cleared it but he made yet another horrendous cock-up! The rest of the half saw both sides playing some hectic football

At half-time we decided to play more controlled football, using Duncan Hayward and Doug Weaver on the wings more. This we did to great effect and, ten minutes before the end, Duncan got round his man and crossed for **DOUG WEAVER** to bundle over the line

Both sides had chances to win the game but a draw was a fair result, although I thought we edged it. With seven out of ten points in the five games before Christmas the 5ths are in a good position in the league and this point proved how much we have come on – earlier in the season we would have lost a game like this

As long as we play controlled football, and between ourselves, we will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season. Just keep winning boys; points make prizes

Alex Forbes

Smart.D Lloyd Forbes.A Forbes.S Whtie (Ali)Simpson Hughes.M Hayward Wilson Weaver.D

Classified Resuts, December 18th 1993				
1st XI	0	Old Suttonians	1	
2nd XI	1	Old Thorntonians	1	Sherwin
3rd XI	3	Old Wokingians	1	Pullen 2, Tarn
Old Wokingians	2	4th XI	5	Valder 2, Parkinson, Haines, Riley
Old Tiffinians	1	5th XI	1	Weaver,D
7th XI	3	Old Dorkingians	1	Coomansingh 2, Atkins
8th XI	2	Old Bromleains	0	Mark, Hayes

All Our Yesterdays – 50 years ago

Seeing that George Croucher came up to see the 1st XI, they had to produce a good result.
After a shaky start the 1st XI scored two brilliant goals – into their own net but, after several of our unsuccessful attacks, Vikings' defence decided to show us where the goal was by putting one into their goal! Dave Cohen was playing well in defence, apart from his 'goal', and was supported by all of the other defenders
It had been suggested that we try playing a 4-3-3 formation and it seemed to be operating quite well. At half-time we were trailing by two goals to one and some of the team decided to change from boots to plimsolls because of the icy conditions, and this made a considerable difference to the play of our three forward men
With the change of footwear the whole team started playing much better, using more of the long ball, which they are becoming masters of and, after several attacks, the ball came across from the right-wing for **LES SIMNER** to hammer into the back of the net
Continuing the pressure, **TERRY ADAMS** followed through after receiving the ball perfectly and coolly placed it into the back of the goal. The game now switched from one side of the field to the other and from end to end very quickly, and Gordon Manning had to pull off some fine saves and push a number of very well placed shots round the post, one 'stinger' coming from Bill Burgoyne, standing on the half-way line!
After a goal-mouth scramble their left-back handled the ball and **GERRY REASELEY** converted the penalty easily. The 1st XI kept up the pressure, playing with enormous confidence, making some fast and imaginative moves. Bill Burgoyne took one of a line of corners and placed it beautifully for **GERRY REASELEY** to head into the top corner of the goal
By this time most teams would have shown signs of defeat, but Vikings kept up their attacks and tested our defence to the utmost
In the dying minutes of the game **DAVE BARTLETT,** lurking on the edge of the penalty area, ran in to volley a hip-high ball into the net. Dave is the sort of player who is able to hit a ball, however difficult it may come at him, and such a player is a very valuable asset to the team
Despite the cold and slippery conditions the 1st XI played some brilliant football and, after two good victories – 5-0 against West Bridgeford and 6-2 this week, we should do well in this, the AFA Cup, as long as we do not lapse like me do in leagues matches Gordon Manning

The 4ths took an early lead against the league leaders with a well-taken goal by **TERRY FANNING** and, shortly after, a defender handled un-necessarily and **JOHN CARTER** scored from the spot
The 4ths led by these two goals for an hour until Fulham finally scored against a defence which had, hitherto, looked very solid but, within five minutes, we were 3-2 down and Fulham then continued to score at regular intervals until the final whistle
Certainly the defence had contained the Fulham attack well for the first hour, with Bob Chapman growing in confidence. Unfortunately our light-weight forward line – Dave McCarthy excepted – made little impression on the game after the first ten minutes Bob Bevan

Classified Results, December 14th 1968				
1st XI	6	Viking Sports	2	OG, Simner, Adams.T, Reaseley 2, Bartlett
Fulham Compton	?	4th XI	2	Fanning, Carter
Palace	4	Aston Villa	2	Taylor,T, Hoy,Taylor.C 2

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