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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.

Alf Parish Memorial Darts Match - March 29th

The Football Club seek to retain the Alf Parish Memorial Trophy! The ever vigilant Alex Forbes, perfectly illustrated by his excellent weekly round-up of all things Old Wilsonian, has vigorously promoted the Alf Parish Memorial Darts Match which takes place on FRIDAY MARCH 29th at Selhurst Park.

The event is particularly pertinent to the Football Club as they are the current holders, thanks to the efforts of their illustrious team, Alex Forbes, Doug Forbes, Matt Rand, Ian Wellman and James Taylor who, hopefully, will be representing the OWFC again – the indefatigable Alex is working to ensure that this is the case
The Football Club are not only the current holders but won the event the year before, so are hoping to achieve a notable hat-trick. “If we win it for a third time do we keep the trophy?” inquired the ever optimistic Alex.

There are eight other teams competing – including the Old Wilsonians’ Cricket Club, which will add to the intensity of the competition from an OW perspective Crystal Palace Football Club always provide a superb buffet and some excellent raffle prizes,
which include:

- A signed shirt by the Crystal Palace first team squad
- Two bottle of the Eagles unique brand of wine
- Two tickets for a game of your choice

At the end of the evening the trophy will be presented by Doreen Parish, Alf’s widow, whilst Steve Parish, the Crystal Palace Chairman. hopes to attend – he has always done so in the past – 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 the more money we will make - and there is a bar for those who like a drink!

Supporters are welcome and the more who attend the greater the pot at the end of the evening (Two years ago Stuart Paton claimed this event was the OWFC’s “ biggest fund-raiser”)

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

George Croucher End of Season Dinner - April 27th

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The 2018/19 OWFC End of Season Dinner will take place on Saturday April 27th.
This year will see awards for the Vets and SuperVets for the first time.

Full details, including how to book your place, will follow.

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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Fixtures and Results

Results - 23rd March				
1st XI	-	-	No Game	
2nd XI	0	0	Winchmore Hill	SAL
3rd XI	-	-	No Game	
4th XI	4	4	Alleyn Old Boys 6s	SAL
Watson, C. (2), Adams, A. (2)				
5th XI	-	-	No Game	
6th XI	0	3	Old Finchleians 5s	OBC (Final)
South Bank Cuaco 5s	3	2	**7th XI**	SAL
Benwell, S., Quinton, J.				
Old Salesians 2s	3	5	**8th XI**	SAL
OG., Doh, W. (3), Lineker, D.				
9th XI	1	5	Old Sedcopians 6s	Spring Cup
Stringer, L				

Fixtures - 30th March		
Old Garchonians	14:00	**1st XI**
SAL - Away		
Nottsborough	14:00	**2nd XI**
SAL - Away		
Polytechnic 5s	14:00	**3rd XI**
SAL - Away		
4th XI	14:00	Ibis Eagles
SAL - Hawes Down		
Merton	14:00	**5th XI**
SAL - Away		
Civil Service	14:00	**6th XI**
SAL - Away		
7th XI	14:00	Old Blues 3s
SAL - Hayes		
8th XI	12:00	Bank of England 5s
SAL - Home		
9th XI	14:00	Sinjuns Old Grammarians
Spring Cup - Hawes Down		



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Stats

Top Goalscorer	Goals
Watson, C	21
Benwell, S	16
Sherlock, Stan	13
Williams, M	12
Kennedy, C	11
Wright, M	
Rand, R	10
OG	
Karamath, J	8
Newman-Sanders, B	
Seddon, O	
Fairhurst, S	7
Gunnell, W	
Relf, H	
Carruthers, B	6
Dixon, T	
Douthwaite, T	
Forbes, S	
Quinton, J	
Lineker, D	
Sherlock, Syd	
Williams, N	

Clean Sheets	
Dolby, J	4
Ballard, M	3
Sherlock, T	2
Gigi	
Healy, E	
Rutter, K	1
Steel, C	
Bradley, L	
Renee-Carter, H	
Forbes, D	
Shelton, J	

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
2nd XI	23	22	1	0	67	2	100
6th XI	22	22	0	0	66	0	100
7th XI	23	18	4	1	58	11	96
1st XI	20	18	2	0	56	4	100
4th XI	21	17	3	1	54	9	95
5th XI	18	14	2	2	44	10	89
9th XI	18	14	2	2	44	10	89
3rd XI	20	13	4	3	43	17	85
8th XI	17	11	5	1	38	13	94

1st XI Match Report (No Game)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Wickham	16	11	3	2	39	17	22	36
2	Polytechnic	15	10	2	3	44	20	24	32
3	Nottsborough	16	9	3	4	31	24	7	30
4	Alleyn Old Boys	16	7	4	5	30	23	7	25
5	Old Owens	17	7	4	6	32	31	1	25
6	Winchmore Hill	15	7	2	6	17	21	-4	23
7	Old Wilsonians	17	5	5	7	28	34	-6	20
8	Old Garchonians	15	3	5	7	21	30	-9	14
9	Old Parkonians	15	4	2	9	18	29	-11	14
10	Actonians Association	13	3	2	8	18	30	-12	11
11	Civil Service	17	2	4	11	15	34	-19	10

2nd XI Match Report (0-0 vs. Winchmore Hill)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Nottsborough Res	14	10	3	1	34	10	24	33
2	West Wickham Res	15	7	6	2	29	16	13	27
3	NUFC Oilers Res	11	7	4	0	31	12	19	25
4	Winchmore Hill Res	15	7	4	4	36	23	13	25
5	Alleyn Old Boys Res	14	6	5	3	33	19	14	23
6	Actonians Association Res	15	5	0	10	24	39	-15	15
7	Polytechnic Res	15	4	1	10	25	44	-19	13
8	Bank of England Res	14	2	2	10	21	49	-28	8
9	Old Wilsonians Res	13	2	1	10	12	33	-21	7

The 2s came off the back of a poor run of results knowing that a win would lift us off the bottom of the table against a Winchmore side that had turned us over earlier in the season.

The game started brightly with Wilsons creating a number of openings but failing to make any opportunities count. At the other end, Powley marshalled the back four well to help shut out any Winchmore threat and we went in 0-0 at half time.

Winchmore had a brief early spell in the second half in the ascendancy as Wilsons took their foot off the gas but all of the meaningful chances still came Wilson's way as the forward line squandered a number of good chances.

In the end a disappointing draw given the game was there for the taking, but a clean sheet, a point and the overall performance was a significant improvement on recent weeks and leaves us well placed to go on to secure the points needed to avoid relegation.

3rd XI Match Report (No Game)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Civil Service 4th	15	13	0	2	47	24	23	39
2	Polytechnic 5th	14	9	2	3	42	30	12	29
3	Kew Association Res	15	7	3	5	40	43	-3	24
4	Old Salesians	14	7	2	5	48	27	21	23
5	Actonians Association 6th	11	5	2	4	26	29	-3	17
6	Actonians Association 5th	14	4	3	7	22	27	-5	15
7	HSBC 3rd	16	4	3	9	35	54	-19	15
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	14	2	4	8	29	39	-10	10
9	Merton 3rd	15	3	1	11	29	45	-16	10

4th XI Match Report (4-4 vs Alleyn Old Boys)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Wickham 5th	17	12	2	3	41	27	14	38
2	Corinthian-Casuals U21	17	11	1	5	59	42	17	34
3	Old Wilsonians 4th	17	9	5	3	49	30	19	32
4	Bank of England 4th	15	6	4	5	22	22	0	22
5	Weirside Rangers 3rd	17	5	6	6	30	34	-4	21
6	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	14	6	2	6	40	42	-2	20
7	South Bank Cuaco 4th	17	6	2	9	33	45	-12	20
8	Civil Service 5th	14	4	1	9	32	41	-9	13
9	HSBC 4th	14	4	1	9	26	35	-9	13
10	Ibis Eagles 3rd	14	3	0	11	28	42	-14	9

Fresh from having their pants pulled down on their own turf last week, Alleyns rocked up to Hayes this week for the immediate reverse fixture. Hoping to right some wrongs, they turned up with a raft of new personnel - one blonde-haired player aside.

The 4s weren't going to take them lightly, however, and we got off to a fairly decent start. We moved the ball well across the pitch and got in plenty of promising positions, only lacking the final ball or finish. Our long throw-ins have been a handy weapon this season and today was no different. A Delap-esque throw was launched onto Watson's head for the flick on with ADAMS - in a unique state of awareness - ducking in front of the defender to nod home the opener. 1-0 and the 4s were back on the goal train, baying for more. We didn't have to wait too long for the second; a corner (I think) was swung in and after a brief game of ping pong around the penalty spot between several players from either side, ADAMS was there to cooly despatch a finish past the keeper; 2-0. Was an unprecedented hat-trick on the cards? (Hint: no).

Half-time: a generally sloppy end to the half but 2-0 up was cause for optimism. Special nod to BALLARD for a terrible touch on the goal line leading to a corner. His protests were Oscar-worthy but there was to be no biting from the ref - it was plain for all to see.

The second half started similarly to the first, controlling the game well and offering up few chances to the opposition, mainly restricting their best player to shots from distance. BALLARD largely untroubled to this point but more on that later. The 4s continued to push with some good work coming throughout the team, and the wing backs - as they have time and time again this season - proving a great asset to the side. PAGE delivered a wicked ball into the box and WATSON was there to nod home. 3-0 and the two giant strikers were on form. Not long later, a deliciously threaded ball was put through to WATSON who cooly slotted past the keeper for number 4. On his way back to his own half, cries of "2 goals for The Giraffe" rang around half of Bromley, with Watson having been cruelly branded as such during a half-time scuffle with an Alleyn's midfielder.

4-0 and the 4s were surely home and dry?

That was until a slight tactical tweak and collective shitting of the bed sought to undo our progress thus far.

I can't recall all of the opposition goals but the midfield and defence seemed allergic to tackling their most influential player who waltzed through what felt like the whole team several times before once being felled by BALLARD on the edge of the box. Dangerous free-kick awarded and yellow card numero uno for our stopper. No goal from the resulting free kick but the onslaught continued, including a desperate punch to the face for our very own TIFFIN who seemed to be out cold for several minutes. One of the few things BALLARD got his fists to during the afternoon's entertainment.

We failed to hold firm at the back whilst also trying to extend our lead up top; both strikers hunting a hat-trick. 3 goals conceded in about 10 minutes and it was 4-3 with 5 to go - the squeakiest of bum times. Their best player yet again making things happen had managed to squeeze through the defence and was left one-on-one with BALLARD. Like a steam train, BALLARD came out for the challenge.. the ball disappeared out for a goal-kick, with the keeper clearly not touching the ball at all. I am led to believe that he didn't touch the oppo either but he went down in the box like a sack of spuds. Penalty awarded and a second yellow for BALLARD - despite adamant protests - saw him leave the field, TIFFIN take his place in goal, dwarfed by the former's jersey. The pressure was clearly being felt by the penalty taker, with the resulting effort scruffy and straight down the middle. Unfortunately it squeezed under the keeper, much to the delight of the opposition. 4-4 with seconds to go, a collapse not witnessed since Arsenal were pegged back at St James' Park all those years ago.

A win would have been perfect for our promotion push with 2nd place dropping points but it wasn't meant to be.

5th XI Match Report (No Game)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 6th	17	14	3	0	69	22	47	45
2	Polytechnic 7th	16	11	1	4	47	30	17	34
3	West Wickham 6th	21	9	1	11	38	52	-14	28
4	Actonians Association 7th	15	7	1	7	33	34	-1	22
5	Merton 4th	18	5	6	7	42	49	-7	21
6	Ibis Eagles 4th	14	5	2	7	28	30	-2	17
7	Old Wilsonians 5th	14	5	2	7	31	38	-7	17
8	Merton 5th	19	1	4	14	28	61	-33	7

6th XI Match Report (0-3 vs. Old Finchleians 5s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	South Bank Cuaco 5th	17	11	3	3	53	32	21	36
2	Old Wilsonians 6th	14	10	2	2	34	13	21	32
3	Old Blues 3rd	17	8	1	8	35	26	9	25
4	Polytechnic 8th	15	7	3	5	46	41	5	24
5	Old Wilsonians 7th	18	7	2	9	42	54	-12	23
6	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	16	7	1	8	43	52	-9	22
7	HSBC 5th	14	6	3	5	38	28	10	21
8	Civil Service 7th	14	5	3	6	35	39	-4	18
9	South Bank Cuaco 6th	17	4	5	8	29	36	-7	17
10	Civil Service 6th	16	4	2	10	29	44	-15	14
11	Actonians Association 8th	16	3	5	8	22	41	-19	14

It was cup final day for Old Wilsonians 6's, as we came up against a strong Old Finchleians 5th team. We'd been building up to this game ever since the crazy semi final and we showed it by starting on top with us pressuring their defenders well. This pressure led to some great chances for Stan and manny up top, but they were unable to take them. After we had control of the early stages, Finchleians started to string some nice passing moves together in midfield. Quickly their game plan became apparent, with several long balls looking to get in behind the old wills defence. A massive advantage for our opponents was their height, which was apparent after several Finchleians corners provided them with great opportunities, but they were unable to make the most of them. Finchleians kept on playing some nice football in midfield, and after a pass got in behind joe Dolby came out fantastically, but was unfortunate as his clearance rebounded off the Finchleian player closing him down, who then put the ball in the back of the net, giving them a 1-0 lead. Wilson's didn't let the goal deflate us, as we still created chances with Harry Relf in midfield weaving in and out of Finchleians defenders on several occasions. But we were unable to find any sort of end product, and were made to pay as less than ten minutes after the first, the Finchleians striker found a pocket of space on the edge of our box and found the bottom corner with a great left footed shot.

Going into half time, we knew things had to change and we started by pushing more men forward, with three up top. Our opponents looked to counter this by looking to just sit in and look to hit us on the counter. Due to this, Wilson's enjoyed the majority of possession, but much like the first half we were unable to convert any chances that came our way. As the second half progressed, we started to commit more and more men forward and Finchleians took advantage with a quick break from the right winger, who squared it to the striker who made no mistake by finding the bottom right corner, giving them a 3-0 lead. Wilson's still didn't stop and for the last ten minutes of the game the ball barely left the Finchleians half. But we were still unable to finish despite chances for Stan and manny up top. Shortly after, the referee blew the final whistle, sending Finchleians players into wild celebrations but we were beaten by a team that played some great football and were better than us on the day. Even though the double is now out of reach, we are still well in with a chance of taking the league title, with us only having six games remaining.

7th XI Match Report (2-3 vs. South Bank Cuaco 5s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	South Bank Cuaco 5th	17	11	3	3	53	32	21	36
2	Old Wilsonians 6th	14	10	2	2	34	13	21	32
3	Old Blues 3rd	17	8	1	8	35	26	9	25
4	Polytechnic 8th	15	7	3	5	46	41	5	24
5	Old Wilsonians 7th	18	7	2	9	42	54	-12	23
6	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	16	7	1	8	43	52	-9	22
7	HSBC 5th	14	6	3	5	38	28	10	21
8	Civil Service 7th	14	5	3	6	35	39	-4	18
9	South Bank Cuaco 6th	17	4	5	8	29	36	-7	17
10	Civil Service 6th	16	4	2	10	29	44	-15	14
11	Actonians Association 8th	16	3	5	8	22	41	-19	14

I could send through James Stride's pitch side WhatsApp commentary however that would not give any justice to the game that was witnessed on a goose sh** covered pitch. The first decision to be made was who plays centre back between our two full backs. Whilst neither can say they boast any meaningful height, one has broken ribs so Chappell started at the back (and he might stay there after this performance).

"Reeeefff the ball went out... Twice". Those were the jeers from the crowd as the opposition got the ball into the box and switched the play, only for their winger on the other side to breakdance onto the floor as Gilbert stuck a foot out. Penalty to the oppo. Taken neatly we were one down despite having a lot of the ball and the early dominance. Soon after though we were all but out it seemed. Moniz shouted "rush monkey" and tried to catch a cross, I only saw his head hit the ball. Penalty again... And a sending off. Down to ten and down two goals... We thought we were in for a rough ride as our back four had an average height of 5"6.

Down to ten men, we really got stuck in, we bossed the game and had the oppositions bench shouting "we look like the team with ten... It's embarrassing". The whole team hassled them all over the pitch and managed to really put pressure on their full backs, who constantly made mistakes. We pulled one back from a corner as QUINTON came in at the back post before half time.

The second half started well and we continued to work hard and gamble at the right times. Our energy was spot on and we made some great challenges any time they decided to break allowing us to get back on the ball and control the game. From another corner from Rand we made it two as BENWELL nodded in. We believed we could do more here against the team that was top of the league.

We rode our luck a few times as we started to gamble and Adams made some fantastic saves to keep us in the game. We had chances near the end as Gilbert went over the bar and a few more set plays gave us hope. In the end, the opposition countered and netted one, celebrating like they were the ones down to ten for most of the game.

All in all, a well played and competitive game from both sides with good football all round. From the OWFC, everyone was solid when we went two down. Everyone put a shift. First to the ball, didn't stop running.. It's a shame we lost but everyone worked their socks off. What more could you ask for apart from the three points....

Team: Adams, Moniz, Chappell, Gilbert, Patel, Martin, Saggy, Dhariwal, Rand, S.Benwell, Fowler, Quinton

MoM: Chappell

8th XI Match Report (5-3 vs. Old Salesians 2s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 6th	13	11	2	0	70	19	51	35
2	South Bank Cuaco 7th	14	9	2	3	46	37	9	29
3	City of London 3rd	16	6	5	5	51	32	19	23
4	Bank of England 5th	13	6	3	4	28	33	-5	21
5	Old Salesians Res	13	6	2	5	40	23	17	20
6	Merton 6th	14	4	5	5	36	45	-9	17
7	Old Wilsonians 8th	14	4	4	6	31	39	-8	16
8	Civil Service 8th	13	3	2	8	21	30	-9	11
9	Old Wilsonians 9th	16	0	3	13	20	85	-65	3

Having narrowly lost to Salesians in the previous meeting, the 8s were confident of putting things right this time around. We dominated early play and took a deserved lead when Sochi's free kick was spilled by the keeper into his own net. Wes Doh then made it 2-0 when he finished from close range. However, Salesians were always in the game with pace and good passing, pulling one goal back after a quick counter attack then equalising after skipper Aaron Steel was judged to have brought down their striker. However, we were on fire in attack and scored three more before the break (conceding one more). Two more from Wes Doh (a header from a corner and a penalty) and one from Dan Lineker. The second half was all about defending , which we did resolutely, reducing Salesians to long range shots, which suited us just fine. No goals scored or conceded in the second half, 5-3 it finished, and a thoroughly deserved victory. And best of luck to Salesians for their upcoming cup final, which their captain managed to mentioned roughly 962 times during the game!

Doug Forbes, Sam Forbes, James Ramsey, Steve Lawrence, Sochi, Roddy Trompiz, Josh Mole, Wes Doh, Luke Connew, Dan Lineker, Graham Nelson, Aaron Steel, Kenny Maxwell

9th XI Match Report (1-5 vs. Old Sedcopians 6s)

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 6th	13	11	2	0	70	19	51	35
2	South Bank Cuaco 7th	14	9	2	3	46	37	9	29
3	City of London 3rd	16	6	5	5	51	32	19	23
4	Bank of England 5th	13	6	3	4	28	33	-5	21
5	Old Salesians Res	13	6	2	5	40	23	17	20
6	Merton 6th	14	4	5	5	36	45	-9	17
7	Old Wilsonians 8th	14	4	4	6	31	39	-8	16
8	Civil Service 8th	13	3	2	8	21	30	-9	11
9	Old Wilsonians 9th	16	0	3	13	20	85	-65	3

Fresh off the back of their first win of the season, the 9s were looking to get a second win on the bounce against an unknown Sedcopians side. Starting downhill, there were some neat passages of play before the Achilles he'll struck again; a through ball undid the defence, allowing their striker to finish with composure.

We pressed on, and were rewarded with an equaliser when LUCA STRINGER whipped in a free kick, which was flicked on by the opposition defender – into his own net. 1-1, and the 9s were back into the game. However, two more sloppy goals were conceded before half-time to leave us 3-1 down.

In the second half we were more combative, but unfortunately conceded two more goals.

Team: Amankwah, Ketheeswaran, Tam, Omar, Stringer, Phakey, Leggett, Keeper, Patel, Mottram, Cheung, Phillips, Curran

Kek Amankwah

All Our Yesterdays – 25 years ago

DOUBLE-HEADER NEARLY BRINGS DOUBLE POINTS Old St Mary 0 (1) 6th XI 3 (1)

A double-header away at Old St Marys was aways going to be tough. However, it was made even tougher by one of our "Guests" failing to turn up! We set off with ten men and fearing the worse, but the outcome was a pleasant surprise

Match one: We started brightly and our one player defecit was not apparent. We defended well, denying the opposition any clear-cut chances, and looking threatening on the break and 'Yogi' Taylor was very unlucky when his goal-bound header was cleared off the line and, at hal-time, the game was all square

The second half was only a few minures old when Nick Wright played a superb ball through to **DANNY BLAKE,** who slipped his marker and scored well. This goal seemed to settle us down and we went on to play some good football

'YOGI' TAYLOR volleyed home an excellent goal after another spell of pressure and before the end of the first game, **NICK WRIGHT** made the score 3-0 with a well-taken goal. Two points in the bag and on to match two

Match two: The second game started well when, after five minutes, a curling **DANNY BLAKE** corner found the back of the net. However, a few minutes later a bit of poor defending presented Old St Marys with the equaliser, probably their only shot on target. We spent the rest of the first half defending, only attacking on the break

In the final half hour our lack of the extra player took its toll and we lost our legs in certain areas of the pitch. The opposition, however, rarely looked like scoring and the game ended 1-1

Overall three points out of four with only ten men was a very good and well-deserved result. We have another header this week - against John Fisher Old Boys – and, hopefully, can start looking towards the top of the table

Duncan Lewis
Summerfield Lewis Pilgrim.I Nelson Jolliffe Murray.B James.M Taylor (Malcolm) Blake Wright

2nd XI: Wing.K Stone Carruthers Pilgrim.M Wood Smith.G McCoustra (Ashley)Simpson Tarn Sherwin Chapman
3rd XI: Hall Crossly Eccles Prince Milledge Pullen Quarrington Dry Greaves Mace Nelmes
7th XI: Warboys Higgins Rayworth Johnson.A Goodwin Dutton Pine Ayling Johnson.G Berks Wilson.J

Classified Resuts, March 26th 1994				
Cardinal Manning	2	1st XI	1	Scorer not reported
2nd XI	0	Old Greenfordians	2	
Old Greenfordians	5	2nd XI	1	Sherwin
Old Tiffinians	3	3rd XI	0	
3rd XI	0	Old Tiffinians	4	
John Fisher Old Boys	3	4th XI	1	Hayward
Old Josephians	4	5th XI	2	Kewell, Vigar
Old St Marys	0	6th XI	3	Blake, Taylor (Malcolm) Wright
6th XI	1	Old St Marys	1	Blake
7th XI	2	Old Tiffinians	4	Berks 2
8th XI	1	Carshalton	7	Jensson
Stoke City	0	Palace	2	Gordon, Williams

All Our Yesterdays – 50 years ago

Playing with the wind in the first half the 1st XI had much of the play and Witan never seemed to get into any scoring positions. Several near chances came our way but it appeared that the ball would not go into the net. Les Simner and Terry Adams had the right-wing comfortably in hand and our attacks were concentrated along this wing, but it was Witan who found the target, twice, with unmemorable goals!

The second half opened with a period of constant pressure from Witan or, rather, a lack of pressure from us, and Witan only had to kick the ball towards our goal to score, which they did another four times. Our only goal came from a penalty when Terry Adams was pulled down by their goal-keeper. Ian Forbes, brought in for the injured John Houghton, played very well Anon

It was obvious that this was not going to be the 3rd XI's day as we waited 45 minutes for a player to turn up – he didn't – and consequently arrived at Mill Hill with ten men to find that the pitch was a quagmire and the game should never have been played. We were two down at half-time, both goals coming when the ball got stuck in the goalmouth

In the secobd half we gave a really gallant performance, fought back and were unlucky not to get a point. **JOHN BRITTAIN** got our goal when he trapped the ball straight from a Mill Hill goal-kick with an unusual part of his anatomy and scored in the top left-hand corner of the net. Tony Golborn then had a great shot tipped over the bar and we forced several corners but had no luck

To play with ten men and come back as we did in these conditions was a marvelous performance and everyone fought with tremendous spirit and, although it would be unfair to single out individuals, I thought Nigel Looker and John Taylor were outstanding John Brittain

The 4ths started against ten men and should have scored at least two goals before Edgware had their full side on the field. Playing with the wind we should have turned round with a substantial lead but all we had was a series of chances going begging and a number of near misses

Our brilliant acting captain, Bob Bevan, told us to keep the ball down against the wind in the second half. This we did to good effect but it must be stated that both of our goals were the result of high lobs Charlie Holder

The 5ths suffered another heavy defeat, due to a strong swirling wind, which made constructive football very difficult. We were soon two goals down, due to our opponents making the most of high bouncing balls – we're not sure whose – in the penalty area. However, we fought back and, from a long through ball by David Fletcher, **PAUL HOWELL** put in a fine shot and we were back in the game

We played quite well at the beginning of the second half but failed to score, then went further behind but then a Wandsworth player, attempting to clear the ball, kicked it straight at **PAUL HOWELL'S** leg, and if it had not been for those bad misses in the first half, the score might well have been in our favour John Drabwell

ROGER HOY is a man of many soccer superstitions. He likes to wet his boots in hot water before he goes onto the field, insists on taking a drink from every tap in the dressing room and carries a silver dollar with him at all times!

Classified Results, March 22nd 1969				
Witan	6	1st XI	1	Reaseley
2nd XI	0	Old Parmiterians	0	
Old Parmiterians	7	2nd XI	1	Scorer not reported
Mill Hill Village	2	3rd XI	1	Brittain
4th XI	2	Edgware Rovers	1	Scorers not reported
Wandsworth Borough	7		2	Howell.P. 2
Charlton Athletic	1	Palace	1	Hoy

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