Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events



Old Wilsonian and Charlton Athletic Technical Director Andy Scott gets a visit at the Valley from Andy Pope, Nick Billing and Mark Pope



In this newsletter?

Results from the weekend of Saturday 13th January 2024.

Dates for the Diary

- OWFC VP's Day : 24th February 2024, 1pm onwards
- Alf Parish Memorial Darts Match: Friday 22nd March 2024, Selhurst Park.

Other Bits

- Men Of The Hill
- All Our yesterdays (25/ 50 years Ago) – page 6 onwards.
- Monday night Training @ Coloma School, Shirley, 8pm until 9.30 on their 3G pitch with a UEFA B Qualified Coach. Cost is £5
- Team of the Week : Seelan (4s) , Wilkins (6s), Burnungham (4s), Wright (1s), Eves, (1s) Jones (3s), Parkinson (Vets), Simmons (Vets), Bogaard (2s), Rand (3s), Quinton (5s)

Help OWFC 1st XI Harry Ingamells (who is planning on swimming the English channel in July) raise money to support The Happy Baby Community

Look at this post on Facebook
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Swimming the English Channel for Happy Baby Community

www.justgiving.com

Men Of The Hill

Its good to talk. Its ok, not to be ok.

Several Old Boys and Club members have set up a Facebook group during these difficult times.

Talking about how we feel is something we all find hard to do whether you are a Man or a Woman.

About

This group has been set up to help anyone connected to the Wilsonian Sports club, whether they be friends of friends or family members.

Private

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

To access the group search on Facebook or Click Here.

Not So Old Boys

Kicking taboo out of the game

After meeting through football and becoming a close knit group of friends.

They decided to launch a podcast to discuss taboo topics and just let the world know what it's like to play on Saturday football.

Follow the adventures of the Old Wilsonians Football Club through this Podcast and on Instagram.



Available on popular streaming platforms

Results

A round up of all this week's results and scorers.

Weekend of 6th January 2024	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Bank of England	3-4	Sam Wright 3
OWFC 2Xi	Bank of England	3-1	Kris Page, Cornelius Bogaard, Harry Smart – pen
OWFC 3Xi	Carshalton	2-4	Cejay Watson, Billy Mansfield
OWFC 4Xi	Polytechnic	0-1	
OWFC 5Xi	HSBC	3-2	Jon Quinton 2, Nathan Spencer
OWFC 6Xi	Polytechnic	1-2	Sean Munn
OWFC Vets / SuperVets	Westminster Citz	3-7	Jamie Parkinson 2(1 pen), Mark Simmons

1s vs Bank of England (13/01/24) (4-3 L)

The first game of the new year took the 1s away to Bank of England (BoE), with picturesque facilities and a password required on entry! This was to be a return to footy for the first time in a month for most, and with a couple of late dropouts, and a no-show the 1s found themselves with only 11 on match day - not ideal. That said, the starting XI was as strong as any that have donned the yellow & black colours this year, and spirits were high in the dressing room.

The pitch itself was a beauty, which promised some decent football from both sides, and the game didn't disappoint. The 1s had some nice early spells, and efforts from J Eves, Wright & Henry all tested the keeper early on. The deadlock however, was broken by the home side, who opened the 1s up down the wing, and a cutback was met with a smart finish. It didn't take long for the 1s to pull the scores level, as Henry's deflected effort looped over the BoE defence, and was latched upon by Wright who volleyed through the keeper's legs to make it 1-1. Within minutes, Wright had a second. A delivery to the far post found Eves, who rolled one back across the box to find the Wilsonians' no. 10 for an easy tap in. 2-1 up at half time, and a deserved lead for the boys.

The boys regrouped at half time, with the focus on tightening up our shape and plugging some of the gaps BoE had exploited in the first half. What was not in the plan, was conceding from a free-kick goalmouth scramble within minutes of the restart! A setback for the 1s, which seemed to give the home team an upper hand - that and a few pairs of fresh legs on the sideline. The game was opening up as the second half deepened, with James almost losing an ankle, and Beatson crunching into a midfield 50/50. It was the home side who grabbed the lead, this time from a corner - only for it to be quickly returned to 3-3, with Wright diving at full stretch to get on the end of Henry's pinpoint delivery across the box.

Heading into the final 10, and the bare 11 was taking its toll, though the boys were fighting for a hard-earned point. It took a moment of quality to steal it, with a BoE winger firing a touch-volley combo into the far corner, leaving Ingamells with no chance. Heartbreak for the 1s, but I can only credit the efforts from all the lads in a strong return from the Xmas break. Back at the fortress Hayes next week, for a big 3 points and even bigger celebrations for Coops' birthday - up the 1s!

Squad:
Harry Ingamells, Pat Kirby, Sam James, Nathan Eves, Nathan Cooper, Oli Beatson (MoM), Gowtham Jeevan, Kieran Steadford, Josh Eves, Montelle Henry, Sam Wright

OWFC 5XI 3-2 HSBC 4XI

Sign of Champions

On the back of two heartbreaking cup exits on penalties, the mighty 5s looked to carry on their superb league form vs a HSBC side struggling down in the relegation battle.

A strong squad meant the confident 5s started the game in dominating fashion, camped on the edge of final third. However, HSBC were proving to be deadly on the counter attack with their striker putting on a lesson in holdup play. One of these counter attacks lead to the opening goal and the 5s found themselves down 0-1.

The 5s knew the game was there for the taking but a lot of effort was needed to turn it around. Domination continued to be the theme of the half and soon one of Dyki's many perfect crosses found QUINTON who made it 1-1 with a fine header in off the post. A few more golden chances went begging before halftime. The message was clear: up the effort levels and the win will come.

On the carpet that is Hayes 2, the 5s started the half knocking the ball around the HSBC lads and one slick move ended in an inch perfect cross of Curran's right boot finding the ever-reliable head of QUINTON who guided home to hand the 5s the lead. HSBC grew into the game and one long throw ended in them levelling the game with a fine strike. The 5s knew they'd been poor but dug deep and continued to make chances. Within a few minutes, the 5s turned on their class and Margetts.B slot through SPENCER one on one who continued his hot streak in front of goal with a calm finish into the corner. The rest of the game was controlled by the 5s and they squandered more chances before fulltime. The mood after the game was sour despite the win because they expected a better performance. Nonetheless picking up three points on an off day is a true sign of a great team.

MOTM: QUINTON
DOTD: NICHOLAS

SAGGAR, NICHOLAS, COUGHLAN, MCMULLEN, GILBERT, DYKI, FAIRHURST, HOLMES, CURRAN, QUINTON, SPENCER, EELES, DIYATH, MARGETTS. S, MARGETTS. B

Mervin Nicholas

OWFC Vets 3 v Westminster Citz 7 (Old Boys Vets Cup Qtr Finals , Sunday 14th January 2023)

As I get older there are certain things I've noticed as having changed about me. For example, my ears are bigger than they used to be. Or perhaps my head has slightly shrunk. I've also developed an unapologetic appreciation about the finer things in life such as a well-constructed masonry chimney or a lawn that has been well fed and cut to just the right height and regularity.

At the same time, there are some traits that haven't changed much at all or may have even become worse. For example, I find that I'm increasingly impatient, and I'm less tolerant about things that frustrate me, such as when people don't cross the road in a straight line, or when my children don't colour in between the lines for no obvious reason.

I've concluded that I'm increasingly turning into my mum, who I never thought I would become. She really is a lovely person, but I wouldn't like to get on the wrong side of her when she wants to return an item to Marks and Spencer's without a receipt.

I also hate losing and always have done.

I assumed that this trait would have mellowed with age but isn't the case.

Sundays Quarter Final game vs Old Westminster Citz made me to contemplate these characteristics in more detail that I would otherwise have liked. A heavy defeat does that more than a comprehensive victory. Not the ears though.

The game was a good one; competitive, played in the right spirit, tough but fair.

Conditions were heavy underfoot but the same for both sides and we can have little complaint that we lost. We gave away sloppy goals individually and collectively that meant we could never really gain any traction or build meaningful momentum, chasing the game from 0-2 after conceding two goals in quick succession mid-way through the first half, and again from 3-5 immediately after half time having gone into the break 3-4. The second half repeated the pattern of the first half, and we failed to add any further goals.

Individually Wilsonians were superior, which translated into dominance territorially, but collectively we couldn't capitalise on the chances created at key moments that would have otherwise changed the dynamic of the game. We defended with too much hesitation and attacked with too little composure.

A converted penalty and strong header from **Man of the Match Jamie Parkinson** in addition to a technically impressive volley from **Mark Simmons** was insufficient to overcome a well organised Old Westminster Citizens team whose striker deserve great credit for scoring a high-quality hatful each of which of varying degrees of difficulty. He was well supported by his teammates who were robust in defence and able to create an overload when attacking with purpose and structure. A 3-7 loss.

Whilst there can be no fault for our endeavour, we were unable to produce the right level of quality when it counted the most at both ends of the pitch.

One of the benefits of getting older is that I've noticed I am less apologetic about who I am as a person, can quickly recognise the positives in other people, forget how to hold grudges and work out how to do things better by learning from my experiences.

Whilst we shouldn't dwell on the negatives from our loss, it's important that we rise to the challenge of what appears on face value to be a very similar level of opponent this coming Sunday, in the form of Old Chigwellians in the Quarter Final of the SAL Cup.

Squad : Richard Pettingel, Stuart McBride, Chris Rowney, Mark Pope, Dan Harris, Mark Simmons, Jamie Parkinson, Gary Bonsels, Jay Breen, Danny Mansfield, Paul Sherwin, Pat Ducasse, James Karamath, Jon Howe.

OWFC Vets / Supervets squad v Dads of the Hill, 31/12/2023



Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the week ahead through out the club.

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	No Game (Notts wildcard)		
OWFC 2Xi	HSBC	SAL	Home
OWFC 3Xi	Polytechnic	SAL	Away
OWFC 4Xi	Old Salesians	SAL	Home
OWFC 5Xi	Old Wimbledonians	SAL	Away
OWFC 6Xi	Old Meadonians	SAL	Home
Vets / Super Vets	Vets v Chigwell	SAL Qtrs (Sunday 21st)	Home (10am)

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

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Classified Resuts , January 16TH 1999
Palace 2 Stockport County 2 Morrison, Zhiyi

All other games postponed Another week devoid of reports but, as there were no games, I suppose that is acceptable!



ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS - Pay now if you want to play

There are still a number of you who have not paid your annual subscriptions so if you want to continue to play them you must do so IMMEDIATELY
You can pay your skipper THIS WEEK or send a cheque, made payable to 'The Old Wilsonians' Football Club, to Mike Harris.

This is your FINAL WARNING as the Disciplinary Committee will ban you from playing if you do not respond to this, more than reasonable, request.
We now have a large number of players available, including some promising schoolboys, so there is know way that you will be missed.
Perhaps those of you who think it is acceptable not to pay your way could form your own Club and see how you get on without a ground to play on, footballs to kick, shirts to wear, teas to eat etc, etc.....!!

Reports Table

Team P Reports submitted Submitted late No report Pts Dropped

4th XI 13 13 0 0 26 0
5th XI 14 8 1 5 17 11
7th XI 11 8 0 3 16 6
6th XI 7 7 0 0 14 0
1st XI 18 5 4 9 14 22
2nd XI 16 2 4 10 8 24
3rd XI 14 3 0 1 6 22
8th XI 6 1 1 4 3 9

25 Years Ago

Join the Old Wilsonians' Squash Club - another way to fitness

Club members may not be aware that, recently, the Squash and Racketball section became subject to "pay and play." What this means is that any person wishing to play on a regular or occasional basis can regsiter him/herself at the bar and buy a key for just £2.50p.
A token for the use of the court – for 40 minutes – can be purchased, again at the bar, for £3, enabling the hirer machines to be operated.
A simple booking system exists on the Squash gallery but at some times it may be possible to play by just turning up. If you do play (unbooked) you must still put your name on the booking sheets for monitoring purposes.
Both Squash and Racketball – which is proving more and more popular – are good aerobix games and should serve to increase and maintain fitness; let's make more use of our facilities.

Bill Hartley

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO
Classified Results, January 19th 1974

1st Xl 3 Old Libertians 2 Simner, Bartlett.D, Maunder
Blue Circle 7

2nd Xl 4 Johnson 2, Matthews (John) Hand

3rd Xl 1 Old Parkonians 2 Barry

4th Xl 2 Inland Revenue 3 Fielder,W, Davis.A
Old Monovians 2

5th Xl 2 Easden, Foreman
Centymca 8

6th Xl 0 Extra 6ths 0 Old Stationers 6



50 Years Ago

LEAGUE LEADERS GIVE 100% EFFORT 1st XI 3 Old Libertians 1

On the whole this was a fortunate win for the 1st XI. We were playing into the wind in the first half, a wind which we never quite mastered and the visitors were allowed to take control from the start. We produced very little constructive football and were lucky to find ourselves level at half-time, rather than 1-4 down, as one spectator estimated the score-pine after 45 minutes.
Libertians opened the scoring after about 30 minutes when a corner from the right wing was converted into a goal by a glancing header from an opposing forward, but we soon equalised when LES SIMNER chased a through ball into their penalty area and an attempted clearance rebounded from his thigh, over the 'keeper's head and into the net.
The last ten minutes of the half saw our midfield getting more into the game and beginning to control it and approached the second half that much more confidently and with the feeling that the game was there for the taking but, after some end to end play, the 1st XI found themselves 1-2 down when the Libertians' winger was allowed to find some space near the right bye-line and the cross was converted.
Our second equaliser came when a through ball found DAVE BARTLETT free with only the 'keeper to beat, Dave making no mistake.
And then, with five minutes left, TONY MAUNDER smashed the winner into the roof of the net form four yards out.
To conclude, our play oscillated from some excellent first time passing to some really poor passing which allowed Libertians far more of the game than they deserved, but, and although the football was not up to scratch, the effort from everyone was 100% and it is very pleasing to be able to record that, from the point of view of sheer effort, the 1st XI cannot be faulted. Geoff Robinson
Hall Burt Sayer Pilgrim.M Robinson Simner Morley Adams.T Cowell.C Bartlett.D Maunder

Senior Division 2 - Top 3

OLD WILSONIANS 12 9 1 2 29 17 19
Old Owens 10 9 0 1 32 18 18
Palmers Green 8 6 0 2 27 9 12

2nd XI: Taylor (Martin) Rayworth Kendrick.M Ford Horscroft Jenkins Hand Carrington Johnson Matthews (John) Hannifan
3rd XI: Wells Carpenter Harper Gibbs Cunningham Bartlett.L Taylor (Malcolm) Wisson Barry Favell Howell
4th XI: Cowell.J Thomas McCarthy Fielder.A Fielder.W McAlister R.E Fetcher Davis.P Davis.A Tyson Murphy
5th XI: Pragnell Stopes Kidd Everness Wilks Couch Smith.R Drabwell Easden Foreman Ashdown
6th XI: Bevan Ede Hands Higgins.C Higgins.P McCleod Bayliss Pierrot Wellman Gasson East
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