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TRAINING STARTS TUESDAYS POWERLEAGUE NXT TO SCHOOL 7PM – 8PM





All our Yesterday’s

Cup Final weekend ten years ago, the 1s played EBOGS and the 3s Meads, this week we feature the 1s final.

The Present

The 5s and 6s resumed SAL Cup football on Easter Saturday with one win and one loss. Last Hayes games this wk.

The Future

You may recall John and Janet Brittain bequeathed a significant legacy to the OWA, Football and Cricket Clubs.
Work commenced this week refurbishing and rebuilding the changing rooms on the ground and first floor.
These works will take up to eight weeks. The total cost approaches 90k, so a significant investment in our facilities all thanks to John and Janet and a grant from the Football Association.
Thanks to ex OWA Presidents Neil Kendrick, Alex Forbes and others that have driven the project throughout lockdown and the facilities will be ready for season 2021 / 22 starting in September.

Six scheduled games this week, please confirm with your skippers.

Sunday *11th April 10am features Super Vets v Ashley Dyer invitational X1. Ashley played for us in the 1980s when an aspiring ‘yuppie’ before a work posting to the Far East where he has forged a career in finance.*

The following Sunday, 18th April 10am, is the annual game for the Supers v SE London Arts Network, a mental health charity supported by Mike Pike. The game will be played for the Kirk Benjamin memorial trophy, the bar will be open serving outside refreshments and all support most welcome.

The Vets resume their Cup campaign on Sunday 25th April, home to Alleyns. Await pitch confirmation.

Slide two highlights a Facebook based support group for Old Wilsonians and Sports Club members, Men of the Hill. If you want to have a chat during these difficult times please make the connection. Its good to talk. Zoom meetings every Sunday at 3pm

#CLUBHOUSE AND BAR CLOSED THIS WEND #PLAYSAFE #STAYSAFE

BE COVID AWARE, protocols below in place for players, and officials at Hayes / HD

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Men of the Hill

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A number of Old Boys and Club members have set up a Facebook group during these difficult times, please click on the link or cut n paste above.

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

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

Last Sunday we discussed ways of expressing how we feel, as well as how anxiety can affect us.

We spoke about the positive effects our Sports Club has had on us and what our plans are to Remove the Mental from Mental Health.

About

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

We are here to keep each other company.

We will share events across different platforms such as WhatsApp and help people get through the 12 or so weeks we have to face under Covid-19.

Private

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

Visibility

Anyone can find this group.



Fixtures – 10th April 2021

SAL Cup	1s v Polytechnic Away
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	2nd XI v Civil Service Away
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	3rd XI v Carshalton Home
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	4th XI v South Bank Home
Results	Scorers

SAL	5th XI vs South Bank Home
Results	Scorers
0 - 5	Vs Old Bromleians 3s SAL Cup

SAL CUP	6th XI vs Actonians Away
Results	Scorers
6 - 0	Vs South Bank 8s SAL Cup Steve Benwell 4, Gilbert, Chappell.

SAL Cup	7th XI v HSBC Home
Results	Scorers
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SAL Cup	8th X1 v Bank of England Home
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	9th X1 Awaits
Results	Scorers

Friendly Hayes	Super Vets vs Ash Dyer X1 Sunday 11th April. 10 AM
Results	Scorers



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OWFC X1 V School 1st X1 Friendly Played 31st March 2021 0 - 3

There was a full range of lockdown hair and bellies on show as a cobbled together squad from mainly mid level OWFC teams took to Hayes for the first game in well over 3 months against a spritely team from the school in a mid week friendly at Hayes.

Early exchanges were much as you would expect with the school team edging the game in terms of movement, pace and possession. Chances were at a premium for both sides however in the opening exchanges as we contained them well. That was until 20 minutes in when our back 4 dropped off their central midfielder daring him to shoot from 35 yards not expecting the ball to subsequently fly into our top corner and give the school a probably deserved lead. We continued to plug away through the half and had some half chances where perhaps we could of done better on the break but went into the half at 1-0.

The second half was a little more disjointed as both teams made continual changes to ensure that everybody got as many minutes as possible. Youth began to show and OWFC tired markedly in the last third and the school sealed their victory with a 2nd and 3rd - both Own Goals as the school team overran our defence on both wings forcing defenders to run towards their own goal with inevitable consequences. A nasty knee injury in the second half that required surgery overshadowed the second half a little bit - get well soon Lloydy!

Post-match chat centered around 5xi central midfield maestro Mark Underwood who, it was revealed by Strava, had only clocked up 0.97 miles in 70 minutes of marshalling a rampant school midfield!!

An enjoyable and required fitness test for everyone who played with the score essentially irrelevant. Good to be back! Report Jamie Moniz

Team K. Amankwah, J Moniz, A Benwell, S Benwell, T O'Callaghan, M Underwood, R Smart, D Smart, B GIles, A Chappell, C Dyki, Karam, J Breen, C Kennedy, J Taylor, R Pillai

6th X1 Vs Old Bromleians 3s SAL Cup. Lost 0 - 5

This was always going to be a tough cup draw against a team who were running away with the league at the time of suspension and perhaps should be playing a good few leagues higher in the SAL pyramid.

Undaunted and with minutes under many of our belts from a midweek friendly we lined up with a strong looking mix of youth and experience.

Bromleians zipped the ball around as we expected them to for the first 30 minutes but we held our own limiting them to pot shots from distance and looking quite dangerous on the break ourselves with Sami and Chris Kennedy providing a threat when we were able to provide service.

It always felt like the first goal would be crucial in the game and unfortunately it went to them as another quality ball into our box was finished from 2 yards out with a stopping header after about half an hour.

Unfortunately we conceded another 3 in fairly quick succession as we had no answer for their pace down the flanks and up top and went into the half 4-0 down with the game effectively over.

We kept plugging on in the second half and could of had a goal or two back as the game petered out as a contest to some extent.

They grabbed a 5th with a few minutes on the clock to round of a deserved victory that we could have few complaints about. Still everyone put in a shift and we were just beaten by the better team.

Report Jamie Moniz

G Young, J Moniz, B Lock, C Charman, L Curran, N Foulkes, M Underwood, R Pillai, G Bonsels, Sami, T Shelton, J Cotter, R Adams



ONTO COVID HOME STRAIGHT 6th X1 5 or 6 South Bank 0 SAL Cup

After 4 grueling months of an enforced football-hiatus the Old Wilsonians 6th XI rocked up to fortress Hayes hungry to get back on the pitch albeit hairier than their last outing and carrying 16 weeks of comfort eating around their waists.

A strong XI started the game with pre-lockdown in-form striker Steve Benwell leading the line looking to pick up where he left off. Drew Strong, previously a mainstay of the 6s midfield dropped into RB and a the squad were also thrilled to welcome back head coach Ash Chappell into LB after a lengthy period out due to wrist surgery.

The game started evenly with the 6s pressing well despite fitness fears. After some balanced to and fro the 6s won a corner which Rikki Rand whipped in. **S.BENWELL** rose to meet it and buried his first chance of the game. Minutes later Rand had a free kick in dangerous territory. This was whipped in and once again **S.BENWELL** glanced it into the South Bank goal. 2-0.

The 6s were now in control with Fevzi and Rand creating good chances. Stride and Benwell came agonisingly close with some cut backs from the wingers and Fevzi had a chance saved off the line. Half time arrived with the 6s unable to add to their two goal lead.

After a serious team talk with a focus on not dropping our level for fear of coming off at full time having lost 3-2) the 6s retook the field and continued to dominate. Great pressing from the Strikers and Adam Benwell in the middle caused panic in the CBs and this was eventually rewarded with **S.BENWELL** latching onto a mistake at the back and slotting home.

South Bank tried to agonizingly get back into the game and had a spell of pressure however the solid defensive partnership of Phakey and Nicholas with useful outlets in Chappell, Strong and Martin kept the door firmly shut. Robbins also stayed alert, tipping over the bar from a fierce South Bank strike.

We freshened things up with Forshaw, Gilbert and Langley taking the field, slotting in excellently for those they replaced.

Fresh on the pitch James Gilbert, who if anything looked fitter than pre-lockdown, marauded down the wing beating 1 and outpacing the RB to then deliver a perfect ball to football magnet **S.BENWELL** who buried his 4th of the match.

Now 4-0 up Wilsons attacked at will. A ball over the top caused havoc for the CB with Stride shielding the ball and lacing into the bottom corner only for the ref to disallow it for a foul, much to the bemusement of the striker and the South Bank squad. A let off. This had clearly bothered Stride who 5 minutes later spurned a great chance to get on the scoresheet by blazing a 1 on 1 over the bar. Hopefully just rust!

Shots rained and we eventually scored our 5th after a scramble in the box was flicked on for **ASH CHAPPELL** to hammer home a slick outside of the boot strike. 5-0.

The 6th was the icing on the cake, good defensive work from Martin moved the ball into Stride who had dropped deep sucking in the South Bank DM. Gilbert spotted the danger and scorched down the right wing. Stride stroked the ball into the channel which **GILBERT** controlled and then rocketed into the opposite top corner - a sensational finish from the once moustachioed midfielder.

The 6s saw out the game, sealing the win and a rare but fully deserved clean sheet. Probably our best defensive performance of the season and a terrific goal haul for the prolific Steve Benwell.

We move onto the next round of the cup.

Apparently there is contention between Al saying it was 5 – 0 and James Stride who made it 6.

Ed, The report describes a sensational sixth goal from a fine moustache, that’s good enough for me.

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3's

http://www.southernamateurleague.co.uk/junior-division-5b-south.html

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6th XI 7th XI– Junior South Div 4

8th XI – Junior South Div 5



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ALL OUR YESTERDAY'S – 10 YEARS AGO

FIRST TEAM BOGGED DOWN AT FINAL HURDLE East Barnet Old Grammarians 3 1st XI 0

The 1st XI met in the illustrious location of Bank station ahead of their Old Boys Cup Final against EBOGs, hosted by Old Parkonians. The team were missing goal-keeper Parkinson and striker O'Shea, both casualties from last week's draw against Winchmore Hill, whilst Evans, Paton and captain Andy Parkinson were all carrying knocks but managed to start

We started the game well, and fashioned a chance when Pettifor turned neatly and shot just wide of the far post. However, EBOGS settled and were the stronger for the next 20 minutes, finding the net with a superb cross and header combination, which was harshly ruled out for a push by the scorer

Soon afterwards a through ball drew out goal-keeper Donnelly but a heavy amount of backspin on the pass caused confusion and, from the resulting collision with their striker, the ball went sideways. Their midfielder came in and struck an excellent shot, which was brilliantly tipped onto the bar but, and unfortunately, the goal-keeper was Sam Wilson who did not even await the red card. The penalty was put away, we were 1-0 down, one man down and facing an uphill task. James Paton was the unfortunate sacrifice to keep a back four, with McBride coming on

It is a credit to ourselves that a neutral could not tell who had 10 and who had 11 and, near the end of the half, Howe broke clear but, with defenders closing in on him, shot just wide. Weber-McCartney then latched on to a through ball, only to be brought down from behind which clearly stopped a one on one with the goal-keeper, but the referee chose only a yellow card!

The second half started in much the same way as the first ended, with little to choose between the two teams, few chances and more odd refereeing decisions for and against us. Further tactical changes were made, with Evans making way for the more attack minded Childs. EBOGS then went 2-0 ahead when a corner was not properly cleared and their centre-half headed goal-wards, only for Childs to head off the line and back into the diving Donnelly and into the net

Still we did not give up and quickly put Howe through on goal, and he forced a good save from their goal-keeper. Parkinson came off for Beatson to make a two man front line, but the man disadvantage began to show in the last ten minutes and, after an excellent Donnelly save, EBOGS scored with another neat finish but, and despite defeat, we rank like champions and were comfortably the last team to leave. Andy Parkinson – Goal-keeper

Donnelly Evans (Childs) Shaw Wilson Karramath Paton (McBride) Parkinson .A (Beatson) Akkaya Howe Weber-McCartney Pettifor

Classified Results , April 2nd, 2011				
1st XI	0	EGOGs (Old Boys Cup Final)	3	
2ND XI	0	BB Eagles Reserves	3	
3rd XI	1	Old Meadonians (LOBC Cup Final)	2	Lehmann
4th XI	1	Old Wilsonian 5th XI	1	Jones
Old Wilsonians 4th XI	1	5th XI	1	Billing.C
5th XI	1	Old Wilsonian 4th XI	2	Steadford
Old Wilsonians 5th XI	1	4th XI	2	Jones, Rowney,J
6th XI	3	HSBC 7th XI	3	Newman Sanders, Hume, OG
Merton 5th XI	1	7th XI	3	Scorers not reported
Alleyn Old Boys	2	8th XI	0	

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

IT WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE DAYS Old Adeyans 5 5th XI 1

First of all, apologies to my team mates for the fact that this report is quite brief. We were a little disjointed and gave Adeyans far too much room throughout the first half and they quickly went a goal ahead and then increased their lead when they broke away after we had missed a penalty- it was that sort of afternoon – and within a few minutes they had notched a third

Just before the interval we produced our one bright moment of the afternoon when a glorious left-foot volley by 5th XI debutant **JAMES KARAMATH** pulled the score back to 3-1

We tightened up considerably in the second half but still conceded two further goals. Not one of our better performances, although everyone, as per usual, tried very hard. Special mentions for goal-keeper, Paul Gerrard, Lou Barry and, most of all, James Karamath, who was most impressive

Finally, thanks to Neville Spencer for subbing after playing for the 8ths and I had to give a fiver to Jim Lloyd as Millwall cannot now finish above Palace; it was just one of those days Tony Higgins

And how the end is near

Not many newsletters to go now, so it's time to thank all the contributors and those involved in this publication I'll start with the star writers and , intentionally, have written this piece below the 5th XI's report – it was the only one I got! - which was written, as were virtually all of their contributions, by Tony Higgins. Every game was covered and only one was late

The 7th XI look like maintaining their 100% record for the umpteenth season and, again, this is primarily down to one man, Neville Spencer, a worthy successor to the dependable Fred Brindle

On the production side no-one has done more than Neil Kendrick, not only printing the newsletter each week but also ensuring that they reach the Club every Tuesday night to be distributed. Neil has now left for his 'Summer job' in Glamorgan and we wish him and the County well

Those neat labels appended to your envelopes are produced by the indefatigable Pete Davis, whilst Bryan Watts has helped me out on many a Saturday by taking those said envelopes to the Club to make sure there are no gaps in the distribution process. Pikey

Reports Table - Top Two

Team	P	RS	RSL	NR	Pts	Dropped
5th XI	25	24	1	0	49	1
7th XI	21	21	0	0	42	0

Classified Results, March 30th 1996				
1st XI	1	Phoenix Old Boys	1	Trout
4th XI	2	Old Reigatians	2	Burton, Bier
Old Adeyans	5	5th XI	1	Karamath
6th XI	4	Old Thorntonians	2	(Greg) Smith 2, Joliffe, Stone
8th XI	0	Old Suttonians	3	
Millwall	1	Palace	4	Hopkin, Freedman, Ndah 2

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO

BONES. BOSUNS AND PAINFUL TOES 5th XI 1 Mill Hill Village 1

An incredible mixture of Old Wilsonian talent, brought together under the guise of the 5th XI, just held on to a draw with a Mill Hill 5th XI who made it seem as if one or two of their higher teams were without games last week-end
Under the shrewd captaincy of 'Bone' (Terry Fanning) , our 5th XI had much the better of the first half, during which they did not make full use of the strong wind, and the only goal of the first half came from a fine curling header by **PIP WARBOYS** following one of many useful corners taken by Ted Gibbons
The second half saw Mill Hill pile on considerable pressure and only a first rate display from goal-keeper Gordon Manning restricted their goal tally to one .
It was good to see the 'Darby and Joan' of OW football in the same side and Wilks and McAlister both looked as if they could develop into assets. Thanks to Martin (Bosun) Taylor for sailing in as a late replacement for 'Keefy Boy' Miles, who had dropped his car on his toe.
Also thanks to Ted Gibbons, who ended a long tradition of 5th XI wing play by passing and crossing the ball, and if the ball was passed to Ted rather too often, it was probably because the players enjoy the novelty of seeing someone who knows what wing play is all about Dr Who
Manning Thomas Wilks McAlsiter R.E McCarthy Fanning Taylor (Martin) Gibbons Turner.P Howell Warboys.P

2nd XI: Wills Morley Forbes.I Ford Thomas Sayer (Jim)Matthews Favell Hand Bartlett Jennings
4th XI: Clarke.P Horscroft Rayworth Fletcher Drabwell Brittain Smith.S Carpenter Murphy Piesse McAlister.R
6th XI: Johns Brighton Sanger Dooley Stapleton Gasson Carlisle Fielder Bayliss and someone else

SECS GOSSIP

The season draws to a close without our getting any honours but, on the credit side of the balance, the 3rd XI are still hoping for promotion although that relies on other sides losing their remaining matches. All of the other teams, with the exception of the 1st XI, are safe from relegation
We must now pay for our enjoyment and raise funds via the Jumble Sale and sponsored walk as they are great money-makers and must, and I repeat, ***MUST*** be worked at
Sadly there has been a poor response to the Jumble Sale appeal and everyone in the Club must make an effort to obtain jumble, otherwise the whole affair will be a flop
As for the sponsored walk, I am going to walk the requisite 21 miles so everyone else should be able to do so, so please make the effort and get sponsored for as much as you can , and don't forget the relatives – they've usually got a few pence in the bank, so don't be shy in asking them
A few people have not paid their annual subscriptions yet and if they are not paid within the next two weeks, there will be an extra fine of 50p Mike Harris
Finally there is no truth in the rumour that Les Simner has emigrated to New Zealand, although we understand that he did try

Classified Results, April 4th 1971				
2nd XI	4	Old Grammarians	1	(Jim) Matthews 2, Sayer, Favell
4th XI	3	Fulham Compton	1	Piesse 2, Smith,S
5th XI	1	Mill Hill Village	1	Warboys.P
Old Roan	6	6th XI	1	OG

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