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TRAINING TUESDAYS POWERLEAGUE NXT TO SCHOOL 7PM – 8PM



The tributes to our Life President have continued, which reflects on the enormous influence Mike had over not only this football club, but across amateur football. Mike Pike reflects on Mike Harris contribution to the club. His funeral will be a family affair due to covid restrictions but his passing will be marked by the club in time.

Life goes on albeit at a quieter Hayes..

This will be the last newsletter of the season. The club will have a different feel come September without Mike’s presence and you will notice other changes, with the upgraded changing rooms due to be completed.

Please watch out for announcements re the five a side in August as we need to re start our fundraising efforts after covid restrictions ease.

The 1s have been awarded the SAL Div One Trophy after a ‘walkover’ in the final as Alleyn OB declined another fixture.

The 2s and 7s also have finals this week in this ‘friendly’ competition.
The 8s came up just short against a strong Bank of England team least Saturday.

Ten years ago the season came to a close as the ones travelled to Owens. It finished 2 – 2 with a Ryan Thomas brace and Michael Moneke playing as Andy Parkinson introduced schoolboys into the side.
Andy and Jon Howe have taken over the ones for next season and we wish the ‘new’ management team well.

Have a good summer.

Non Sibi Sed Omnibus

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BE COVID AWARE, protocols below in place for players, spectators and officials at Hayes / HD
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Men of the Hill

https://www.facebook.com/groups/200448241218240

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 – 8th May – Home Games at HD

SAL Cup	1s v Awaits
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	2nd XI v Cambridge Heath Home Await details
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	3rd XI v Awaits
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	4th XI v Awaits
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	5th XI vs Awaits
Results	Scorers

SAL CUP	6th XI vs Awaits
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	7th XI v Salesians 1015am Home
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	8th X1 v Awaits
Results	Scorers

SAL Cup	9th X1 Awaits
Results	Scorers

Vets	Vets vs Meadonians SAL Cup QF Sunday 9th 10 am KO
Results	Scorers



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Results – 1st May 2021

Friendly	1s v
Results	Scorers
	Awaits

SAL Cup	2nd XI v
Results	Scorers
	Awaits

SAL Cup	3rd XI v
Results	Scorers
	Awaits

SAL Cup	4th XI v
Results	Scorers
	Awaits

SAL	5th XI vs Carshalton 3s
Results	Scorers
3 - 5	Kennedy, Bonsels, Faulkes

SAL Cup	6th XI vs South Bank 6s
Results	Scorers
1 - 5	Fairhurst

SAL Cup	7th XI v
Results	Scorers
	Awaits

SAL Cup	8th X1 v Bank of England 5s
Results	Scorers
1 - 2	Wells

SAL Cup	9th X1 Awaits
Results	Scorers

Friendly	Vets / Super Vets
Results	Scorers
	Awaits



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A tribute to Mike Harris by Mike Pike

Mike Harris - A man for all seasons, but particularly that relating to football

All Clubs have to deal with the loss of their most loyal and dedicated members but the Grim Reaper has not been kind to the Old Wilsonians over the past few years.
Over 20 years ago, it was certainly in the 20th century, Ian Forbes inaugurated the 'Past Presidents lunch' where all former Presidents of the Association met for a meal and a drink……particularly the latter. The occasion also raised a lot of money for the Club – that was always Ian's main motivation – and one of the ways he extracted 'a tenner' from us all – it was always 'a tenner' – was by running a book on as to whom of us would die first.
(Cannot remember exactly how it worked – the money would have been of little use to 'the winner' so have to conclude that ***ALL*** of the proceeds went to the OWA)
This went on for a few years after which Ian became frustrated that none of us had died, and concerned that none of us would cough up our £10, he changed the rules and we had to predict which famous person would no longer be with us 12 months later at the time of the next lunch
Sadly, six Presidents have died since that first lunch – including Ian Forbes – the latest being Mike Harris, who died on April 20th
Both Jamie Parkinson and Alex Forbes have subsequently written wise and heartfelt words on the Football Club's third Life President and if you have not already done so then I advise you to read what they had to say but, and briefly, the gist is as follows
Jamie writes about how proud Mike was of the Club, particularly when the 1st XI won, and then retained, the AFA Cup and equally when we were able to put out a 10th XI, and his Corinthian spirit, whilst Alex highlights Mike's kindness, the importance he put on socialising with both the opposition and the referee after games, and reminds us that the Junior Football Club have a team named after him
Both, and independently, also highlight his aversion to players warming up in the goal-mouth and sneaking kit bags into the Clubhouse
Bob Bevan has also written about 'The Mexican', as he was known, although the epithet of 'Rolf' is probably one that he should no longer be associated with
According to Mike's own records he played 119 games for the Club, scoring 40 goals – dodgy knees cut short his playing career - but everyone knows that it is what he did off the field that makes him such a great Old Wilsonian and a man to whom we will be eternally grateful
He was secretary for longer than anyone can remember, succeeding George Croucher to whom he was assistant and someone Mike admired greatly, and was so proud when we won the League's Hospitality Cup, an ambition also close to George's heart
As secretary Mike claimed that he had/needed to play at home every week, and took a lot of stick for that
"But think of all the washing-up I have to do" was his rejoinder
However, he was not averse to making other sides travel when they were without a fixture and invariably informed the skipper involved:
"I've got you a friendly - an away fixture at Mill Hill"
(I'm convinced he had an arrangement with their fixtures secretary)
Mike worked in a fruit and vegetable market which necessitated him getting up early in the morning, so insisted that no-one called him after 9-00 p.m.
"I'll do a deal with you," he explained, "I won't call you at 4-00 a.m. if you do not call me after 9-00 p.m."
He drove an open top truck for many years – it contained a lot of room for fruit and vegetables – and was a life-long Charlton supporter, but it was always the OWs who came first and, as a consequence, watched them only occasionally, and invariably at mid-week evening games
As a Palace supporter I recall such a fixture and, having parked my car about a mile from Selhurst Park, became aware of said truck hurtling past me along Croydon Rd
In 1988 he convinced me to help him compile a history of the Football Club to celebrate its centenary – it's probably about time this was updated.

He also helped those in other clubs to compile similar histories as this email to Malcolm Whitehead, who compiles a weekly newsletter for members of GOALS, (‘Golden Oldies Alcoholic Lunches’ and of which Mike was a member) illustrates:

'I feel extremely saddened to learn the news of Mike's sudden death.

For me he was not simply a friend. He was additionally a wonderful authority when it came to demonstrating ways in which to research archive material, especially with regard to Alexandra Park Football Club. May he rest in peace’

When I became editor of the Football newsletter he attempted to sell the position to me by saying “It is the sort of job that someone only does for a couple of years” but I never got round to telling him years later - many years later - that this was somewhat of an under-estimation

He used to ‘phone me every Sunday afternoon and dictate his weekly column which always had something to say, whether it be detailing the fortunes of the various sides, reminding players to pay their subs, promoting fund-raising activities or emphasising the importance of removing the corner flags after games

But there is one thing you could always guarantee – every word was intended to promote the OWFC and ensure it progressed

Although the Football Club was his passion he also played cricket for the OWs with enthusiasm rather than skill and was a committed fielder, saving many a run, and was the sort of guy who would help you out at the last moment if you were short, the sort of man he admired in the Football Club and, in his later days, could invariably be seen at the Club supporting our cricket teams in the summer – he just could not stay away from Hayes on Saturday afternoons

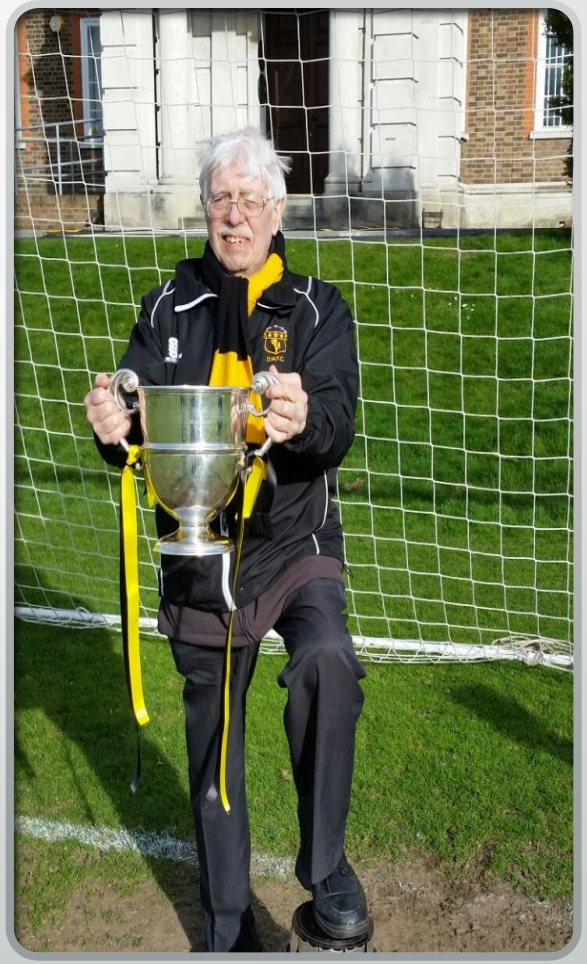
Mike was initially reluctant to become President of the Association but was eventually persuaded to do so. One of his reservations was that the position involved speaking at the Annual Dinner, something he was reluctant to do, which is interesting as Geoff Robinson claims that it was Mike’s inspiring speech at the Leavers’ Supper - an event held at the Club to persuade the current crop of leavers to join the Association - that convinced Geoff to do so.

On becoming OWA President he said he wanted all sections of the Club to come together and inter-act far more than that had done in the past, and it is a blessing that he lived to see this happen, with so many members now playing a multitude of sports and the football, cricket and tennis clubs all having junior sections to secure the long term future of the Club he loved and served with such distinction

Our immediate thoughts are with Lillian and the rest of the Harris family and I am confident that they all know how much Mike meant to the Club and vice versa and hope that this will be of some comfort to them at this difficult time

So the unique Mike Harris has gone but he will not be forgotten, and this does not mean that you can now warm-up in the goal-mouth or take your kit bag into the Clubhouse, for to do so would be an insult to his memory

Mike Pike



6s 1 vs 5 South Bank

RIKKIE RAND doesn’t play.

Yellow Ball, White Ball, Red Card, Still can't score

6TH XI 1 - 5 SOUTH BANK CUACO 6TH XI

The start of the match was rather tame without nothing happening outside the middle of the pitch. Neither team settled on the ball and not much happened in terms of attacking play.

After about 15 the 6s managed to get a few chances but could not hit the back of the net.

All of a sudden, the opposition sprung into life and started making all sorts of runs behind our back line. Before we knew it we were two goals down. We were getting frustrated and couldn't keep the ball for too long. Robbins made a few good saves and then a quick counter got us one back through **FAIRHURST** who charged at the keeper who got a yellow card in follow through on Fairhurst who squeezed the into the goal.

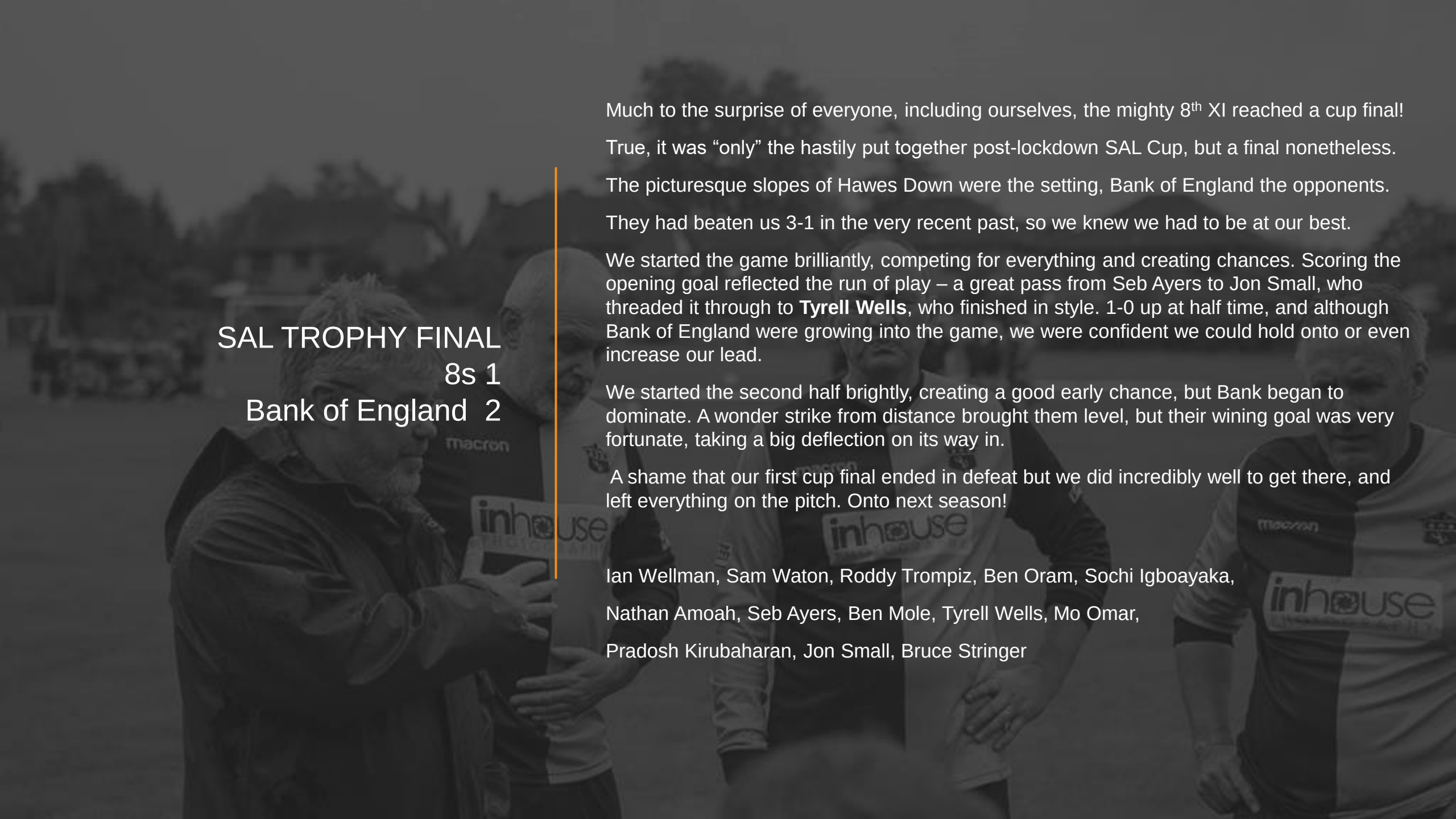
The second half was a blitz and within moments we saw ourselves 4-1 down.

Then a moment of madness as the opposition keeper handled the ball outside of the box.

With more than 30 minutes to go surely a come back was on the cards.

However, we received a sin bin and found ourselves 5-1 down. When we got back to 11 men we battled and naturally had a lot of the play, but alas no goals.

Team: Robbins, Strong, Chappell, Nicholas, Steven Peares, Martin, Talabi, A.Benwell, Gilbert, Fairhurst, S.Benwell, Patel, Lakhani



SAL TROPHY FINAL

8s 1

Bank of England 2

Much to the surprise of everyone, including ourselves, the mighty 8th XI reached a cup final!

True, it was “only” the hastily put together post-lockdown SAL Cup, but a final nonetheless.

The picturesque slopes of Hawes Down were the setting, Bank of England the opponents.

They had beaten us 3-1 in the very recent past, so we knew we had to be at our best.

We started the game brilliantly, competing for everything and creating chances. Scoring the opening goal reflected the run of play – a great pass from Seb Ayers to Jon Small, who threaded it through to **Tyrell Wells**, who finished in style. 1-0 up at half time, and although Bank of England were growing into the game, we were confident we could hold onto or even increase our lead.

We started the second half brightly, creating a good early chance, but Bank began to dominate. A wonder strike from distance brought them level, but their wining goal was very fortunate, taking a big deflection on its way in.

A shame that our first cup final ended in defeat but we did incredibly well to get there, and left everything on the pitch. Onto next season!

Ian Wellman, Sam Waton, Roddy Trompiz, Ben Oram, Sochi Igboayaka,

Nathan Amoah, Seb Ayers, Ben Mole, Tyrell Wells, Mo Omar,

Pradosh Kirubaharan, Jon Small, Bruce Stringer



Vets 3 v 0 Alleyn OB

SAL Vets Cup played 25th April

Six months to the day since the 7-2 thumping of HSBC Vets in the earlier round the OWFC Vets took on regular opponents Alleyns Vets on the Hawes Down pitch.

Stu McBride got himself some attention but making himself available but then making the schoolboy error of double booking himself and dropping out a few days before the match.

After the usual warm up routine from Mark Simmons we kicked off attacking the end away from the clubhouse and made a flying start with James Taylor finding **James Karamath** who put us 1-0 up and then another move down the right involving Taylor and Ozzy Akkaya resulted in **John Howe** finishing well to put us 2-0 up early in the game.

We continued to control the game, created a number of other chances but we could not get the ball in the back of net. Midway through the half Jamie Parkinson accidental caught an Alleyns defender with his elbow after a few challenges in midfield and after a nice little chat amongst a number of the players and ref Micky Pilgrim we continued the match.

Alleyns managed one good move with a good pass splitting Mark Pope and Jamie Rogers in central defence but Neil Ashworth came out and managed a great save to stop the Alleyns centre forward from scoring.

With the wind playing a big part in the game the second half proved a little bit more challenging for some decent football and the back four of Taylor, Pope, Rogers and Dan Harris hardly gave them a decent chance and Alleyns got in decent positions they rarely made a decent pass.

Dan Harris made sure he kept the midfield on their toes by shouting as loudly as he could when Alleyns tried to step up a gear.

Manager Lee Reid brought on Doug Smart, Si Elliott and himself to get some fresh legs on and it proved a great move when Doug Smart got down the right and set up **Chris Kennedy** to put us 3-0 up to make certain of our win.

It was a solid win, a great performance from the whole squad and Meads are the oppo for the next round this Sunday.

Mark Pope

Squad : Neil Ashworth, James Taylor, Mark Pope, Pete Taylor, Dan Harris, Mark Simmons, Jamie Parkinson,

Oz Akkaya, Chris Kennedy, James Karamath, Jon Howe, Lee Reid, Simon Elliott, Doug Smart

Goals - James Karamath, John Howe, Chris Kennedy

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1st XI – Senior Div 1

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3's

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

4th XI – Junior South Div 2

5th XI – Junior South Div 3

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

ONES GAIN POINT IN LAST GAME OF ENCOURAGING SEASON Old Owens 2 1st Xl 2

The 1st Xl travelled to north London for their final game of the season and earned a 2-2 draw, a good result but not quite good enough to overtake Owens and thereby finish runners-up in the league.
The 1st Xl's youth policy was once again in evidence as Ryan Thomas and Michael Moneke came into the side and we began brightly, pressing Owens high up the pitch, passing incisively and playing at a high tempo and our first goal came after 15 minute when Andy Parkinson lifted a clever through ball over the Owens back-line for **RYAN THOMAS** to latch onto. Once in a race, there was only going to be one winner, Ryan steadying himself before dispatching coolly past the 'keeper
Unfortunately the Spring sunshine seemed to take away some of our focus and Owens came back into the game, equalising after some good play on the left-hand side of the penalty box allowed their forward to level from close range, but we went back into the lead shortly after, **RYAN THOMAS** again troubling the Owens' back-line from another through ball, this time tempting their 'keeper to attempt to play the sweeper role, only for him to misjudge his timing and allowing Ryan to lift the ball calmy over said, by now stranded, 'keeper.
Owens, however, were always a threat and equalised after creating their own one-on-one, beating Andy Parkinson with a low poked finish
In the second half the tempo of the game died slightly as the size of the pitch and heat both took their toll. Both sides could have won the game in the last ten minutes, Jamie Parkinson going inches wide following a great burst from his end of the season centre-forward cameo role whilst, at the other end, a tremendous goal-line clearance from Luke Hackett saved the day and ensured parity.
Overall, this has been a very good season, with our highest finish in the league for some years and three very respectable Cup runs, narrowly losing out in the final of one of them. In terms of performances and quality of football, I would say this season has been the best since I've been at the Club and, given the development of the side, I think we should be optimistic about our chances of improving on our achievements next season. Jamie Parkinson
Parkinson.A. Hackett Moneke McBride Wilson Parkinson.J Parkinson.A Akkaya Howe Thomas Webb-McCartney Sub: Harley

Awards for the 2010/11 season

The following awards were made at the recent George Croucher Memorial Dinner:
Players of the Year:
1st Xl: Sam Wilson 2nd Xl: Dan Shaw 3rd Xl: Matt Williams 4th Xl: Chris Rowney 5th Xl: Chris Billing
6th Xl: Ed Hindley 7th Xl: Joel Brown 8th Xl: Duncan Hayward 9th Xl: Wes Doh
Young Player of the year: James Karamath
Golden Boot: Matt Williams
J Arthur Award: Barnes Clanachan
Clarke Quarrington Memorial Award: Andy Parkinson – goal-keeping version
Clubman of the Year: Jim Lloyd

Outstanding Results for 2010/ 2011 season				
Old Salesians	1	1st Xl	4	McBride, Pettifor, Webber-McCartney, Akkaya
East Barnet Old Grammarians	0	1st Xl	4	Scorers not reported
Old Owens	2	1st Xl	2	Thomas 2
2nd Xl	2	Old Salesians	5	Scorers not reported
Old Salesians	4	3rd X;	1	Scorer not reported
3rd Xl	1	Polytechnic	1	Williams.M
4th Xl	8	Kew Association	1	Scorers not reported
Old Westminster Citizens	2	5th Xl	5	Collin 2, Robinson.N, Moneke, OG
6th Xl	4	Bank of England	0	Williams.M 2, + two others
FC Gidropark	3	Old Wilsonians	1	Fowler.J

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

SUTTONIANS WIN LEAGUE AND 6THS SURVIVE Suttonians 2 6th XI 1

Before we started this game we knew that even a defeat by one goal would keep the 6th XI in this division for another season and Suttonians only needed a draw to win the league. As early as the second minute we found out what sort of a game we were in for when their skipper clattered into Duncan Lewis
Suttonians hopes of winning this game by a large margin took a knock when the 6th XI went ahead with a very well taken goal by **GARRETH PERRY,** who picked up on a defensive error, but another good strike by a Suttonian forward brought the scores level about ten minutes later
This was followed by 20 minutes of Suttonian pressure which eventually paid off when they scored ten minutes before half-time as our goal-keeper, Paul Gerrard, ended up in a heap after an unfair challenge, but the referee allowed the resulting 'goal' to stand
So we turned round for the second half knowing that we could not afford to concede another goal. The tactics of Duncan Lewis, now on the touch-line, were an inspiration to us all but resulted in the play being condensed to the left-hand side of the pitch so that he could have a better look!
As Dave "Is he a ringer" Joliffe - who had replaced Duncan - was playing on the right-hand side, he quickly became disillusioned and, as usual, failed to make it once again at this level. We had a very sound defence, with a very good performance from Stu' Paton, as you would expect, and also the two full-backs, Kevin Lunsden and Rob Barty
We held on for a 2-1 loss, although we had a few hairy moments – Paul Gerrard made a very good save in the last couple of minutes – and the 6ths live to fight another day; and in the same division
Rob Goodwin
Gerrard Barty Paton Goodwin Lunsden Lewis (Joliffe) Mole.N Mole.J Taylor.A **(Benjamin)** Perry Curtis

MIKE HARRIS SHOWS HIS AUTHORITY 7th XI 0 Holland Park 4

The final game of the season saw the return game against Holland Park, four weeks after the unpleasant first encounter. **This fixture, I am pleased to report, was a lot more enjoyable and this was due to the authoritative refereeing of Mike Harris**
What did not change, however, was the way Holland Park out-played us, and two goals in each half was no more than they deserved. The 7th XI were strengthened by four players from the higher sides, who were clearly our better players, but James Hudson and Matt Washington both put in very creditable performances
Despite the disappointing results, this has been a positive season, with many school players being introduced to Old Boys football.
May I take this opportunity to thank all of those who have supported the team, especially the 52 players who have turned out for the 7ths during the season Neville Spencer
Team Washington Hudson Stanley Higgins Martin Yansen Skelton Spencer Hall (Shah.J) Attrell Pattani

Classified Results , April 27th 1996				
Old Sutts	2	6th XI	1	Perry
7th XI	0	Holland Park	4	

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