OLD WILSONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB ‘All the news that’s fit to print’

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Last Saturday at Hayes, on Vice Presidents day, we honoured our past remembering all of those no longer with us and played our future.
The Schoolboys won against our 3rd X1 with the 1s and 4s winning the other two and retaining the annual trophy. The 4s featured special playing guests Forbes A, Forbes D, Jamie Parkinson and yours truly for a cameo.
Everyone was a winner and the boys introduced to our ground, facilities and clubhouse (not the bar, lol), we hope that many will return and wish them good luck for next two terms with GCSE's, A levels and onto Uni. We hope many will return to play.
The 2s, 5s and 7s all won on Saturday in league action with the 2s and 5s returning for last 16 AFA Cup action this weekend. Good luck to all, the QF is the prize in the New Year. The 6s gave another good display and scored three but a first league win remains elusive.
25 yrs. ago the 1s also played the School winning by the same score line, 5 – 0, the scorers will be familiar.
50 yrs. ago young Chris Cowell (who reffed on Sat) and Paul Hannifan “ran their socks off” for the 3s in a 1 1 draw in glorious Gunnersbury Park, our past President / Chair / School Governor Pete Davis’s report is featured.





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 Wilsonian 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.



Results – 3rd Dec – Home Games at Hayes / HD

Friendly	1s v School Hayes 1230pm ko
Results	Scorers
5 - 0	Steadford, Elliot, Karamath Deshai, Riman.

SAL	2nd XI v West Wickham 2pm KO Hayes
Results	Scorers
3 - 2	Drame, Kai, Habil.

Friendly	3rd XI v School 2's 11am KO Hayes
Results	Scorers
2 - 5	Tyler, Austin

Friendly	4th XI v School 3s 11am KO Hayes
Results	Scorers
4 - 1	Luke Curran, CJ 2, Toby Shelton, Nathan Carpenter

SAL	5th XI vs City of London Away
Results	Scorers
3 - 2	Steve Benwell, Matt Lawrence, Christopher Biggings

SALC	6th XI vs South Bank Home note 12 Noon KO
Results	Scorers
3 - 5	Ash Allarakhia, Jon Small 2

SAL	7th XI v Merton 2pm KO Home HD
Results	Scorers
6 - 3	Awaits

Super Vets Played 27/11 Vets	V London Fire Brigade X1 V Old Dorkingians AFA Cup
Results	Scorers
SV L 1 – 5	Jonny Q?
VETS WON 3 – 2 AET	PAT DU CASSE JIMMY TAYLOR MARK SIMMONS



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Fixtures 10th Dec – No Home Games

SAL	1s v Old Owens Away
Results	Scorers

AFA Cup	2nd XI v West Wickham Away
Results	Scorers

SAL	3rd XI v Carshalton Away
Results	Scorers

SAL	4th XI v
Results	Scorers
	Match PP due to fixture clash

AFA Cup Last 16	5th XI vs Winchmore Hill Away
Results	Scorers

SAL	6th XI vs Merton Away
Results	Scorers

AFA Cup Last 16	7th XI v Meadonians Away Winner Away to OWFC 5's OR Winchmore Hill in QF
Results	Scorers

Vets Old Boys Cup	SUNDAY 11th Old Westminster Citz Away Availability to Jamie Parkinson Joseph Hood Ground Martin Way Morden SW20 9BU 945am Meet. 1030am KO
Results	Scorers
	Squad - Howe TBC, DuCasse, JPark, Mal Smart, Doug Smart, Gary B, Dan H, Guy Hannah TBC, Lee Reid, Chris Kenners TBC, Aaron L TBC, Chris DYKI, Ed McLaughlin, Popey



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1s 5 v 0 The School

The 1s welcomed the school first team for the annual set of fixtures against future Old Wilsonians on a cold morning in Hayes.

They welcomed back veteran Jamie Parkinson who had already played in an earlier fixture, throwing him straight into the starting lineup of a much changed team.

The schoolboys, in an unfamiliar red kit, started quite brightly and had a couple of forays into the opposition half before the 1s started to take control. Following a few missed chances the well organised defence was eventually breached when Karamath's cross was headed in by **Steadford**. A second followed quickly afterwards as **Elliott** pounced on a loose ball from a corner and scored his seasonal left footed goal (definitely did not take a deflection according to the goal scorer).

The 1s continued to look a threat from set pieces due to their physical advantage and an excellent Wright corner was bundled in by **Karamath** to make it 3-0 before half time. The schoolboys will definitely want to avoid him at Wilson's this week.

Changes were made at half time but the flow of the game remained the same. A great team move involving Beatson and Ryan led to a ball across goal converted at the back post by debutant **Dhesi**. **Riman** then added a fifth with a mazy run from midfield and flicked finish into the far corner.

Despite the heavy score line, all agreed that the young school team put in a competitive display and can be pleased with their performance against a much older side. We look forward to playing alongside them at the club in the next few years and wish them luck for the rest of the season. Report Jon Howe



2s 3 V 2 West Wickham 5s , League , Hayes.

The 2's faced West Wickham at home in the league.

Nervous energy from the WW side as they turned up and that transferred on to the pitch from kick off. Drame and James causing havoc for the Wickham back line in the early stages whilst livewire Kai was causing major problems on the wing.

A long ball was nodded on from James in to **KAI** who excellently beat a man before rifling a shot in to the goal. Next and some good interlinking play on the edge of the box with Habil and James played in **DRAME** who ran and smashed a low drive in to the net. 2-0 to the good guys.

West Wickham then pulled a goal back and we went in half time 2-1 up.

Please note Gill and Winifred- Davis commanding everything at the back and no clumsy penalty worthy challenges, as of yet, from Winifred-Davis.

2nd half started and carried on like the first with Jim White crunching into tackles and running the centre mid zone.

Anyhow we then let Wickham score a scrappy equaliser.

Fear not reader, with 15 to go a ball fell on the corner of the penalty box to **HABIL** who expertly volleyed a lofted strike in to the stanchion of the goal.

Spark crazy scenes on the sidelines as the 2's celebrated in style. We then defended resolutely for the remainder and took home a huge 3 points.

The West Wickham on the sidelines called us some lovely names and gave us some fantastic compliments which we smiled and embraced.

Into the clubhouse and 2's legend Beatson won the raffle. We mixed with the 3's, 4's and our skipper and manager even got invited into the presidents lounge later in the evening which was quite the privilege.

Everyone had a pie, a pint and some pringles whilst coming to terms with our dear friend Martin exiting the WhatsApp group chat.

A good Saturday all in all Non sibi sed omnibus. #JusticeForMartin

Scorers - Drame, Kai, Habil

MOTM - J White



3s 2 v 5 The School



4s 4 v 1 The School



City of London Res 2 v 3 5's League, Away.

Another week and another instalment of the mighty 5's. A full squad of 14 away from home despite some noticeable absentees. Can they get they get the job done and head into Christmas unbeaten in the league and maintain their 100% win record?

It began with another quality and rigorous warm up from C.Jennings and the 5's were bang up for it and fully prepared to go out and get the 3 points. The less said about the state of the pitch the better, we knew we were in for a rough game.

A mighty quick start from the 5's, and a couple early chances from set pieces created by the cultured left foot of R.Sweeney, we were unlucky to not be 2-0 up in the first 10 but it was just a matter of time before that goal came.
After a midfield battle the Wilson's emerged with the ball and broke forward, H. Adams played in S.Fairhurst with back towards goal he flicked the ball cleverly to S.Benwell, he chased the ball down and despite the on rushing goalkeeper *S.Benwell* calmly lifted the ball over the keeper to make it 1-0 Wilson's.
Big Hoffers kept the game fresh by keeping the Sewell players rotated to keep the energy levels up as the O's went in search for a second. Agent Benson had been busy on a scouting mission during the week, a deal was agreed and we flew in *Matt Lawrence* from Australia. As little as 4 hours fresh off the plane he surprisingly brought in immense pace, energy and technique and it just so happened to result in a lovely debut goal for him. A lovely ball broke to him just on the edge of the box and with a low hard strike the keeper had no chance! 2-0 as we headed into half time in complete control.
After a relatively uneventful half time team talk, with nothing but praise and some minor tweaks we headed into the second half full of confidence and ready to see out the game.
A slow start to the second half from the O's allowing City to get on the ball far too often and with too much time, albeit causing us minimal issues. After a relatively scrappy start to the 2 half the ref gave a dubious decision in the way of City awarding them a free kick 25 yards out. Quite biased from their manager who reffing this game, and instead of keeping it to myself I had a head loss and spoke my mind which resulted in a strong word from the referee, R.Sweeney quickly apologised and walked away with his tail between his legs. Free kick was taken and a clever one at that, burying it into the bottom corner. 2-1 game on, nervous energy now in the air. We knew what was coming.

City came out fast after the restart but the O's managed to settle and match them and help get a foothold back in the game and asserted dominance showing exactly why the OWFC 5's are top of the league! After clever football from the O's a corner was awarded. The ball whipped in and City couldn't deal with it. It was like a game of ping pong... The ball was Defender onto the bar from a Wilson's head, then A.Benwell's attempt was cleared off the line then…. 'Is it a bird? or is it a plane?' no it's *C.Billing* the ever reliant veteran sniffing out the rebound and burying it to make it 3-1, absolute scenes and the relief causing limbs everywhere and celebrations as we restored the 2 goal margin.
Surely this game was over with just under 10 minutes to go, we just needed to see it out. But the drama continued as a hopeful ball into the box from City was brought down smartly by one of their players, managed to get a shot off which forced Frosty into a fine save but unfortunately the rebound was tucked home to make it 3-2, backs to the wall stuff now. No funny business. Protect the ball and keep it simple!

We played the rest of game in City's half keeping them on the back foot. The front players A.Benwell and S.Benwell didn't give the defence a break and chased every ball working tirelessly to stop them getting into our half. After an uneventful remainder of the game the ref blew the final whistle! 2-3 the final score away from home. A fine performance full of hard work… sometimes you have to win ugly and in this game we did!

The 5's march into Christmas with 7 wins from 7 in the league and sitting pretty at the top. It's a testament to the hard work and commitment from all the lads so far this half of the season, but the job is only half done, a long way to go still, so long may it continue as we head into next year.

1 more game next week before the Christmas break and New Year, next Saturday is a Big cup game against Winchmore Hill… can we take revenge and dump them out of the cup like they did last year and head into the Quarter-Finals of the prestigious AFA (INOV) Cup. Up the 5's

Mom - S.Benwell DOD - R.Sweeney Match Report - R. Sweeney

OWFC Vets 3 v 2 Dorkinians AET, SAL Cup

- On a damp, foggy morning at the bottom of Box Hill the Vets took on Dorkinians in the SAL Cup.
- Parky spoke about starting fast so naturally after dominating the first 5mins we found ourselves a goal down to a Cantona-esque chip over Moniz into the top corner.
- We steadied ourselves and controlled possession around the back four to settle the game into a fairly even period of play with M Smart and Rand the outlets. As we started to channel through the inspired **Simmons**, he calmly jinked past two players and the keeper to roll into the net following D Smart through ball.
- An even game going into the half, but steadily dominated by OW. The pattern of play carried on in the second half with OW playing the better football but somehow not finding the back of the net. It wasn't until some high press broke the ball to **DuCasse** who finished with a deft lob that took an age to come down to nestle over the on rushing keeper.
- OW looked certain to see the game out with Bonsels, Parky and Simmo bossing midfield only for the ref to award a very soft penalty which was coolly slotted away. 2-2 Extra time
- Through one on one in the first period of extra time the Dorkinians CB, Kennedy was wiped out with the ref claiming the left back over the over side of the pitch was covering round (no red!).
- With DuCasse skying over when well placed and both Howe and Kennedy giving their hamstrings to the cause it was looking like penalties. However an off the ball lash out at Kennedy in the box from the Dorkinians CB just as a free kick was being taken resulted in a penalty. **Taylor** stepped up to place home to the keepers right.
- The last minute onslaught occurred and the wall of D Smart and Hannah repelled everything until the last cross of the game. Jamie "Gordon Banks" Moniz dived to his right the miraculously flick a bullet header round the post.
- 3-2 Aet OW into the next round.
- MOM - J Taylor
- TEAM- Moniz M Smart Hannah D Smart Rand Jamie Parkinson Simons Taylor Howe Bonsels Kennedy DuCasse



OWFC Super Vets XI vs Fire Brigade XI. Lost

A few weeks before Christmas on a fairly cold Sunday midday kick off, this match against the **Fire Brigade XI** was always going to be a good test for the **Old Wilsonian Super Vet XI,** especially with just the one sub to hand, which is never a good idea but needs must.

I'm sure a match report will be incoming, so I'll steal no thunder but suffice to say our opposition, that had some late dropouts and found themselves injected with obvious and very keen youth were just a little too much for our aging squad but a good game nevertheless and as always, played in good spirits.

Pictures by **Viktoriya Pintyak**
Referee : Jim Matthews









ALL OUR YESTERDAY'S - 25 YEARS AGO

SPARROWS DEN SEES THE 5TH XI'S IMPROVEMENT CONTINUE 5th XI 3 Old Lyonians 2

The 5ths were back at their spiritual home again this week for about the fourth week running and the run of good results continued. We were greeted by a bracing wind and a spot of rain and, eventually, the opposition turned up. This being a Cup game, and with extra time and penalties a possibility, the game was reduced to 35 minutes each way.

A much changed line-up from the previous week got off to a scintillating start and an effort from Ben Hughill was well saved and immediately Lyonians countered and could not convert an equally good goal chance at the other end.

We played some neat football, but too often gave possession away needlessly and, on one such occasion, a free-kick on the left was allowed across the face of our goal and was prodded in at the far post.

We continued to press forward and were rewarded when Dave Dutton broke down the right and crossed for **TONY BARNES** to guide his header into the bottom corner.

A 1-1 score-line at half-time was slightly flattering and we knew that, if we were to progress in this competition, we would have to put in more commitment, and this we duly did. Solid play from Guy Clayton and Ali' Simpson restricted Lyonians to half a dozen chances, which were ably dealt with by Si' Letts in goal.

Our movement in midfield was good, and we were nearly rewarded when a shot from Nick McClaughlan thumped against the cross-bar. We finally took the lead when a loose ball from a corner fell to **ROBERT PINE** and he finished with style and, within minutes, we were 3-1 up when **DAVE DUTTON** slid in with the 'keeper and scooped the loose ball home but, and as usual, we then invited pressure and conceded a second Lyonian goal with a minute to go.

Some heart stopping moments ensued, but we held on to progress to the next round of the Old Boys Invitational Cup.

Excellent games from Tony Barnes, who was full of running and capped his performance with a fine goal, Lou Barry, as solid as ever in the centre of midfield, and schoolboy Dean Stockley, who made up the 11 when one of our number failed to turn up. Dave Dutton

Letts Lewis Clayton (Ali)Simpson McClaughlan Barry Hughill Pine Dutton Barnes Stockley

3rd XI: Wing.K Pilgrim.M Forbes.A Udale Hoffman Quinton Chapman Karamath Riley Nelson Scorer

6th XI: Peckover Rice(Pugh.D) Higgins Hudson Lutchman Blake Chinnery Hughes Johns Bier Patani

Classified Results , November 29th 1997				
1st Xl	5	The School	0	Trout, Smart.R, Harris, Coomansingh, Pope.D
Old Tenisonians	2	2nd Xl	1	Pullen
Old Wokingians	1	3rd Xl	0	
4th Xl	4	The School 2nd Xl	0	Daniels 2, Spencer.L, Forbes.S
5th Xl	3	Old Lyonians	2	Dutton. Pine, Barnes
6th Xl	4	Old Aloysians	6	Blake, Pugh.D, Patini, Bier
Old Parmiterians	17	7th Xl	2	Tetley 2
8th Xl	1	Old Tenisonians	9	Henry
Palace	1	Newcastle United	2	Shipperly

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO

THE MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR ENDS AT…… GUNNERSBURY PARK Brent 1 3rd Xl 1

Some kind of record must have been created by the 3rd Xl when they departed for their match against Brent for, instead of the usual convoy of five cards losing each other every five yards, we only had two cars doing exactly the same thing. Considering that both car drivers knew where Gunnersbury Park was, it came as no surprise when Bob Harper invented a new route involving the M4 motorway to Bristol, and as his car disappeared into the rain over the Chiswick flyover, the occupants of the Alan Tyson follow-up vehicle, who naturally took the correct turn off, were heard to comment, "Told you so."

As five of us sat in the dressing room debating a four man defence and one man forward line, Bob's contingent re-appeared from a 25 minute package tour of the Heston Service station, but looking none the worse for it.

Meanwhile, back at the game, the cultured back-waters of Gunnersbury Park witnessed nine 3rd Xl players kicking off on a pitch, the size of which was comparable with playing snooker on a full-size table but using marbles instead of snooker balls. (On a clear day it is possible to see football pitches ***forever!***

As is often the case with 11 men lining up against nine, Brent failed to take advantage of the situation by making use of the size of the pitch. Concentrating their play down one wing, fortunately not mine, they got next to nowhere and, with the blustery wind in our favour in the first half, we not only contained them but also spent a lot of time going forward. Whether we could have maintained the pace is debatable but, fortunately, our two remaining players turned up after some ten minutes and things settled down to a healthier pattern of play. Paul Hannifan had a couple of long range shots which came off the slippery surface so fast that we might have learnt something from them; but did not!

Brent were working quite a good off-side trap that caught us out on several occasions and, when the ball was played forward, it invariably picked up so much speed that no-pne was going to catch it. We did, however, go in front when a good run by **PETE DAVIS** ended with him touching the ball into the net after a goal-mouth scramble with Dave Fletcher. (In fairness, a few of their players were also involved)

Playing into the wind in the second half I think we rather expected an onslaught of pressure from Brent but, somehow, it never really happened until late in the game. We broke forward on several occasions but most of the play seemed to condense into the middle of the field. Their equalising goal came about mid-way through the second half and reflected the only real occasion when our covering fell apart.

The end result of 1-1 was quite a good one for both sides and, considering the drastically changed nature of our side, it was a very creditable result. Many players have paid me to single them out but, on a day when everyone played a very hard game, I would like to mention the following:

Bob Harper, playing his first game on the field for some time, never put a foot wrong – two feet, yes, but one foot, no. Ray Howell got through the amount of work in midfield which makes the difference between having a midfield and not having one, Chris Cowell and Paul Hannifan ran and tackled themselves into the ground and, hopefully, will be excavated by the local council before next week's game, and Pete Clarke handled everything that came his way well in difficult conditions. 'Spud' Murphy

Classified Results, December 2nd 1972				
1st Xl	0	Plaistovians	3	
Old Libertians	2	2nd Xl	1	Brown
Brent	1	3rd Xl	1	Davis.P
4th Xl	3	Bealonians	0	Brittain 3
Palmers Green	3	6th Xl	1	Pratt

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1st XI – Senior Div 1

2nd XI – Intermediate Div 1

3's

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

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5th XI – Junior South Div 3

6th XI 7th XI– Junior South Div 4

8th XI – Junior South Div 5



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Team	Name	Email Address
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2nd XI	Ian WELLMAN	
3rd XI	Jack SHELTON	
4th XI	Jamie MONIZ	
5th XI	Mike HOFFMAN	
6th XI	Nick Mole Ben Mole	
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