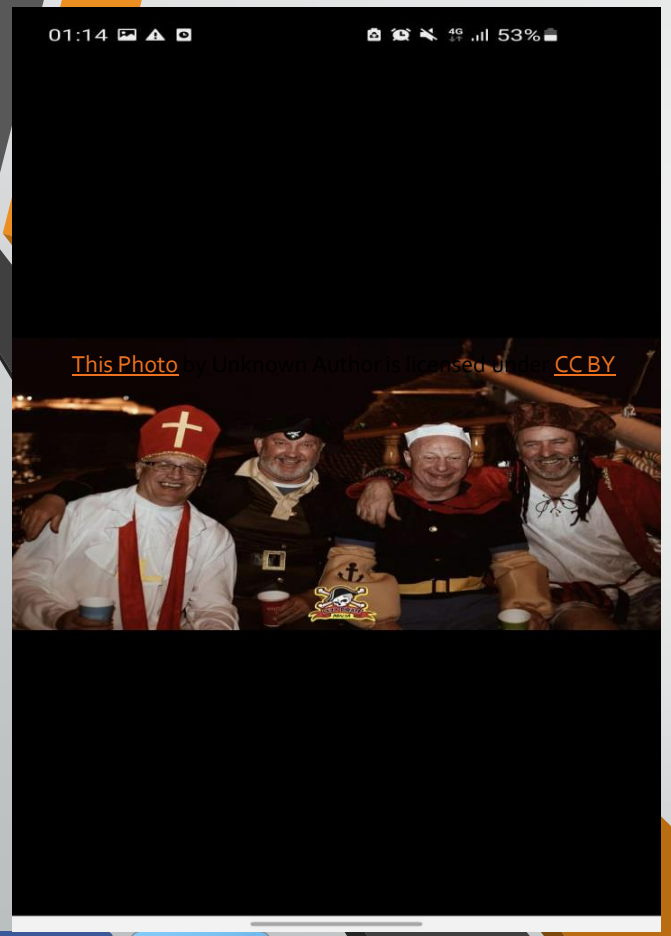
OLD WILSONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB ‘All the news that’s fit to print’



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Chairman’s Christmas Report



Xmas is on the horizon and time for a half season report.
We haven’t so far struggled for numbers for the 7 Saturday sides. Saying that both 4s and 7s have struggled in the last few weeks. (Classic Alex!, Ed)
Both 2s and 5s are the form sides. The rest of the sides are struggling a bit. Super Vets under Doug Forbes have played 8 fixtures this season and Vets under Jamie Parkinson seem to be on the up.
We are seeing an influx from the junior section and the school game was back with old boys winning 2-1 across the 3 games.
Events wise thanks to Barnes Clanachan, Clive Peckover and Andy Parkinson for making the golf day such a great success. Neil Kendrick for all his efforts organising Vice Presidents day a couple of weeks back. The next one on 11th February will be honour of Mac McAlister and my old man, Ian Forbes, where we will unveil a bench in honour of our late life president Mike Harris and Lilian and his family will scatter Mikes ashes next to his life long friend Mike Kendrick (who were honoured at the last Vice Presidents day).
It would be great to get lots of ex members there on 11th and give the Mexican the farewell we were unable to give him due to covid.
Dan Harris will become chair of the OWFC as I disappear around the world with Debbie for 11 months . The club is in capable hands and a number of people have stepped up to fulfil the Harris role of front of house, if anyone fancies a week or two let me know. Join Messrs. Spencer , Peckover , Smart , Forbes , Kendrick as front of house.
Thanks to all the skippers , the committee , Steve Millward for his efforts every Saturday and Jasper and the bar team, car park duty girls and lastly Stu Paton for his wonderful newsletter that I will be an avid reader of during my travels.
So please write some good ones. (Will try Alex, bon voyage enjoy your ‘tour’, we’ll miss you, Ed)
All the best
Alex Forbes OWFC Chair (Pictured far left, ‘Pope on a Boat’ Malta OWFC Tour 2022 0114Hrs, Ed)

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HNY NEXT FIXTURES SAT 7TH JANUARY 2023
APART FROM SUPER + VETS PLAYING 18/12 AND 31/12 – SEE SLIDE 3

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 from 10th Dec & Xmas / NYE Fixtures

SAL	1s v Old Owens Away
Results	Scorers
	PP Next fixture 7th January 23 Home SALC v Actonians TBC

AFA Cup	2nd XI v West Wickham Away
Results	Scorers
	PP Tie to be played 7th January 23 at West Wickham

SAL	3rd XI v Carshalton Away
Results	Scorers
	PP Next fixture awaits

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

AFA Cup Last 16	5th XI vs Winchmore Hill Away
Results	Scorers
	PP Tie to be played 7th January 23 at Winchmore Hill

SAL	6th XI vs Merton Away
Results	Scorers
2 - 6	Jon Small, Ramiz Mohammed Next fixture awaits

AFA Cup Last 16	7th XI v Meadonians Away Winner Away to OWFC 5's OR Winchmore Hill in QF
Results	Scorers
	PP Tie to be played 7th January 23 at West Wickham

Vets Old Boys Cup	SUNDAY 11th Old Westminster Citz Away
Results	Scorers
	PP Next fixtures Super Vets / Vets X1's v MOTH Select X1 **Sunday 18th Dec Hayes 12 Noon** Super Vets / Vets v Juniors / MOTH Old Boys Select X1 **Saturday 31st Dec Hayes KO TBC.**



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Merton 7 v 2 6's League Away, 10th Dec 22

The weather had turned into a proper Winter freezing cold day, with all other games called off, except in 'sunny' Merton. Even the FA app had the game as off.

Arriving at the ground there were several games being played, so all good (for now). 'Pep' Mole's one request from this week's Christmas cracker was a win before the traditional break. Also to keep him in a job!

From the side we had played a few weeks before there were a few new faces in the opposition side, with clearly a few ringers dropping down the sides. From the start the pitch was rock hard and the ball was bouncing unevenly, but we kept it tight for a long period until their number 41 and 9 started to make a difference. Another great finish from **Jon Small** kept us in it and by halftime we were still in it at 3 v 1, with Josh Mole having an unbelievable half in goal.

At halftime, Moley reminded everyone the win was viable, but we had to compete and win our battles. The opposition came out inspired for the second half and they got two more goals almost straight away. However, no one gave up and we got another back from a well followed up attack and well placed header from **Ramiz Mohammed**.

Saj and Dante were having inspired performances at the back containing a very mobile attack. With the sun fading the temperature seemed to drop dramatically and the ground now became rock hard. Even the ref at the end said it wasn't really playable.

Overall, tough to take a result like this, but with the opposition playing 2 XI players they made too much difference in this match. We start 2023 with a great team and a fantastic attitude, just need a little luck.

MoM – Josh Mole (inspired goalkeeping, stopping numerous well struck efforts)

Notable mentions – Jon Small (great goal), Dante Stringer (gave it everything in the second half),Kavi

Lakhani (great role as sweeper). Scorer's – Jon Small / Ramiz Mohammed

Team : Josh Mole (GK), Bruce Stringer, Ben Mole, Dante Stringer, Saj Phakey, Ben Oram, Ramiz

Mohammed, Jon Small , Rod Trompiz, Kavi Lakhani, Mo Omar, Seb Ayers, Tom Dixon.

Report Bruce Stringer







Merton v 6's
Rod's view

As the only game not to be cancelled on a very frosty Saturday, the mighty 6s were representing the OWFC badge all by themselves at Merton.

The pitch was still half frozen at kick off (how did it pass a 10 am inspection?) but we were just pleased to be playing!

However, from the calibre of players we were facing, it appeared that Merton's higher teams didn't have any games either!

We soon found ourselves 3-0 down, outrun and outplayed, and only the heroics of Josh Mole in goal keeping the score line respectable.

All was not lost however, the excellent Sochi Igboayaka shot from an angle which was parried straight into the path of **Jon Small**, who tucked it away. 3-1 down at half time, and the message was: we're still in it.

Within a minute of the second half we were 4-1 down and no longer in it. We had very good spells, and even scored another through a **Ramiz Mohamed** header. But the difference was when Merton were on top, they took their chances. We need to do likewise.

MoM: Josh Mole

Team: Josh Mole, Roddy Trompiz, Mohamed Omar, Ben Mole, Ben Oram, Bruce Graham, Dante Graham, Ramiz Mohamed, Sochi Igboayaka, Jon Small, Saj Phakey, Kavi Lakhani, Seb Ayers, Tom Dixon

Report Rod Trompiz

ALL OUR YESTERDAY'S - 25 YEARS AGO

RELENTLESS, EXHILARATING, MAJESTIC 1st XI 5 Old Minchendenians 1

The 1st XI continued their relentless pursuit of silverware with an exhilarating performance of majestic proportions as their glorious Cup run scaled yet new heights in this comprehensive quarter-final victory. With the recall of Doug Forbes to the 1st XI's irrepressible machine, this well oiled cog slotted in very nicely indeed to add his own dainty and dandy influence on proceedings.

The first half finished with us 4-0 ahead but this was only half of the story and, No, the other half was not that the second half was a 1-1 draw but was actually the way we went about grinding our opponents down during the first half of unrelenting supremacy. It is hard to put into words our performance, but if you'll allow me to try…..

On the impressive defensive platform of Kendrick, Billing and Forbes, and the hard-working performance of 'The Man' (Coomansingh), **TROUT** was allowed to score a lucky first and **SMART** a couple of tap-ins (!!!) and **MURRAY** a penalty after superb build-up down the left-hand side of the pitch, and **ROE** scored our goal in the second half.

The 1st XI are playing some impressive football at the moment and a good examination of our progress will be next week's rumoured AFA cup visit to League Champions Aloysians. If we can transfer our form against the Senior One sides to these Premier league giants, then we may be beginning to realise our true potential and perhaps put our names on a Cup or two.

And if the right-hand side of the team starts playing as well as the left, we may even have to start looking to play non-league 'professional' opposition in order to get some good games – 'Smarty' and 'Kendo', you've got to start asking around. Nick Billing

Southate Billing.N Kendrick.N Forbes.D Pope Roe Harris Murray.I (Webb) Smart.R Coomansingh Trout

NOT AS BAD AS IT LOOKS Old Manorians 5 5th XI 0

A combination of players pulling out and a breakdown in communications meant that the 5th XI faced the trip to Old Manorians, in Wembley, with only nine men. We played a 3-4-1 formation and worked hard in all areas of the pitch.

We could have lost this match heavily, but the spirit and battling of the team won admiration from both the opposition and the referee. The 0-5 score-line is something that we were not at all ashamed about, but, with a full team, we would have given Manorians a good game.

It is unfair to name individuals in such a good team performance, but Si' Letts had an outstanding game in goal and Dave Stewart worked tirelessly in midfield. Duncan Lewis

Letts Adams.T Kidd Hugill Lewis Stewart Barry Barnes Dutton

Classified Results , December 6th 1997				
1st Xl	5	Old Minchendenians	1	Trout, Smart.R 2, Murray.I, Roe
Old Thorntonians	0	2nd Xl	3	Corrigall.S 2, Sherwin
3rd Xl	4	Old Tiffinians	2	Scorer, Karamath 2, McGeever
Clapham Old Xvarians	1	4th Xl	8	Spencer.L 3, McClaughlan 2, Phillips 2, Graham
Old Manorians	5	5th Xl	0	
Old Josephians	3	6th Xl	3	Pattani 2, Janssen
8th Xl	3	Shene Old Grammarians	1	Henry, Jerome.C, Jerome.S
Leicester City	1	Palace	1	Padovano

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO

A FLURRY OF GOALS IN THE SECOND HALF 4th XI 1 London Welsh 2

This game started with an element of farce. We had ten players but our opponents could only manage eight, but we failed to capitalise on this situation and it was London Welsh who got the better of the early exchanges.
The situation then went from the ridiculous to the sublime when Roger McAlister was adjudged to have handled the ball in the penalty area and the opposing skipper strode up to take the spot kick and struck the ball firmly but straight at the 'keeper. Straight, that is, had Rod Hall remained still. He had, however, anticipated to the left and did well to change direction before parrying the ball and completing the save.
Gradually both sides reached their full allocation of players but the score was goal-less at half-time.
The second half is probably best forgotten. We went through a very bad phase in which London Welsh gained control of midfield and pushed us back into defence. Every clearance seemed to find an opposing player and, from starting with eight, they now seemed to have 15.
Just when we thought we had survived this bad patch we conceded two goals in a minute with but a quarter of an hour to play. This seemed to stun us into action and we attacked strongly and **DAVE FLETCHER** put new heart into the team by scoring direct from a free-kick with a fierce drive and we should have equalised when Barry Jones was put through by Dave Fletcher, but he shot past the post.
London Welsh then scored a third with a very good shot and that was that. Barry Jones
Hall McAlister.R Fielder.A Fletcher Murphy Wilks Tyson Jones Drabwell Kidd.P Davis.A

The gap narrows between Dave 'Whoops' Allen and Gordon Banks

It was pleasing to read that we will soon all be "players." – Harris had better watch out for, if he wishes to keep the talents of Charlie "I'll be leaving soon" Holder, Paul "The Club's 17th best left-back" Kidd and "Play anywhere" Bevan, we will expect something left in our boot next week when we play our 93rd consecutive home game.
Yes, Old Rolf – "You can call me Mr Harris" – is really up against it. Just last week Eric "The Juggler" Sanger was telling me that the only reason he had not turned professional, apart from the fact that he had not been asked, was that he wanted to keep his amateur status to play for the OWs when he was too old to make the grade.
The possible new players are endless now, too, and I can just see, in 20 years time, Mike Kendrick (54) fighting for his 13th XI centre-half spot with 93 year-old Billy Wright. And how about this for a potential 6th XI:
Rod Hall George Cohen Charlie Holder Peter Storey Eric Sanger Nick Carter Stanly Matthews (Jnr) Tom Finney Roy Kay Kath Kay Pele Bob Bevan

1st XI: Taylor (Martin) Adams.T Pilgrim.M Robinson Smith.S Threlfall Reaseley Matthews)John) Bartlett.D Caarrington Burgoyne

Classified Results, December 9th 1972				
Old Uffingtonians	2	1st XI	0	
2nd XI	0	Old Cheynians	2	
3rd XI	2	Old Finchleians	1	Cowell.C 2
4th XI	1	London Welsh	3	Fletcher
Mayfield Athletic	2	5th XI	1	Scorer not reported
Ipswich Town	2	Palace	1	Hughes

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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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2nd XI	Ian WELLMAN	
3rd XI	Jack SHELTON	
4th XI	Jamie MONIZ	
5th XI	Mike HOFFMAN	
6th XI	Nick Mole Ben Mole	
7th XI	Matt GUNDRY-WHITE	
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