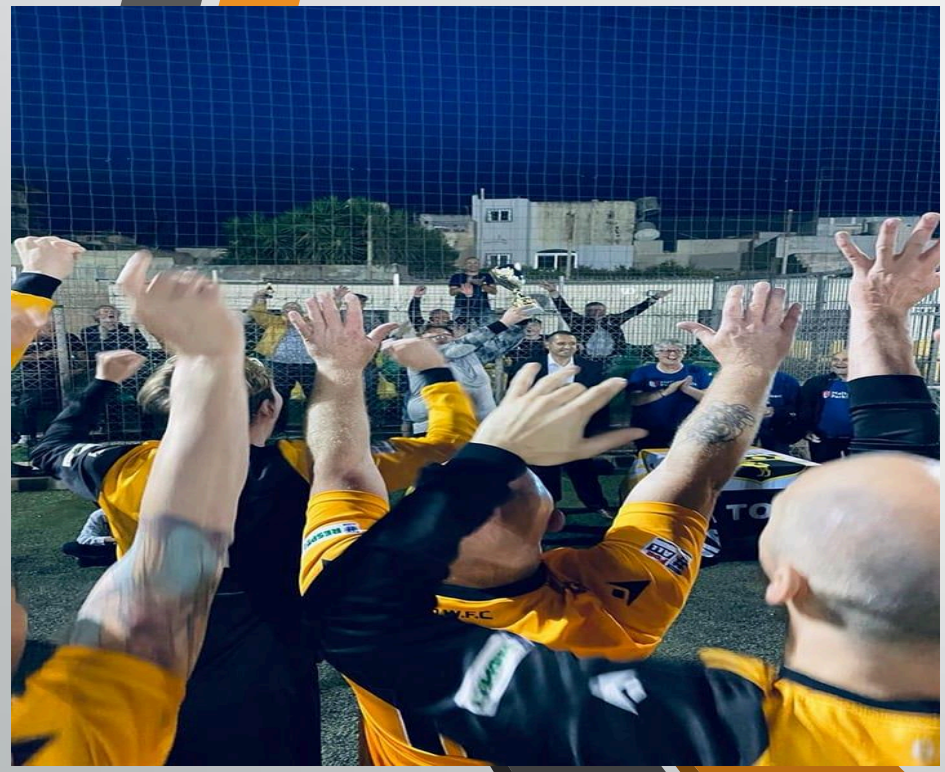
OLD WILSONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB ‘All the news that’s fit to print’

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Another week of promise with the 1s and 2s like quarrelling twin brothers, each claiming they were the best featuring alongside each other on the Hayes hallowed turf.

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The 2s avoided a battle with Carshalton 2s and simply played good football whilst keeping their heads after Cars went down to ten men. The 2s now sit top of Junior Div. One South.

The 3s continue to improve with a solid point at West Wickham and an imaginative description of the late equalizer, read the report!

The 4s and 6s came up short playing at South Bank, a club at lower levels, which appears strong this year.

The 5s put Merton to the sword to continue early promise, an AFA cup game to follow this Saturday against a strong AFC side, Old Minchendenians.

Alex Forbes, our Chair returned to the 7s and yes, an own goal inevitably followed past his long suffering brother! The Supers played in the Sunday morning deluge and a lot of positives from a close game with a Met Police team named Temple Bar. Thanks for all the match reports this week.

Please note that annual subs are due.

Full - £100

Super 70 Club members - £50

Unemployed- £25

Students in full time education – Free

Good luck Saturday. Non Sibi Sed Omnibus

Fixtures – 1st Oct – Home Games at Hayes / HD

SAL	1s v Nottsborough Home
Results	Scorers
1 - 2	Harley Riman

SAL	2nd XI v Carshalton Home
Results	Scorers
6 - 0	Edwardson, Gill, Sam James 2, Elsworth, Tas Drame

SAL	3rd XI v West Wickham Away
Results	Scorers
3 - 3	Lucas, Chaplin, Shelton J

SAL	4th XI v South Bank Away
Results	Scorers
1 - 3	Gary Bonsels

SAL	5th XI vs Merton Away
Results	Scorers
6 - 1	Sotchi 3, Chris Kennedy 2, Kieran Wright

SAL	6th XI vs South Bank 7's Home
Results	Scorers
1 - 5	Jon Small

SAL	7th XI v Old Blues 3s Home
Results	Scorers
3 - 9	Dan Harris, Frankie Rodway

Super Vets	Sunday 2nd Oct Met Police (Temple Bar) 10am Home
Results	Scorers
3 - 5	Kev Fowler 2, Richard Smart MOM Mal Smart Ref Mike Hoffman Snr



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Fixtures – 8th Oct – Home Games at Hayes / HD

SAL	1s v Awaits
Results	Scorers
0 - 0	

SAL	2nd XI v Alleyns Away
Results	Scorers

SAL	3rd XI v South Bank 3s Home Hayes
Results	Scorers

SAL	4th XI v Merton 3s Home
Results	Scorers

AFA Cup	5th XI vs Minchendenians 4s Away
Results	Scorers

AFA Cup	6th XI vs Old Wokingians Away
Results	Scorers

AFA Cup	7th XI v Civil Service Home
Results	Scorers

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Squad Ellis, Paton J, Kara, OJ, Sam W, Gowtham, Josh John, Alex Bratts, Harley Riman, Gilo, Jack Ryan, Lkwesi, Luke Ryan

1's 1 v 2 Nottsborough Sal League, Home

2s 6 v 0 Carshalton, SAL , Hayes.

The newly formed 2's are settling down after being the 5's, 4's and 3's in previous seasons.

After a week of continuous WhatsApp banter flying back and forth between the 1's and 2's squad, the 2's attentions turned to a home fixture against our good friends Carshalton.

After setting a meet time for 12.15 to allow the French contingent time for their Eurostar to pull in to Ebbsfleet international, we were raring to go at 13.30.

The 2s started slow and looked sluggish across the park, George Gill won several free kicks marauding down the right wing yet the highlight of the first half was Josh Nordbo's defensive clearance from 3 yards out which stopped a nailed on goal. Half time 0-0

Message from half time was pick up the tempo, pass quicker and we will smash the oppo. (Fair enough, Ed)

Our centre back EDWARDSON got the scoring underway with a slide tackle after finding himself in a great position. After excellent work from Sam James, DRAME freshly on as a sub then allowed a ball over his shoulder and smashed home with the cleanest and sweetest volley - Tres Bien (mange tout)

After a number of chances JAMES then got on the scoresheet himself slotting one home. We was putting them to the sword now. Nordbo and Twumasi then forced a penalty from the Carshalton back line allowing BIG TAY to make his way up from his goal mouth and slot home the penalty. Sparking some wild celebrations.

Carshalton went down to 10 men after hemorrhaging 4 quick goals and that wouldn't be the end of the scoring.
Carshalton supporters raised the alarm and were begging to shut the floodgates but they remained firmly open at Hayes Hill.

GILL then got in on the scoring after a lovely in swinging delivery from Fenton.

Nordbo fresh after a 6 hour commute from Middlesbrough took it round the keeper and unselfishly squared for JAMES to poke home at the near post.

Finished the game off in complete possession and with a bit of showboating. At the 2nd time of asking Jim White did a trademark rainbow kiss. Final whistle blew, 6-0.

Great 2nd half performance in front of Wags & Whippets. Also an honour to play on the pitch next door to our beloved (band of) brothers.

MOTM Connor Antill. Report Chunk Potter

Goals - EDWARDSON, DRAME, ELSWORTH, S JAMES x2, GILL

West Wickham 3 v 3 3's, SAL League, Away.



It was a fine Saturday early Afternoon in West Wickham, the weather teetering between 16 and 19 degrees. Some travel disruptions making a dent into pre game preparations see the Wilson's get off to a shaky start, conceding a goal from a quick through ball whilst they were still finding their bearings on the questionable terrain 1-0 WW.

OWs soon found their feet and we're starting to string some solid passages of play together and build up the pressure, culminating in a delicious cross from Nathan COOPER into the poachers path of **Sam CHAPLIN** who latched onto the cross and flicked it past the keeper with class to make it 1-1. The 3s rounded off the first half with some excellent football, confidence building and passing triangles starting to come to fruition, the half time whistle came all too soon.

The start of the second half saw the OWs struggle to get back out of 1st gear and were twice caught on the counter attack whilst looking to get on top of the score line and found themself 3-1 down with 30 minutes to go.

Now…at a time like this, you want your team to show one thing, that thing being ? GREAT CHARACTER, and that's exactly what OW did, some silky football down the right hand side between Nathaniel PASSLEY, Nathan COOPER and Lucas ORCHARD climaxed in a ball from Nathaniel PASSLEY down the channel cutting the centre half and the full back wide open, being finished off by **Lucas ORCHARD** who swung one top bracket, divine, Berkhamp are you watching? (Probably not, Ed) WW 3-2 OW, 20 minutes to go.

The next 15 minutes are to and thro, both teams failing to capitalise on major chances, key saves from Jake MARTINS, goal saving tackles from Harry INGAMELLS, the game had it all. The final 5 minutes are ticking down, OWs find themself with a free kick 15 yards inside the oppo half, Tyler GILSON struts over ready to put the most insane free kick you may ever see, OW pretty much have every man forward, all eyes on the delivery here, it's make or break. Tyler GILSON puts the ball in, the connection is sweet, it's all happening in slow motion until the site of the marauding centre back **Jack SHELTON** who leaps like a salmon on speed, like Michael Jordan on Mandy, or a Kangaroo on Ketamine over the opposing centre half to rifle a bullet header past the whimpering keeper, it's 3-3 they have fought back.
The last few minutes play out and the game finishes 3-3, a fair result from a game that would excite any neutral and a performance to build on.

Report: Jack Shelton

MOM Nathan COOPER

Merton 4th 1 vs 6 Old Wilsonian 5's SOTCHI'S ON FIRE, YOU'RE DEFENCE IS TERRIFIED

The 5's hit the road for their first away fixture of the season against a team in indifferent form but nevertheless one that always causes problems. Another 3 points wasn't a want it was a need.

The 5's started fast and pressed high with A. BENWELL, C. KENNEDY, T. WELLS and K. WRIGHT restricting Merton to long balls. The back line quickly realised this was a team of long ball merchants and having been warned of the opponents number 9s pedigree, knew they were in for a game. A few nervy moments to start were quickly put at ease when **C. KENNEDY** scored a screamer, after a well placed pass from N. AMOAH, placing it top bins, proving why it pays to make the trip away from home.



The game felt in control before a long ball had the defence back peddling, an ill advised shout of keepers from S. PEARES caused a mix up and with the wind holding the ball up a fight was on to win the ball. An initial header and tackle to redeem himself from S.PEARES, led to the ball bouncing towards their forward. A fantastic blocking challenge from S.PEARES prevented a definite goal, but a dodgy landing left the young, promising, natural born talent on the deck clutching his knee. A lucky bounce took the ball to their striker who had the composure to slot it away bringing the game to an underserved 1-1. Mass panic ensued as the whole team came sprinting over in clear terror at the thought of the colossus CB being unable to continue. Everyone's worst fears were made true when S.PEARES was forced off unable to continue the game. A rejig of personnel, with K. WRIGHT coming into the back line to partner the ever reliable C. BILLINGS, and SOTCHI coming on in the RM position.

The heroics of S.PEARES turned out to be the greatest sacrifice a man could make as the team were galvanised around a common cause to grab the game by the scruff of the neck and turn it around, with tears in their eyes and their hearts on their sleeves the boys kicked off. A quick break led to a corner and a T.WELLS corner whipped in was too inviting for **K.WRIGHT** to head into the back of the net to retake the lease - **2-1!** The utility man proving no matter what position he plays he scores goals.

The next 10 minutes involved a flurry of goals as **SOTCHI** got in on the act making an immediate impact, from a C. KENNEDY assist, it's **3-1** and the boys are only just getting into gear. Moments later **C. KENNEDY** gets his second from another assist by T.WELLS, further increasing the gap to **4-1** with chants of "Don't you know pump it up, the 5s are going up" ringing around the Joseph Hood Recreation Ground and voice notes across the 5's WhatsApp groups from those who couldn't be there. SOTCHI and T.WELLS weren't finished and quickly made it **5-1** with some great play and **SOTCHI** grabbing his second and T.WELLS his third assist. The whistle blew and half time commenced, the Merton boys clearly receiving a bollocking as they came out the blocks with a renewed sense of fight and a clear targeted approach at THEO who came on to replace the work horse A.BENWELL.

Other notable changes were C. AKPAKWU off for R.BENSON, who had a spring in his step and a twinkle in his eye at the prospect of making amends for last weeks air kick. A slower start to the second half was down to a more solid packed Merton defence. But a great breakaway from THEO led to a penalty that C. KENNEDY stepped up to take, the thought of a hat trick in his mind must have caused some nerves as the cool finish from last week was replaced with a shot that was certainly wasn't typical of the clubs most clinical striker, the game remained 5-1. As time went on We encountered a few defence issues to contend with from the 5's back line, as it turned out the threats presented never materialised.

SOTCHI decided one player must make it to a hat trick and finished the game off with another fine finish to make it **6-1**. The boys saw the game off and came away well deserved winners and remain top of the league with 9 points out of 9 and a GD of 13 (scoring 15 and conceding only 2), a truly fantastic start to the season. Tune in next week as we go on our travels all the way to Cockfosters for our away Trip in the AFA Intermediate Novets Cup, probably followed by a hundred boozers our Gaffer Hoff has planned for the very long journey back South!

MoM: SOTCHI DoD: S. PEARES MATCH REPORT: S. PEARES

Old Wilsonian 6 VS South Bank 7's 1-5

Having been stitched up by my sons I took on the responsibility of 6 X1 skipper some three weeks back, we had three players, cobbled a side together and despite a 2-0 defeat the endeavour showed was gratifying.
One week on, selection was easier, performance improved but costly errors were made resulting in a 6-2 defeat.
Week three turned up, was informed there was a rumour our ref was a no show and that's how it transpired. Preparation was thrown into chaos as I attempted to find a someone to referee but alas nobody would step up so was forced to referee the game myself.
The first half was competitive and although we failed to threaten, South Bank didn't look likely to score themselves despite having the advantage of the infamous Hawes slope.
It was therefore disappointing that we reached half time 2-0 down having conceded two scrappy goals where lapses in concentration punished us. Turning round confident of salvaging a result we looked a little more positive and were rewarded when **John Small** spotted the keeper of his line and struck a dipping forty yarder into the roof of the net.
Rather than galvanising energy, legs started to tire and South Bank began to control the ball scoring twice in quick succession. We kept fighting and had two great opportunities to add to our tally but on both occasions failed to hit the target when one on one with their keeper. A further late goal sealed our fate for a 1-5 reverse.
There has been no lack of effort and I am truly appreciative of that, all we can do is give our best and I believe we have the quality to achieve results if we stick with it, add a little pace and learn how to retain the ball better, so we can condense the lines and move up the field in unison.
Squad
Jennings, Wrona , Waton , Hollis, Phakey S, Gilbert , Fairhurst , Oram , Desouza C, Mole B , Small , Drawbridge. Report: Nick Mole (Thank you for stepping up Nick, a true clubman, Ed)

7s 3 v 9 Old Blues 3s, SAL, Hawes Down

Exciting times ! My first game in a year.

Luckily we got Dan Harris late which gave us a sub. Introductions all round to a number of new team mates (all lovely people All gave 100%).

I've always been taught make your mark on the game early. Scored an own goal past my brother which was comical to say the least. Oh yes I was back !!!!

Old Blues midfield was great all day they had three players who played , competed and would happily sit in our 3s. We were cut open on a regular basis with good football.

Doug made a number of good saves in goal, the defence held well for 30 minutes until the dam broke and there midfield took a grip on the game.

When we were able to put a string of passes together we were able to manoeuvre up the field.

Half time 0-5 down. A few wise words by our skipper and we started a new.

Old Blues added another 2 goals one fortunate the other a good finish.

But we started to create a chance or two as Dan Harris and Andrew Gallam started to get a foothold.

Tom Finan and Frankie Rodway ran and caused trouble for old blues all day.

Frankie RODWAY slotted in from 25 yards ,

Dan Harris not to be out done hit a screamer from 30 yards . **Frankie RODWAY** from the junior section then scored a great solo goal. 7-3, ***could this be the greatest comeback of all time***. ?

Old blues midfielders then went into overdrive again. The 2 goals at the end of the game were slightly fortuitous. The game was played in good spirit. Well done to all the team for all their efforts.

I would be very surprised if we play a better side this season. Special mentions to Joe, Abdi and Frankie



Report Alex Forbes

Tom Finan Doug Forbes Alex Forbes Joe Kajdi Andrew Callam Frankie Rodway Matthew Gw

Mo, Abdi, Vish, Seb Ayers, Dan Harris

OWFC Vets v HSBC, lost 4-1, Sunday 25th September 2022

The Vets took on HSBC on their immaculate Beckenham pitch in great weather with a squad of 13 with Chris Billing dropping out after his goal scoring and MOM exploits for the 5th XI on the Saturday and we had Neil Kendrick to thank for taking Reidy to the match after turning up at Hayes.



Playing with a 3-5-2 formation we had a couple of great chances early on with two great crosses being unable to convert with Ducasse going inches wide with his chance.
HSBC created quite a lot of chances, using the large pitch well but only managed one in the first half but the OWs equalised after Guy Hannah had spun a 360 after a rash challenge from their centre back, he popped back in his dislocated shoulder apparently to carry on and get MOM and Gary Bonsels reacted quickly at the free kick, put through Dan Harris, who was taken out by the keeper to get a penalty, which was fortunate as the ball was heading to the far touchline after his last touch. **Dan Harris** slotted the penalty to leave it 1-1 at half time.

Harris left for OWs junior management duties and with Lee Reid getting injured after about 2 minutes we were down to the bare 11 for the second half and HSBC made a couple of changes themselves and created a number of more chances, getting in some decent crosses and scored another 3 to make it 4-1 at full time.

HSBC just play regular friendly home matches and hopefully this fixture will continue for many years to come.

Squad:

Tom Frost, Lee Reid, Dave Pavitt, Mark Pope, Doug Smart,

Jamie Parkinson, Guy Hannah, Gary Bonsels, Pete Taylor,

Kit Hollis, Dan Harris, Pat Ducasse, Jon Howe MoM - Guy Hannah

Chairman's Report to AGM. August 2022

This was our first full season in a number of years due to Covid . There was a drop off in playing numbers as club members made up for a couple of years.

This happened across the league. We reduced our Saturday sides from 9 to 7 late September.

This had repercussions across the club and selection was troublesome across the season.

Thanks go out to all the skippers and Cejay Watson for sorting out the top 3 sides & and giving us a much needed base for the second half of the season.

We have decided to alter the selection policy with free movement in the top 3 sides and the 4-7s to play as squads of 15 which will be agreed pre the season.

Also that annual subs will be paid pre the start of the season as collecting this was troublesome. This should allow the skippers to select regular & committed players who will play both home and away.

There were lots of positives from the season:-

- 1s competed well across the season and had a close-knit squad under Jon Howe.
- Both 4s & 5s got promoted.
- We have new changing rooms which look great thanks to the Brittain money (Ed note, OW John and Janet Brittain gifted a significant legacy in their wills).
- 31 members toured to Malta and became champions of Europe – thanks to chunk, Dou Forbes, Stu Paton & Jim Lloyd for making this a success.
- The Football club dinner returned with over 90 attendees, thanks to Steve Kember for doing a Q & A with Richard Smart.
- We started to integrate the junior section into the club & thanks to the junior sections coaches, our club captain Dan Harris for instigating this and again to Cejay and the captains for making these players at home.
- We provided chilli con carne instead of our usual quality pies and beans. This was given the thumbs up by both home and away teams.
- The weekly raffle returned and was completed every week.
- OWFC was named as English AFA affiliated club of the month during the year.
- We are looking to integrate more juniors in this season, plus bringing back the school game in early August. So hopefully recruitment will ease. We will be looking to bring in an app to collect weekly subs as cash becomes a thing of the past & also allows us to monitor poor payers.
- We will be looking to increase events this season as there is an appetite from our members & we look to integrate all the teams so we have a closer club feel.
- We must also start making plans for Women's football as there are 3 girls teams coming through the junior section and we will need to make plans so we are ready as a club.

Peter Phillimore passed away last week from Cancer. Peter was a big supporter of the Old Wilsonian and will be greatly missed. His funeral and wake was held at the club during the summer.

Lastly I'm stepping down as Chair as I'm going travelling with Debbie throughout 2023, so we are looking for a new chair. (Dan Harris has stepped up – thank you)

Alex Forbes

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.

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3's

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3rd XI	Jack SHELTON	
4th XI	Jamie MONIZ	
5th XI	Mike HOFFMAN	
6th XI	Nick Mole Ben Mole	
7th XI	Matt GUNDRY-WHITE	
Vets	Jamie Parkinson	
Super Vets	Doug Forbes	
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