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

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Chairman’s Christmas / New Year Report

Our Chair is off on his travels this year, heading for deepest South America looking for Paddington Bear.
We wish him bon voyage and welcome acting Chair Dan Harris.
Here is Alex’s last report before his departure.



Welcome to the New Year 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

This weeks newsletter features a double dose from 25 yrs ago when the 1s looked like the Vets of NYE 22 and 50 yrs ago when a certain Geoff Robinson had his stag night and wedding in very close proximity. Enjoy.
Good luck top five X1’s, all in Cup games this Saturday. Non Sibi Sed Omnibus. Ed.

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.



Fixtures 7th Jan /Results from 10th Dec & NYE

SALC	1s v Old Actonian's Home Hayes 130pm KO
Results	Scorers

AFA Cup	2nd XI v West Wickham Away 130pm KO
Results	Scorers

SALC	3rd XI v St James Home Hayes 130pm KO
Results	Scorers

OBC	4th XI v Old Suttonians Away 130pm KO
Results	Scorers

AFA Cup Last 16	5th XI vs Winchmore Hill Away 130pm KO
Results	Scorers

SAL	6th XI vs Awaits
Results	Scorers
	Awaits

SAL	7th XI v Alleyn OB Home
Results	Scorers

Vets Old Boys Cup	SUNDAY 8TH JAN Old Westminster Citz Away 1030am KO
Results	Scorers
2 - 5	**Saturday 31st Dec Hayes Charity Game vs MOTH X1 featuring Junior Dads** **Richard SMART** **Gary Bonsels**



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ALL OUR YESTERDAY'S - 25 YEARS AGO

EARLY PRESSURE RESISTED TO BRING FINE VICTORY 6th Xl 3 John Fisher Old Boys 1

We had already suffered a heavy defeat against John Fisher earlier in the season when we had failed on that occasion to match their aggression and they had brushed us aside with the minimum of effort and, for the first 20 minutes, it appeared that the game was going to be similar to our previous encounter as we were second best in most departments and did not help ourselves by constantly giving the ball away.
Andy Kirchin, in goal, pulled off two or three great saves and there were several last ditch tackles and desperate clearances and then, totally against the run of play, we won a corner, their goalie flapped miserably and **MICK HUGHES** was on hand to put us one up. For the remainder of the half the game returned to its previous pattern, and the only surprise was that Fisher only scored once.
At half-time changes were made and in the second half we gradually began to put some moves together, mainly because we began to win the ball!
Midway through the half a whipped cross from Phil Horne caught out their 'keeper and **DAVE PUGH** stabbed home from close range. Fisher then made two substitutions, which did them no good, and we took control in the closing stages. With time running out a good cross from Rishi Patani found **DAVE PUGH** unmarked in the six yard box and he converted to make it 3-1.
A lot of character was shown by the team in the second half but I feel the game was won in the opening 45 minutes through the efforts of the back 4, including the unlucky Sean Jannsan, and Mickey Hughes, who worked extremely hard, but especially Andy Kirchin, who was quite magnificent in goal.
Tony Higgins
Kirchin Lloyd (Jannson) Higgins Hudson Lutchman Chinnery Rice Horne Hughes.M Patani Pugh.D

IN THE END A COMPREHENSIVE VICTORY Old Meadonians 2 3rd Xl 5

A good battling performance from the 3rd Xl against a capable Meadonians team which, had it capitalised on its first half performance, might have taken the game away from us.
Meadonians started brightly and had the majority of the play before half-time but the 3rds tackled well and, with one of our few attacks of the half, scored a penalty, converted by **RICK CHAPMAN.**
After the interval we converted defence into attack and put together several excellent moves and quickly extended the lead to 3-0, with **DAVE PARKINSON** meeting a good cross from James Karamath at the far post and **DAVE SCORER** heading home a corner.
In the final quarter Meads finally got on the score-sheet and continued to apply pressure, but **JAMES KARAMATH** then scored two late goals with great composure. Clive Peckover

Peckover Forbes.A Forbes.A Placek Curtis Riley Chapman Pilgrim.M
Scorers Karamath J. Parkinson.D Chapman

Classified Results , December 20th 1997				
1st Xl	5	Old Manorians	1	Murray. I, Coomansingh 3, Trout
Glyn Old Boys	0	2nd Xl	3	Corrigall.S. 2, Pullen
Old Meadonians	2	3rd Xl	5	Scorer, Parkinson. D, Chapman, Karamath .J 2
4th Xl	1	Old Reigations	2	McCutcheon
Old Addeyans	1	5th Xl	1	Clayton
6th Xl	3	John Fisher Old Boys	1	Hughes. M, Pugh. D 2
Old Reigations	1	7th Xl	5	Dutton 4, Target
Derby County	0	Palace	0	

ALL OUR YESTERDAY'S - 25 YEARS AGO

SHOPPING; LIKE A ROLLING STONE Chertsey Old Salesians 1 1st XI 4

Following the now traditional shopping trip to West Byfleet and a glimpse of Bill Wyman, the super1s championship campaign rolled on with another easy victory.
The absence of Danny Webb, somewhere in Switzerland, meant a change of role for Carl "I'll be at training on Tuesday" Burgess and the return of Matt Harris after missing the last game with a gashed eye.
Being the only game to be played this Saturday, the conditions were absolutely terrible but just about playable, but we could not have got off to a worse start when a bad defensive header from 'Captain Kendrick' put a Chertsey attacker clean through on goal and, before we knew it, we were one down.
Heads could have gone down, particularly considering the conditions, but this year we are a stronger unit and for the next 40 minutes we played some of our best football as chance after chance was created only for our finishing to let us down and it took a set piece for us to equalise, **DARREN COOMANSINGH** poaching from close range following a wicked Murray corner.
With five minutes to go of the first half we were awarded a penalty, following a great Pope run, and the ever dependable **MURRAY** slotted home.
The second half unfortunately saw us take our foot off the pedal and Chertsey came back into the game. Burgess was superb at the back in an unnatural position and the whole side dug in to weather the storm in more ways than one.
Fresh legs were introduced in midfield and it was good to see Danny Gilbertson has kept on improving at college in the States and the new impetus brought us two further goals, both headers, to Messer's **SMART and TROUT** and a very deserving first win of 1998.
A special mention must go to Dave Saraga, who came along as a substitute and braved the wind and rain to cheer us on and, indeed, did make his debut for the 1st XI this season and, for the time he was on the pitch, it was apparent that Dave Pope needs to be on his toes. 'Kendo'
Southgate Burgess Kendrick.N Billing.N Roe Pope.D (Saraga) Harris.M Murray.I Smart.R Coomansingh (Gilbertson) Trout
PS All support for this week's semi-final of the Old Boys Invitational Cup against Old Salesians at Old Schools Lane in Ewell would be greatly appreciated

On Sale Now: OWFC black football shorts with embroidered football club logo - £10
OWFC White t-shirts with embroidered club logo - £10
Old gold football socks - £4
All of the above are available from Dave Valder and Neil Kendrick whilst stocks/socks? last

Thought for the week

Derby v Wimbledon, West Ham v Palace, Wimbledon v Arsenal and the lights all went out. Forget betting syndicates; what did all three games have in common? They were all shown on Sky television – the curse of Murdoch is never far away!

Classified Results , January 3rd 1998				
Chertsey Old Salesians	1	1st Xl	4	Smart.R, Coomansingh Murray.I, Trout
Palace	2	Scunthorpe	0	Emblem 2
All other games postponed				

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO

LAST GASP WINNER FOR THE 3RDS Mill Hill Village 2 3rd Xl 3

It would take a Hemmingway or Steinbeck to describe the feelings of the 3rd Xl as they approached Mill Hill on a cold, wet and thoroughly miserable January day, but no doubt even those few words will be sufficient to bring total recall to those of my readers who made the dreaded journey and our fears were compounded by the absence of Bob Favell whom, it subsequently transpired, had been held up by fog at Heathrow.

However, and undaunted, the 3rd Xl lined up with ten men on the flatter side of the Chilton's and held Mill Hill to 0-1 for half an hour at which point Bob Favell made his appearance and, almost a once, we were level.

In the second half we were forced to run uphill and it was on the cards that Mill Hill, with their experience of the slope, would smash us into the ground and, indeed, within ten minutes, they had taken a 2-1 lead and hit the bar from a position in which it definitely would have been easier to score.

Contrary to the normal run of events, we gradually appeared to grow stronger and stronger, despite certain ominous creaking and groanings from your correspondent's legs, and it was no surprise when we levelled at 2-2 and finally took a winning 3-2 lead.

The sequence of goals went thus. Mill Hill's first goal was a looping shot 30 feet in the air which started life as an orthodox shot on goal, which Pete Clarke advanced from goal to cover but which eventually curved over his head and into the net.

Our equalizer came after a series of shots – about four in number – had been cleared from the Mill Hill line in as many mini-seconds, the ball eventually rolling to **PETER DAVIS,** whose intended block buster shot merely slid off the side of his boot and squeezed under the astounded goal-keeper.

Mill Hill then took a 2-1 lead, a lapse on our part allowing one of their players a free run on goal. Our second equaliser deserves more space than I give it, suffice to say that a corner from the right by Ray Howell to the far post was nodded down by Bob Favell, from which it was 'chested' through the defence by **'SPUD' MURPHY** who shot into the far corner off the post and past the advancing 'keeper.

And so to the 'piece de resistance', namely our winning goal, a throw-in from Ian Rayworth, a long cross to the far post yet again, this time from Alan Carpenter, and a deft trap by **BOB FAVELL,** who then slipped the ball past their 'keeper in impeccable style. As we danced like dervishes back to the centre for the game to restart, the final whistle sounded; it was that close.

A good all-round team performance but I must single out Lou Barry, who had by far his best game of the season. When we left, Mill Hill were still trying to dig their full-back out of the ground, into which he had screwed himself, after having rings run round him by the aforesaid Lou.

And, for my money, a very good game was also had by 'Spud' Murphy. Well down, you thirds, and bad luck Mill Hill, but we need the points. 'Mac'

Clarke.P McAlister R.E Bartlett.L Rayworth Murphy Howell Carpenter Vince Favell Davis.P Barry

Classified Results, January 6th 1973				
1st Xl	2	Old Grammarians	0	Reaseley, Pilgrim.M
Old Owens	5	2nd Xl	0	
Mill Hill Village	2	3rd Xl	3	Davis.P, Murphy, Favell
4th Xl	2	Centymca	4	Brittain, Gasson
5th Xl	2	City Polytechnic	3	Miles, Modlock

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1st Xl: Taylor (Martin) Burgoyne Morley Robinson Maunder Pilgrim.M Adams.T Bartlett.D Reaseley Smith.S (John) Matthews
2md Xl: Wells Hannifan Clarke.J Carrington Forbes.I Rayworth Horscroft Hand Cowell.C Taylor (Malcolm) Jenkins
3rd Xl: Clarke.P McAlister R.E Bartlett.L Harper Murphy Howell Carpenter Vince Fielder.W Davis.P Barry
4th Xl: Hall McAlister.R McCarthy Fielder.A Russell Pilgrim.B Fletcher Tyson Brittain Gasson Walker
5th Xl: Allen Kidd Wilks Smith.R Piesse Norrington Drabwell Da Silva Bevan Pratt Davis.A

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT by The Time I get to Phoenix

I will always remember Geoff Robinson's stag night, which is something he'll never do!
The beer flowed freely and Southern Comfort has never been so popular since Ian Matthews left.
After the pub closed the party shifted to a home for unemployed Irishmen, where light ales and Kentucky chickens were punctuated by cries of "Spirit, Spirit" from Terry Fanning. By the time Geoff reached his resting place, he was in a semi-naked condition and he proceeded to act like the perfect host; by falling asleep on the floor.
Efforts to put him on a bed met with little success and even les gratitude, Geoff collapsing in an untidy heap on the floor, but he did make the occasional trip downstairs to pay his respects to a visiting bucket.
I will always remember Geoff Robinson's wedding, and they'll be a lot of trouble if he doesn't. Having arranged to meet a party of sober Old Wilsonians at a local hostillery for a pre-marital drink, Geoff was noticeably late, although he did make it on time for the wedding ceremony.
This time the beer did not flow quite as freely and 'Spud' Murphy even showed interest in a doughnut. Geoff, for his part, had forsaken his somewhat unseemly attire of a few days earlier for a very smart suit.

Here is the News

First of all, here are the results of the Christmas Quiz.
Yes, Yes, Yes, Size nine, Alf Noakes, It's a bit too powerful for me, but I like the men who drink it, Rod Stewart, No, Your place or mine, Not when the train is standing in the station, Crystal Palace 5 Manchester United 0, 1953, Mike Deakin, "You realise this means war", said the archbishop, taking off his wooden leg and handing it to the first violinist.
If you have all of the correct answers, your subscriptions are increased by 50p

Classified Results, December 30th 1972				
Old Monovians	3	1st Xl	1	Burgoyne
2nd Xl	6	Sun of Canada	0	Hand 4, (Malcolm) Taylor, Jenkins
3rd Xl	1	Fulham Compton	2	Howell
Old Finchlians	4	4th Xl	5	Walker 4, Gasson
5th Xl	2	Alleyn Old Boys	3	Davis.A, OG
Liverpool	1	Palace	0	

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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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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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