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Dates for the Diary

- OWA Presidents 121 Years Anniversary Ball, Saturday 3rd May 2025. Tickets now purchased through OWA Barclays Bank Draw Account SC 20 05 57 Account 00015431, OR At the Club BAR.
- OWFC End of Season Dinner, Saturday 26th April 2025 (£50 per person, £25 concession).

Other Bits

- Men Of The Hill
- All Our yesterdays (25/ 50 years Ago)
- Monday night Training @ Coloma School, Shirley, 8pm until 9.30 on their 3G pitch with a UEFA B Qualified Coach. Cost is £5
- OWFC Code of Conduct and Annual Subs Update
- Team of the Week
- Fixtures for next weekend
- OWFC Togger (Contact Roddy Trompiz, OWFCtogger@outlook.com)


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OWFC Business Code of Conduct / Annual Subs

A new season is upon us . With the influx of juniors and schoolboys , plus training and most team playing through the summer. Our hopes are high. We have expanded to 7 teams on Saturday & the Vets have joined the vets league on Sundays . Supervets will continue to play friendlies on Sundays.

We have raised annual subs for 21s & over in employment to £150 & under 21s in employment £75, both pay £10 weekly subs . If you are playing 4 or less games you will pay £20 match fees . junior members paying annual subs to the junior section. & schoolboys pay no annual subs but £5 weekly subs. Vets due to the number of games pay annual subs , Supervets £20 per game . Unemployed please chat to your skipper or Stu Dunk (treasurer or me (asst treasurer) and we will agree something that is workable for you as we want you to play . Annual subs are due on 30th September 2024 . We are using pitchero & you should have an email to confirm your details, receive newsletters , about events also paying your annual subs or outstanding fines like yellow and red cards.

Why the rise in annual subs ? our rent to the association has gone up by £3,500 to £22,500 per annum . The reason is ground maintenance (looking after both hayes & hawesdown) costs £60,000 per year , utilities has gone from £21,000 in 2021 to over £50,000 in 2024. So it is important you pay your annual subs on time as we look to break even. Its also important you support events not only so you meet players from other teams but also have some fun & hopefully we make a bit of money , which will hopefully keep your annual subs as low as possible

Also find a code of conduct we expect all our member to follow. Please read them as this is the minimum we expect as a club.

Heres to a great season , good luck & enjoy

Alex Forbes

OWFC Assistant treasurer

Old Wilsonians Football Club

Code of Conduct

As a representative of the Old Wilsonians Football Club, I agree that;

On and off the pitch, I will:

- Always play the game fairly and in the right spirit.
- Be aware of the impact of bad language; keep spectators and members of the public - including children - in mind.
- Never verbally abuse a match official, player or spectator based their appearance, race, religion, gender or sexuality. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action.
- Never physically assault a match official, player or spectator. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the field, suspension and possible police action.
- Help to create a safe and inclusive environment both on and off the pitch.
- Report all allegations of abuse or poor practice to the Club Welfare Officer.
- Not to abuse, neglect, harm or discriminate against anyone; or act in a way that may be interpreted as such.
- Adhere to the club's safeguarding policy, rules and regulations.
- Attend the match with correct kit, this includes black shorts and gold socks.
- Arrive on time. If for any reason I may be late, I will inform my captain as soon as possible.
- Respect the decisions made by my captain.
- Not drop out from the game at short notice. This is unfair to other players who may have been left out, so that I could play. If I have a valid reason, I will inform my captain. Failure to contact my captain will result in being reported to the disciplinary committee.

Old Wilsonians Football Club

Code of Conduct continued

Selection, finances and expected conduct.

• I understand, if I have made myself available to play, I will be expected to represent any team within the Old Wilsonians football club, as per rule 11 of the OWFC rules.
• I will sign up to the FA Matchday app.
• I will pay my annual and weekly subs on time. If I am unable to do this, I will inform the club treasurer who may be able to assist.
• I will conduct myself in such a manner as not to bring the Old Wilsonians football club into disrepute.
• I will not be involved with/under the influence of any drugs or illegal substances whilst representing the football club, in line with the OWFC drugs policy.
• When playing at home, I will help when required to offer hospitality to the visiting teams and complete requested duties.
• I understand the expectation that I support the club with fundraising events and activities.
• I understand that I need to provide the club with any personal data required for registration and/or safeguarding purposes.
• I will refrain from any criminal activity. I will represent the club with integrity and honesty.

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Old Wilsonians Football Club

Code of Conduct continued

I understand:
If I do not follow the Code, I may expect to:
• Be cautioned, sin binned or sent off by the match officials, depending on the nature of the offence.
• Be asked to apologise to whoever I have offended or abused.
• Be disciplined by my club via the disciplinary committee, including being substituted, dropped, given a formal warning,
suspended from training or matches or a permanent suspension from the club. This will depend on the nature of the offence.
• Be disciplined by the County Football Association, including being fined or suspended for a number of matches depending on the nature of the offence.
• Be handed a permanent exclusion by the FA or County Football Association, if the offence is deemed serious enough.

Declaration;

I agree to abide by the conditions above and follow any guidance or policy as set out by Old Wilsonians football club, The AFA (County FA) or the Football Association.

Name:
Date of Birth:
E-mail address:
Phone number:
Address:

Men Of The Hill

Its good to talk. Its ok, not to be ok.

Several Old Boys and Club members have set up a Facebook group during these difficult times.

Talking about how we feel is something we all find hard to do whether you are a Man or a Woman.

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.

Private

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

To access the group search on Facebook or Click Here.

Not So Old Boys

Kicking taboo out of the game

After meeting through football and becoming a close knit group of friends.

They decided to launch a podcast to discuss taboo topics and just let the world know what it's like to play on Saturday football.

Follow the adventures of the Old Wilsonians Football Club through this Podcast and on Instagram.



Available on popular streaming platforms

Results

A round up of all this week's results and scorers for the weekend of 12th April 2025.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Civil Service DH	3-0 and 0-2	Sam James, Harry Smart, Sam Wright
OWFC 2Xi	No Game		
OWFC 3Xi	Sunnah	2-2	Harry Taylor (pen), Sam Margetts
OWFC 4Xi	Carshalton		
OWFC 5Xi	Carshalton	2-2	Jermaine Benson, Chris Kennedy
OWFC 6Xi	No Game		
OWFC 7Xi	HSBC DH	0-2 and 1-3	Sam Forbes
OWFC Vets	No Game		
OWFC SuperVets	Art Network	4-1	Mark Pope 2, Chris Billing, Doug Smart

Results

A round up of all this week's results and scorers for the weekend of 19th April 2025.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	No Game		
OWFC 2Xi	No Game		
OWFC 3Xi	No Game		
OWFC 4Xi	No Game		
OWFC 5Xi	Alleyns	0-7	
OWFC 6Xi	No Game		
OWFC 7Xi	No Game		
OWFC Vets	No Game		
OWFC SuperVets	No Game		

The famous 1's turned up on a glorious day at fortress Hayes to take on Civil Service in a double header. Atmosphere in the changing rooms was bouncing as we discussed the Olly Murs fan boy in our ranks whilst Ingamells looked ready with an icy fresh trim and nose ring all shiny.

Ingamells took his jewellery out pre game but little did we know we would be welcomed outside by Kevin and his shiny new stud earring.

Team chat done , clear communication over what the various outcomes to todays game would do for the league standings including promotion / champions and we all headed lit to the sunshine. Outside we all found the beautifully lush soft green grass which did look amazing roped off on the cricket square.

We knew today was going to be a dust up between two sides going for promotion. A great warm up followed by team and squad announcements. We kicked off and fired out the blocks. A lovely team move had link up play with Riman and Smart who then swept a ball out to Leo on the far right who beat his man and provided a sublime cross for WRIGHT to nod in at the far post. The 1's were ahead and buzzing. Domination continued from this point on with Civils defence being caused all sorts of problems, Smart was using his trickery to bamboozle the Civil full back and we were flying. James was winning every single header at the back , snuffing out any danger being posed to the backline whilst Ingamells was on hand to clear anything knocked back to him. Next Smart was played in down the line and he ran on and found himself 1 on 1. Goalkeeper on rushing but no trouble for SMART as he finished with an exquisite lob in to the top right corner of the goal. 2-0 to the good guys. Half time team talk came and no one could throw shade on our performance first half.

2nd half more of the same please 🙏

A terrific performance 2nd half saw us sure up everything defensively. Further problems were being caused for civils defence and Wright played in Riman who slipped a lovely finish under the goalkeeper only to be given offside by our close friend Kevin in the middle.

Heading towards victory and in the last few minutes, a Jeeven free kick found Sutherland who's tremendous header found the stanchion and bounced back across to the on rushing JAMES to smash home high in to the net and leave us 3-0 up. JAMES elated and celebrating on his own in front of the bumper crowd of 7 people and 2 dogs.

Final score 3-0

Goals
WRIGHT
SMART
JAMES

HSBC v OW's 7th XI. Away
Double Header
Game 1 – 2 - 0
Game 2 - 3 – 1 (Sam Forbes)

Sunny Beckenham welcomed us to the rolling well-kept lawns of HSBC and a tough opposition who needed one win to take the League title. Big Al had the team ready for the challenges ahead and we looked confident as the match started.

Match 1 saw the OW's locked in a tight contest, exchanging chances and holding their own against a physically dominant side. An early goal from the opposition, with it taking a deflection from outside the box, saw them edge ahead and a speculative corner was misjudged by both teams and wandered into the far post unchallenged. **Zack** was having an outstanding performance and was duly voted MoM. However, unfortunately it remained a narrow 2-0 defeat for the OW's. Still, standout performances in midfield and some stunning saves from **Andy** kept the game close until the final whistle.

Match 2 proved just as intense. With a change of personnel, **Doug Forbes** took over the keeping duties**.** Fatigue may have started to creep in, but the OW's dug deep. Crisp passing and relentless pressure brought us close to equalizing after conceding early. **Ade Dada** was looking a threat up front and the midfield was starting to control the game. A wonderful lung busting run from **Austin** from our own half and a great cross, left **Sam Forbes** to finish off into an open goal. Unfortunately, time wasn't on our side, and the match ended 3-1 against us.

Despite the results, the team left the pitch with heads held high—showing heart, great chemistry, and a growing sense of belief. If they keep playing like this, wins won't be far off.

GK – Andrew Hoffman/ Doug Forbes - Mike Atti, Dom Furnival, Joe Kajdi, Bruce Stringer, Dante Stringer, Sam Forbes, Austin, Andrew Callam, Connor Lockhart, Zack Garrett, Ade Dada, Archie Middleton, Matt Magee, Nathan Carter.

Manager – Al Forbes.

MoM 1 – Zack

MoM 2 - Austin

Special Mention – Our left back in Match 2, who played really well against a super-fast tricky opponent.

Bruce Stringer

OWFC Supervets v Art Network, Sunday 13th April 2025 (Kirk Benjamin memorial trophy), 4-1.

On a glorious sunny April Sunday morning the SVs played their semi annual match v the Art Network played in memory of Kirk Benjamin. Stu Paton gave the squad the news that Sophie Benjamin and their two girls were moving to the US and are after a warm up the starting XI was named by Doug Forbes, which included Dave Pope, who was over from Sydney and was in the same year at school as Kirk.
Art Network started very strongly, getting through the midfield and getting some passes through for a number of one v ones and scored fairly early to go into a 1-0 lead. Andy Pope in goal made a number of important saves to have his MOM wrapped up well before half time. Doug Forbes made a few substitutes after 20 minutes but it remained 1-0 at half time.
After some words of Inspiration from Doug Forbes and some further team changes OWFC looked to start the second half well and we equalised early on when a superb Steve Holmes cross was met by Chris Billing who glanced his header home. Not too long later it was 2-1 when a pass in the inside right position found Mark Pope who cut back to his left foot and curled into the top left hand corner. Steve Holmes once again was provider for the third, getting down the right, doing a neat one two with Jon Quinton, and crossing low for Doug Smart to tap home from close range.
With OWFC in command Doug F was able to bring on Sydney based youngster Max Pope to make his OWFC debut alongside Dad Dave and uncles Mark and Andy, supported by a number from the Pope clan.
Mark Pope clipped the top of the bar from
a Holmes corner and at the other end Steve Donnelly and the defence dealt with any Art Network attacks.
The 4th goal came from a Dave Pope throw that was flicked on by Doug Smart and then Max Pope and Mark Pope ran through to tap past the on going keeper to complete the scoring.
Some money was raised for the Art Network charity via a raffle and we look forward to next match v the Art Network in October.

Goals: Mark Pope 2, Chris Billing, Doug Smart

MOM : Andy Pope

Ref : Phil Gilmore

Squad: Andy Pope, Steve Donnelly, Graham Nicholls, Doug Forbes, Chris Billing, Nick Billing, Abel Bello, Mark Pope, Dave Pope, Max Pope, Aaron Langley, Steve Holmes , Greg Middleton, Mark Mace, Doug Smart, Mal Smart, Jon Quinton.

Match Report – Mark Pope

Remembering Kirk Benjamin



OWFC Supervets squad v Art Network



Four Pope’s played in the OWFC Supervets game with Max Pope making his debut with Dad Dave and Uncles Mark and Andy. Watch out for Lucas Pope, also in the photo, in the future!




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Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 26th April 2025 throughout the club (Week 28)

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Wilberforce	SAL	Home
OWFC 2Xi	No Game	SAL	n/a
OWFC 3Xi	Actonians	SAL	Away
OWFC 4Xi	No Game	SAL	n/a
OWFC 5Xi	Wimbledonians	SAL	Away
OWFC 6Xi	Civil Service	SAL	N
OWFC 7Xi	City of London	SAL	Home
OWFC Vets	Morden Expats	SAL	Away
OWFC SuperVets	No Game	N/A	n/a

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , April 8th 2000				
Cardinal Manning Old Boys	1	1st XI	3	Smart.D 2, Pope.D
2nd XI	2	Queen Mary's College	4	Harvey, Trout
Old Meadonians	2	4th XI	6	Daniels 2, (Andrew) Smith 3, Holmes
Old Suttonians	0	5th XI	4	Peck 3, Boxall
6th XI	1	Old Strandians	0	Ward
Old Strandians	1	6th XI	2	du Casse, Alexander
Clapham Old Xvarians	1	7th XI	1	Stewart.J
7th XI	1	Clapham Old Xvarians	5	Hodges
Palace	3	Stockport County	3	McKenzie, Forssell 2



CLAPHAM PLAY THE TIGHT T-SHIRT GAME Clapham Old Xvarians 1 (5) 7th XI 1 (1)

Another Saturady and yet another double-header, our fourth in five weeks, and we made the worst possible start by allowing a Clapham forward acres of space to head home unchallenged. The 7ths struggled to get into the game and appeared somewhat lethargic, and maybe our attention had turned to the action off the pitch!

In the second half our thoughts became 'pure' and we slowly took control of the game, but the final ball was missing once again so, true to form, a long throw was picked up by Danny Blake and, although his shot was well saved, **JOHN STEWART** tapped home the equaliser. We finished the stronger and assumed we could take maximum points in the second game.

Clapham obviously did not realise this was to be the case, however, and by half-time we were 4-0 down, maily due to our deficiencies . We picked things up a little in the second half, conceding one and scoring one through **WILL HODGES,** but this was a very diappointing result.

Not much to remember from this game, apart from the tight t-shirt frisbee throwing girls.

Neville Spencer

1st game: Pilgrim.I Spencer (Skelton) Lloyd McGrath Hodges Letts Chinnery James Stewart.J Blake Warboys.D
2nd game: Pilgrim.I (Spencer) Higgins Lloyd Skelton Hodges Letts (McGrath) Chinney James Blake Warboys.D Stewart.J

Important dates

Saturday April 15th: End of season dinner at Hayes. Tickets are £17.50 and, if you have already bought yours, make sure you turn up because you will be charged whether you attend or not

Tuesday April 18th: The Annual General Meeting of the OWFC at the Clubhouse, 8-00 p.m.
Support your Club and play your part in the decision making process – a full agenda appears on page six

Wednesday April 19th: London Old Boys Cup final, Old Wilsonians v Old Ignatians, at Hayes (Middlesex) Football Club, kick-off 7-30 p.m. Your support might just make all the difference

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, April 12th 1975				
Old Colfeians	1	1st XI	0	
3rd XI	1	Fulham Compton	0	Golley
Fulham Compton	1	3rd XI	2	Golley 2
Old Bealonians	0	4th XI	5	Cowell.J (John) Matthews 2, Stewart.D, Barry
5th XI	1	Fulham Compton	4	Scorer not reported
Chesterfield	2	Palace	1	Hill



CONVINCING PERFORMANCE FROM TEN MEN FOURS Old Bealonians 0 4th XI 5

A good result for the 4th XI after being reduced to ten men after ten minutes when John Cowell, after arguing with a boot, decided he preferred the attention of various buxom nurses to the not so attractive attentions of the opposing centre-half. (Sounds like a wise decision to me - ed)

Our first goal came after good work on the wing allowed **JOHN COWELL** a shot that balloned over the 'keeper after a deflection. Then came John's injury, after which Beals came more into the game, due more to our panic than their football, with only a good save from Brian Wells, who blocked one shot and then recovered to finger-tip the ball over the bar, prevented an equaliser.

Half-time came and it was only 1-0 but constant pressure from ourselves, and **JOHN MATTHEWS** in particular, enabled the latter to gain possession of the ball and hammer it home. This seemed to demoralise Bealonians who then allowed **JOHN MATTHEWS** to score his second with a header from a corner in the middle of a packed goal-mouth, but the real killer goal came from **DAVE STEWART,** who centred from the left and fooled their 'keeper into letting the ball go over his head and straight into the net.

Our fifth came from **LOU BARRY,** who slotted the ball home under the diving goal-keeper.

Brian Wells
Wells Murphy Tyson McCarthy Burt Barry Portman Stewart Wood Cowell.J (John) Matthews

A BELOW PAR PERFORMANMCE Old Colfeians 1 1st XI 0

One had the feeling during this game that the outcome was pre-determined. It was not so much that Bill Morley and Len Boxall had commenced their attempts to out-do each other the previous evening, or the fact that the pattern of this game was very similar to our earlier Cup encounter, which we lost 0-2 under similar circumstances. No; it was more due to the fact that we never seemed to get going.

Colfes repreated their success formula, defending for lenghty spells and sneaking a breakaway goal to clinch victory.

It seems futile at this stage of the season to try and analyse reasons for our failure. A certain amount of bickering between members of the team obviously does not help but the reasons for our current lack of penetration seems to be a lot more complex. I must say that, watching from the back, their appeared to be a certain lack of effort and application in our play as we expected to win without having to work for our victory.

We could have won – the Colfe's 'keeper made some good saves from a Lee Montgomery volley, a Tony Maunder header and watched helplessly as a Bill Morley drive thundered against the underside of the bar – but they weathered the storm and ran out victors.

Paul Hannifan, I feel, deserves a mention for another improved performance, whilst others were disappointing and others mrerely competent but, in the contxet of this game, competency was not enough. Let us hope we can establish some sort of form in the remaining games to justify our previous good performances and ***every*** player worries about his own game before that of others. Rod Hall

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