Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events

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Dates for the Diary

OWA AGM ,Tuesday 10th December 2024, 7.30pm

Charity Match at Dorking , Saturday 14th December. (page 5)

OWFC Christmas Party, Crown & Pepper, Croydon, Friday 20th December 2024

OWA Presidents 121 Years Anniversary Ball, Saturday 3rd May 2025.

OWFC Tour to Belgrade (May 29th to 1st June 2025)

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)


OLD WILSONIAN'S
FOOTBALL TRAINING
Every Monday
Fom
SEPTEMBER
2ND, 2024
Match Time
FROM 19:45
Training Location
COLOMA SCHOOL
EVERYONE WELCOME
We resume training on Monday, September 2nd at 19:45pm.
Coloma School Upper Shirley Rd, Croydon, London, CR9 5AS
Training led by a UEFA B License Coach
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** OWFC TEAM OF THE WEEK, WEEKEND OF 30th November 2024 **

1. Ed Healy (Vets)
2. Joe Sembele Olu (2nd XI)
3. Dom Furnival (7th XI)
4. Sam James (1st XI)
5. Calum Hazell(6th XI)
6. Luke Saitch (4th XI)
7. Danny Holmes (5th XI)
8. Seb Saggar (4th XI)
9. Chris Dyki (5th XI)
10. Carley Riman (1st XI)
11. Doug Smart (Vets)

Old boys Dave & Charlie Beer (2013, 2009), Josh Mackley, Ben Giles and Jude Boateng (2013) will be playing in a mental health awareness fundraiser between charity sides BHMT FC and Beder FC at Dorking Wanderers FC at 6pm on Saturday 14th December. BHMT support community-based mental health projects around the country, while Beder take a unique approach to softly raising awareness around mental health and suicide prevention through events like football matches. There will be a couple of ex-pros playing, a special guest from the BBC on mic and several mental health charities from the South of England speaking at half-time. Tickets are freeand Jamie Parkinson is managing the 2013 school side. here: https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feventbrite.co.uk%2Fe%2Fbhmt-fc-vs-beder-fc-mental-elf-derby-fundraiser-tickets-993824033437&data=05%7C02%7C%7C2049f5a32d904de1d47008dd073d6452%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638674682423534877%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xZiZG0oSN5JRhzxujT6rwhh12aYMszxEdNGdjx6zeXU%3D&reserved=0 and you can donate here if you would like to contribute: https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.justgiving.com%2Fcampaign%2Fbhmt-xi-vs-beder-fc-football-fundraiser&data=05%7C02%7C%7C2049f5a32d904de1d47008dd073d6452%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638674682423556146%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eXjHWZ63WVb%2BR28JPgc3Z3GBbaTLZ%2BiFmxzSU2Bzx24%3D&reserved=0.

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 30th November 2024 (Week 12).

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Tenisonians	5-1	Riman 3, Wright, James
OWFC 2Xi	South Bank	4-7	
OWFC 3Xi	No Game	n/a	
OWFC 4Xi	Old Blues	2-1	
OWFC 5Xi	Old Blues	6-0	Holmes 3 , Chris Dyki, Fairhurst, Wright
OWFC 6Xi	Actonians	3-1	
OWFC 7Xi	Merton	2-7	
OWFC Vets	Old Bealonians	tba	
OWFC SuperVets	No Game	n/a	

OWFC 1st XI v Tenisonians

We arrived at an overcast yet warm Hayes Hill, ready for another game on the hallowed turf. Jasper was at the bar with gorgeous flowing blond tinted locks, surrounded by the usual crew, while the clubhouse buzzed at the customary 32 degrees before kick-off. The team was already wondering if the showers after the game would be hot, but attention soon returned to the match ahead.
It was great to welcome back Gowtham, Kieran, and Sam James this week. Sam Wright delivered his usual glorious pre-game talk before we wandered out for the warm-up. The team made their way down from the top-floor changing rooms, descending the stairs, crossing the concourse near the away team, and stepping onto the turf. The balls were pumped, and the cones were laid out in the usual formation. Mr. J. Eves led the warm-up, and the touches were sharp. After completing the drills, we crossed to the dugouts and prepared for kick-off. Sam Wright spoke once more, and we headed onto the pitch.
The game started with a bang as Sam
James opened the scoring with a precise header from Harley's ' long throw, giving us an early 1-0 lead. Harley continued his fine form, bursting forward on a powerful run assisted by Kieran and curling a brilliant finish into the near post to make it 2-0. Spirits were high as the team dominated the early exchanges.
We went in for halftime, where Sam Wright and Josh Eves addressed the team near the new barriers, just to the left of the dugout.
Back out for the second half, Harley struck again, though the details of the goal remain a bit hazy in the excitement. Wrap of the day from McDonald's !
Drama ensued when the opposition was awarded a penalty. Their attempt at a cheeky Panenka was ruled out, but they retook it and rifled the ball past our keeper to get on the scoreboard.
Late in the game, the opponents scrambled in the box, and Sam Wright pounced on a rebound to restore the cushion. Finally, a long ball over the top saw JR14 hook it over the center-back, setting Harley free to run in and finish, sealing an emphatic 5-1 victory.
Back in the changing rooms after the game, the music was blasting, and the mood could only be described as jubilant. The showers were mostly warm, though sporadic splashes of cold water kept everyone guessing. For reasons unknown, the changing rooms transformed into an obstacle course, which the entire team thoroughly enjoyed.
With guests occupying the President's Lounge, we settled in the bullpen with the rest of the club to celebrate.
Onto the next game!

Up the 1's. We have Joy, we have fun, playing football with the 1's.

Report - Pete Chiana
Scorers - James, Riman 3, Wright

OWFC 2nd XI v South Bank match report

Following an unfortunate loss in the cup, OW 2s were again looking for a big win against top of the league.

Starting strong, CLUTTERBUCK put OWs ahead with a solid header from a long throw in. South bank scored a couple, before OW pulled one back to equalise with a saucy header from the South Bank CB. Unfortunately South Bank managed to score just before half time. HT 3-2 to SB.

Starting the second half strong, another cheeky header by the SB defence put OWs right back in the game. SB then scored again, not long before a well worked team goal put OW back level at 4-4.

We don't talk about the rest. SB 3s 7-4 OW 2s.

OWFC 4th XI v Old Blues

With a very strong team the 4s were ready for a big game against Old Blues. Although meet time was supposed to be 1pm many people were late however that didn't stop everyone being extremely excited to play on the best pitch in the league Hawes Down. When everyone was ready we were treated to a warm up from a UEFA license coach Lucas which was new to him because during the warm up he normally spends his time vaping or drinking a nice cider. We also had a new goalkeeper play today called Seb the top shagger who was warmed up by Lucas for some reason who spent more time trying to score then actually warm him up.
After the warm up of a lifetime the starting lineup was announced with page seven fella Max Exelby starting up front looking like Peter Crouch (sorry Cejay you are no longer Peter Crouch) The rest of the team was pretty shit but with a top shagger in goal and Peter Crouch up front the 4s were on it like Sonic and ready.
Kick-off time and with not much really happening apart from people slipping and sliding on the best pitch in town which has been compared to playing on carpet in the past the 4s scored from a good passage of play and decent goal from super model Matt McDowell. The 4s were playing some good football until it was topped off shortly after from a Kevin De Bruyne level pass from the absolute unit Tyler Byrne to the other team leading to a goal making it 1-1. The 4s continued to play some sexy football but it didn't really lead to much. With the end of the first half it was time for the halftime team talk which consisted of us all talking about how well we were passing the ball around on the carpet like pitch and how we were all definitely not moaning.
Bang, it's time for the second half and with the 4s ready to put in a great performance on an even better pitch we were all buzzing to go. Not much happened really that I can remember because the start of the second half was shit. The 4s continued to play for a bit until the absolute babe magnet Matt McDowell linked up with the page seven fella Max Exelby to win a penalty. Although Matt created the penalty he couldn't take it as he pulled his groin because of all that shagging he told us about after the game. Anyway on came trampoline touch Lucas Orchard to take this penalty for some reason. first touch and a goal from Lucas putting the 4s 2-1 up. It was a really shit penalty but luckily for the Lucas their goalkeeper was so good that he let him score. As the game went on it got very scrappy with the new WWE champion of the world Elliot Tiffin showing off his signature move to everyone in the corner. With Lucas (trampoline touch) battered from the night before he still managed to put in a 10 out of 10 performance causing problems for the Old blues defence continuously flicking the ball to them and definitely winning all the first and second balls. In the end the 4s pulled through getting themselves a very well deserved and hard earned 3 points. Bosh.

After the game most of the 4s went into the club house to fetch their 3 course meal of sausage roll and beans that I didn't get to eat because Magnus Wright begged me for mine. Then it was time for dick of the day and man of the match. Luke Saitch won dick of the day for kicking the ball out of play from a goal kick and somehow won man of the match meaning he had to down two pints of some shit. Also Magnus won a bottle of wine from the raffle.

Overall it was a good performance from the 4s on a great pitch with an even better referee. What a day.

OWFC 5XI 6-0 OLD BLUES

It was a deceptively muggy Saturday and OW5XI had a potentially tough league match against Old Blues, made even tougher by top scorer Kennedy falling ill on the eve of the game.

However, OW5XI were boosted by the return of regulars Doyle and Fairhurst to the starting lineup, with the latter attempting his best Gazza impersonation by arriving slightly intoxicated from a big Friday night. OW5XI also welcomed their newest signing to the fans before the game - Callum Kelly was straight into the centre of midfield.

OW5XI were quick out the blocks. Within the first minute the forwards pressed the hesitant Old Blues back line, with Holmes unfortunately wasting the subsequent opportunity by delivering an attempted cross straight out of play. But the successful high press was a sign of things to come. Einstein allegedly stated that insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. It appears that Old Blues were in the mood to test this theory and continued to play out from the back, much to the delight of OW5XI. Within 10 minutes Leon had ventured forward down the left hand side and set up Dyki to power in a left footed volley into the bottom corner. 1-0.

OW5XI began to dominate the ball. Kelly was impressing on his debut alongside the composed Coughlan in the midfield (so composed in fact, he allegedly completed the game with 100% pass accuracy), and the OW5XI back four were swiftly neutralising any hint of attacking play from Old Blues. Inevitably, OW5XI scored a second - Doyle received the ball on the left hand side, and holding off multiple defenders played a through ball down the line to Holmes, who cut inside and passed the ball past the keeper.

Old Blues eventually worked their way into the game, with OW5XI becoming slightly complacent after the two early goals. The game became scrappy, with Coughlan even getting a booking for two cynical fouls in quick succession (another proponent of the Gazza school of football, the 8 Guinnesses the previous night maybe playing their part).

After this 15 minute wobbly, OW5XI sorted themselves out and started to regain a firm grip on the game, with the football once again free flowing. OW5XI got their reward with two quick goals before half time: the first was a rare Holmes 'header' (shoulder) from a pinpoint Doyle corner, the second came once again from Leon bursting forward down the left hand side to set up Fairhurst, who, as calm as ever, slotted the ball home. Halftime: 4-0 to OW5XI.

Dyki reminded the team of last season's collapse against Old Blues, and this was something OW5XI did not plan on repeating. The second half followed the same pattern as the first: the defence mopping up at the back, the midfield controlling the ball and the forward line causing havoc. At this point OW5XI could smell a big win, none more so than Billing who was marauding forward from centre half at every opportunity. It was however his partner in defence, Benson, who had a golden opportunity to add more misery to Old Blues. After a scramble in the box, the ball fell to Benson who simply had to pass the ball with his left foot into a mostly open goal. Despite his goal scoring form this season, this task proved too much for Benson, who could only slice to ball wide and fall over.

OWFC 5XI 6-0 OLD BLUES continued

Only 10 minutes later the same situation presented itself once again, this time with Fairhurst in the goal scoring position. However, it appears that Fairhurst thought the game was done and dusted, and so instead of scoring attempted his best Benson impression and sliced the ball wide.

OW5XI did eventually get further rewarded for their dominance. Spurs boys Doyle and Holmes linked up again, with Holmes being clipped by the onrushing Old Blues keeper. The resulting penalty was dispatched by Holmes to make it 5-0.

The chances kept on coming - Curran was adding some high energy to the front line, and Kuric was pressing high from full back on his OW5XI debut. However, Old Blues' goalkeeper was on good shot-stopping form and managed to keep the score from being too embarrassing.

OW5XI did however finish the game in style. Dyki found himself on the right hand side and delivered an inch perfect cross onto the head of Wright, who made no mistake with a powerful header into the net.

OW5XI 6-0 Old Blues. An impressive performance by OW5XI who also made it two clean sheets in two games.

REPORT DANNY HOLMES
MOM DANNY HOLMES
1. DYKI
2. BILLING
3. COUGHLAN
4. RUPAL 🧤
5. WRIGHT
6. HOLMES
7. CURRAN
8. DOYLEY
9. FAIRHURST
10. KURIC
11. LEON
12. KELLY
13. BENSON

Old Mertonians 6XI 7 v 2 OWFC 7XI (Away)
Goals – Walid, Dom Furnival

OWs endured a difficult afternoon, suffering a 7-2 defeat in a match where moments of promise were overshadowed by defensive frailties and clinical finishing from the opposition. Despite the scoreline, there was plenty of quality from the team, but not enough to stem the tide.

The game began with some optimism and great possession from the OW's, but the opposition soon took the lead with a long ball through to their forward who smashed the ball into the net. We then got a much deserved goal through Walid and were looking the better side to half time. Having changed our back three just before half time, we started unchanged, optimistic of a result.

As the second half progressed we still had great possession but didn't always manage to convert our chances. Their second goal came from a long ball to the tall centre forward who nodded it down splitting our defence and shot past the keeper. Moments later, an almost farcical free-kick from the halfway line caused chaos, bypassing the defence entirely and leaving the goalkeeper stranded as the opposition tapped in to take a 3 v1 lead.

OWs had a chance to pull one back when a well-weighted ball found Reece Collett in a promising position, but his effort was straight at the keeper. Shortly afterwards, the opposition hit the post, and although OWs breathed a sigh of relief, their reprieve was short-lived. A bobbling ball in the box fell to an opposing midfielder, whose scrappy shot somehow ended up wide of the post, letting OWs off the hook momentarily.

Bruce Graham provided a rare highlight for the visitors with a spectacular goal-line clearance that kept the deficit manageable. His tireless defending almost worthy of the Man of the Match award, but it went to Dom for his tireless work and great goal, showing great commitment in the back line.

OWs managed to claw one back late in the second half when a corner evaded the opposition keeper and Dom Furnival swept it home with composure, reducing the deficit to 4-2. However, the comeback was short-lived as the opposition ruthlessly exploited the gaps in midfield and defence, with their No. 19 finishing a well-threaded pass to restore the three-goal advantage.

Old Mertonians 6XI 7 v 2 OWFC 7XI (Away) continued.

Goals – Walid, Dom Furnival

As the match wore on, the home side continued to get back into the game. Their No. 10 produced a moment of quality, playing the ball to himself down the wing, racing to the byline, and delivering a low cross that was tapped in by their centre-forward. The final stages saw OWs apply some pressure, but it was not enough to overturn the result.

In the end, OWs fell 7-2, a result that highlights the need for greater defensive organisation and sharper decision-making across the pitch. While there were standout moments from Bruce Graham and Dom Furnival, the team will need to regroup and improve ahead of next week's clash.

MOM – Dom Furnival – great defending and goal.

Special mention – Bruce Graham (save of the line), Hakim and Walid (great skill and for making themselves available at short notice).

Team:

1. Nick Daniels
2. Alex Forbes
3. Mike Atti
4. Reece Collett
5. Bruce Graham
6. Dom Furnival
7. Ade dada (Late drop out)
8. Bruce Stringer
9. Harry Bodley
10. Ryan Doherty
11. Agil Karunakarun
12. Rod Trompiz
13. Hakim
14. Walid

Report – B Stringer

Match Report: Old Bealonians Vets 2-3 Old Wilsonians Vets (AET)

The rain hammered down relentlessly as we arrived at the waterlogged pitches of Ilford, Essex. The conditions were unforgiving, the pitch a mud-soaked battlefield more suited to trench warfare than football. But with only 12 resolute warriors, the Old Wilsonians Vets arrived undaunted, ready to face the storm. This was not just a match; it was a test of willpower and fortitude.

The first half was a cautious dance, both teams probing for weaknesses in the mire. The Wilsonians showed glimpses of promise, carving out spaces in the sludge. Gary Bonsels, always a thorn in defenders' sides, pounced on an error but couldn't deliver the finishing blow, prompting groans from the few but loyal traveling supporters. Meanwhile, Foxy buzzed with boundless energy, defying the sticky pitch, while Doug Smart marshaled the defense with unyielding authority. The halftime whistle blew with the score at 0-0, though momentum seemed to favor the visitors.

The second half roared to life. Bonsels, the persistent predator, intercepted high up the pitch and fed Foxy. With a swing of his left foot, Foxy unleashed a rocket into the net, the sound of celebration briefly drowning out the pouring rain. 1-0 Wilsonians.

The team in white wasn't done yet. Dan Harris, playing like a bulldozer in cleats, stormed down the left flank, brushing off defenders as if they were mere inconveniences. His cutback found Andy Free, who calmly teed up Jamie Parkinson. Showing the finesse of a pro golfer, Parkinson lobbed the ball delicately over the line, leaving defenders and keeper alike stranded. 2-0 Wilsonians, and control seemed firmly in their grasp.

But with Old Wilsonians, things are never that simple. A deflected free kick gifted Old Bealonians a lifeline at 2-1, and disaster followed when defensive confusion allowed the hosts to snatch an equalizer. The normally dependable backline faltered, turning what looked like a routine clearance into a calamity. Jon Howe had a golden opportunity to avoid extra time, breaking through one-on-one, but the keeper smothered his effort.

Extra time arrived, and exhaustion was palpable. Yet, this was the moment for grit and determination. Andy Free surged forward and earned a free kick in a dangerous area. Up stepped Foxy, whose strike took a deflection, leaving the keeper helpless. 3-2 Wilsonians. Relief spread through the team, but the battle was far from over.

The final 15 minutes were sheer chaos. Bealonians threw everything forward, but Ed Healy rose to the occasion, producing two incredible saves to preserve the lead. Frustration boiled over as the hosts resorted to cynical fouls, yet the referee, who had been lenient all afternoon, kept his cards in his pocket. The Wilsonians dug deep, repelling wave after wave of attacks until the final whistle brought sweet relief.

At full time, it was a hard-fought 3-2 victory for Old Wilsonians. This win, though nervier than it needed to be, was a testament to resilience and teamwork.

Player of the Match: It was a day of standout performances. Gary Bonsels' relentless pressing, Andy Free's driving runs, Foxy's crucial goals, and Ed Healy's match-saving heroics all stood out. However, the award goes to Doug Smart, whose commanding presence in defense kept the team organized and inspired throughout, anchoring the side with his composure under pressure.

Hats off to Old Bealonians for their sportsmanship, but it's the Wilsonians Vets who head home victorious, battle-scarred but ready for the next challenge.

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 7th December throughout the club (Week 13)

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	No Game		
OWFC 2Xi	Weirside Rangers	SAL	Away
OWFC 3Xi	South Bank 5s	SAL	Home
OWFC 4Xi	Polytechnic 5s	SAL	Home
OWFC 5Xi	6th XI	SAL	Home
OWFC 6Xi	5th XI	SAL	Away
OWFC 7Xi	Carshalton 5s	SAL	Away
OWFC Vets	Livingston RARA FC	SAL	Home
OWFC SuperVets	No Game		

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , November 27th 1999				
Latymer Old Boys	1	1st XI	2	Pope.D, Smart.R
Old Tenisonians	6	2nd XI	4	Trout 2, Baker, Sherwin
3rd XI	5	Old Dorkingians	2	Harvey 2, Peck 2, Gower
Old Reigatians	2	4th XI	3	Kirkham, Daniels (Andrew)Smith
6th XI	1	Old Guildfordians	0	Warboys.D
Shene Old Grammarians	7	8th XI	0	
Palace	2	Nottingham Forest	0	McKenzie, Svensson



AMAZING OFFER FROM 6TH XI 6th XI 1 Old Guildfordians 0

Due to the 7th XI's game being called off, we were promoted to Hayes. Naturally we see this as a favour to the 7th XI and expect our allocation of games at the Holy Grail of football to increase by one across the season. We are also willing to help out other sides who are unable, or unwilling, to play at Hayes!

Due to a vast number of regulars being either promoted, abroad, at stag nights or injured, we had only three faces from the previous week, and one of those was the referee!

We played some reasonable football, although a bit frantic at times and, like last week, gave away possession far too easily, thus putting ourselves under enormous pressure. We had the better chances throughout the game but went through a dismal period in the last ten minutes of the first half when both the attack and midfield resembled subbuteo players. Guildfordians played the better football throughout the game but lacked ideas in the last third of the pitch.

We scored in the last minute from a Dave Valder corner - Nick Bier owes me another fiver - when **DAVE WARBOYS** headed in at the near post.

There was no way back for Guildfordians whom, I believe, deserved at least a draw. Good games from the back four and Simon Letts, who helped us out in goal. Also good debuts for Stewart Shelly, at right-back, and Gary Bonsell, who played in midfield.

Alex Forbes

Letts Shelly Forbes.A Forbes.S Girling Ward Garvett Barry Bonsell (Nelson) Warboys.D Valder

BRAVE EFFORT FROM BATTLING EIGHTS Shene Old Grammarian 7 6th XI 0

After a 100 mile round trip, leaving home at 11-30, getting back at 7-30 and losing 7-0, you may think I have little to say and you are right! Against the best side we have played this season - strange that their 4th XI's game was called off – we did not do ourselves justice and, although they probably would have beaten us with a 'regular' side, it might not have been by so great a margin.

Having said that, everybody tried hard and a special mention must go to Charlie Cocks, who made many saves in goal and who was the one person who can take pride from this game.

Ian Rayworth

Cocks Higgins Davis.P Norton Brindle (Rayworth) Stratford James Jerome.C Elliott Dutton (Jerome.S) Shale

The dearth if reports continues, so perhaps I should write about my visits to Selhurst Park:

A goal in each half, the first from **LEON McKENZIE,** the second from **MATT SVENNSON,** put paid to a lackluster Nottingham Forest side who were never at the races - ***you have been warned!***

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, November 30th 1974				
1st XI	2	Parkfield	0	Cowell.C, Pilgrim.M
2nd XI	5	Old Fairlopians	1	(John) Matthews 2, Simner 2, Hand
Sill Hill	1	3rd XI	0	
Coutes Bank	1	4th XI	2	Poynter, Powell
5th XI	6	Old Finchleians	3	Cowell.J 3, Fletcher, Newman, Baldry
Old Owens	5	6th XI	3	Davis.A. 3
Unilevere	2	7th XI	4	Wysocki, Morgan, Cave 2
Palace	2	Charlton	1	Cannon, Chatterton



SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR - WELL; BIRMINGHAM ACTUALLY Sill Hill 1 3rd XI 0

The 3rd XI started their day at Camberwell at 8-00 a.m, a small group of players, standing in the drizzling rain, were about to embark on a game they will remember for generations to come.

A boisterous coach full of players, with their vastly experienced driver at the wheel, drove all the way across London before their first stop, which enabled Ian Forbes to have his breakfast. At Coventry the coach stopped to pick up its supporter, Joe Miller, and we reached Solihull at noon.

An so to the game, which began with a series of attacks by the Sill Hill wingers, stretching the 3rd XI full-backs to their limit and beyond and, to their credit, they stuck to their task for the entire game and, by half-time, had mastered their opponents.

The only goal of the game came within the first ten minutes, when a probing high cross from the right found both of the Ians – Rayworth and Forbes – attempting to take on their center-forward, whose height was causing trouble. With all three failing to connect with the ball, the Sill Hill winger raced inside Steve Smith and beat goal-keeper Dave Pook with a clean shot into the corner of the net.

The only other clear-cut chance that fell to Sill Hill ended with Dave Pook making a great smothering save to his right.

And then, at last, came the equaliser. An attack began on the left, the ball was worked between John Golley, Pete Davis and Bob Page into the penalty area where Bob's shot was hit hard to the 'keeper's left, who parried the ball away only for the on-rushing Dave Wood to sweep the ball home. A jubilant Wilsonian side, with the referee pointing to the centre circle, then saw a flag-waving linesman, and a rather weak referee allowed himself to be talked out of awarding the goal, which he later tried to explain but only made himself even more confused.

To their credit, the 3rd XI did not attempt to argue but simply got on with their task and all players, without exception, played above themselves and were beaten in the end by a side who had died after 20 minutes, and were pleased to hear the final whistle.

An out-standing game from Dave Pook was slightly marred by two miss-punched clearances, but he always handled with precision. The defence as a whole held the opposition attack after the first ten minute flurry and had to contend with tactics which the referee should have stopped earlier and his failure to do so resulted in a bad ankle injury for Mike Kendrick.

Mick Burt produced his best game for the Club and Steve Smith overcame a problem which seemed beyond him. Our midfield always combined well but failed to give added power to the forwards who, in turn, produced an abundance of skill but little goal flare.

As secretary of the OWFC I apologise to the families of all players concerned for our failure to get home before midnight, but we all certainly had a day to remember. Mike Harris

Pook Burt Smith.S Forbes.I Rayworth Kendrick.M Wood Howell Page Davis.P Golley

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