Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend’s events

In this newsletter?

Results from the weekends of Saturday 14th December 2024

Dates for the Diary

Christmas Eve at the OWFC, 5pm onwards, roast potatoes from 6pm.

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
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT AT WWW.OLDWILSONIANS.COM

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 14th December 2024 (Week 14).

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Old Blues	Postponed	
OWFC 2Xi	No Game	n/a	
OWFC 3Xi	Alleyns	1-2	
OWFC 4Xi	HSBC	3-1	Cejay Watson, Ravinthran (Atty)
OWFC 5Xi	Old Blues	6-2	
OWFC 6Xi	Old Meadonians	5-2	
OWFC 7Xi	Merton	6-1	
OWFC Vets	Battersea Park Rangers	2-1	Jamie Parkinson (pen), Jon Howe
OWFC SuperVets	No Game	n/a	

OW 4XI vs HSBC 3XI

The 4s arrived in Beckenham on a sunny Saturday morning eager to play HSBC after last week's game being called off. The lads were feeling particularly up for it as we were sporting the new Stellar Scholars strip making the ugly lads look somewhat presentable. Early warnings of the ref's incompetence were highlighted when Max asked him for water and he replied "what's water". He definitely was not on our planet.  The 4s started slow being second to the ball in most cases and HSBC controlling the game with some neat passes. Cejay was giving us an out with some excellent hold up play but a lack of support meant we couldn't capitalise from it. A long throw from Lucas, flicked on from Cejay, saw Tiffin cushion the ball perfectly into the path of Atty where he chipped the keeper to open the scoring for OWs. With a spring in our step OWs were trying to remain solid defensively but unfortunately a lack of fitness meant a triple sub 25 minutes in. Tiffin joined the bench 5 minutes later saying he had concussion but we all know that he was just fucked from the night before. HSBC were piling on the pressure. Their LCB was able to walk past our midfield and flip flap nutmeg Luke Saitch leaving him with two broken ankles and on the floor, crying. I actually missed their goal because I was too invested in Lucas' vape but not as much Matt Mcdonwell who said "That's acc really nice". It was shaped like a water bottle and had 9000 puffs so who can blame anyone. But I heard that Harry 'no bullshit' Bull lost his man and saw the OWs defensive line broken by an intricate through ball where the big striker was able to beat his man and slot it past Jake to make it 1-1. A stern half-time team talk saw the OWs fired up for the second half. Toby's pinpoint passing (hoof) was able to find Cejay up top where he beat his man and strike it bottom left to put the 4s in front again. Later on in the second half, this stupid guy Luke was able to let the ball slip under his foot where it fell to their striker and HSBC were 2 on 1 against Jake who somehow saved their effort and kept the 4s in the lead. In the final minutes of the second half, Toby's pinpoint passing (hoof) found Atty's back where it kindly rolled in his stride and was able to slot it past the keeper to make it a full time score of 3-1 to the 4s. After the game, we were treated to Jacket potatoes where everyone got beans and cheese but Louie thought beans were too foreign for him so he stuck with the grated cheddar. Overall, some good performances in our midfield by Nathan and Louie 'the lesbian' Day and defensively strong with Toby commanding the back line. It has to be said that Matt Mcdonwell was useless on the sideline didn't offer anything as an assistant manager or a late sub. But realistically they were a shit team with one or two good players and we should've battered them.

OWFC 4th XI



Old Wilsonians 7th XI (6) Vs Merton 7th XI (1) ***

Finally the sunshine was breaking through at Hayes and patches of blue sky were making a rare appearance of late, to greet the Old Wilsonians 7th XI and the management team, who were busy plotting their tactics and revenge against a Merton 7XI that had beaten us just a couple of weeks ago

With a strong subs bench filled with energetic youth and senior been there done it experience, the starting OWFC 7th XI took to the pitch under the watchful eye of Alex Forbes and Ian David Wellman.

The OWFC 7th XI looked confident and in control and when they went 1-0 up it was as if the writing was on the wall for a dish served best cold and their revenge. Football is fickle game however and some casual play and lack of urgency saw the Merton fullback run across and through our midfield unchallenged and dink a ball through our defensive line to their striker who had not had a sniff up till then. Despite going away from goal their striker smashed it into the corner passed Doug Forbes and it was game on and a warning that any complacency could and no doubt would be punished given Mertons position in the league.

The deadlock remained as the half time whistle came and the management team had some work to do and tactical changes to make if we were to be given the needed boost that could enable us to raise our game.

The 2nd half was tight to begin with however the composure and quick passing that saw us dominate large parts of the first half soon returned and it was only a matter of time before the goals came and came they did.

A superb free kick outside their box for our 2nd goal, saw the ball curled into the corner over the wall and passed their desperately diving keeper who right from the off and being very diplomatic, had way more rabbit than a Chaz and Dave tribute act and was only a matter of time, before Jim Matthews was going to loose his mild mannered patience and give him has marching orders.

That moment came after a couple of peculiar forest gump style runs from their keeper who broke from his goal line all the way over to our dug out, to belly bounce and remonstrate with Alex Forbes and others much to all our bemusement.

Jim Matthews dusted off his red card and the writing was on the wall for Merton and as their now disgraced keeper was still chirping away on the goal line the goals kept on coming despite their stand in keepers best efforts.

Old Wilsonians 7th XI (6) Vs Merton 7th XI (1) continued ***

Finally their keeper was sent to the changing rooms and as the peace returned to the pitch, the final score line of 6-1 did not really reflect the even contest of the first half, but a result well deserved never the less.

Hand shakes and apologies were made by Merton as the sunset over the Hayes tennis courts horizon blazed away and shared in our glory. We socialised in the bar and shared some banter and it was a fitting end for the OWFC 7th XI's league challenge before the Christmas break and seeing us get back to our winning ways.

*** Old Wilsonians 7th XI (6) Vs Merton 7th XI (1) ***

Squad : Stan, Nick Daniels, Michael 'Open Mike' Atti, Bruce Graham, Reece Collett, Joe Williamson, George Gill, Grahame Nelson (Boom Boom), Austin Linton, Mark Hardy, Doug Forbes, Dom Furnival, Djan Djemali, Jim White, Oli Beatson

MOM : Austin Linton

Duane on the sidelines with pints

Clive Peckover mascot and appropriately merchandised touchline cheerleader

Old Wilsonians Vets 2-1 Battersea Park Rangers

Sunday, 15th December

Old Wilsonians Vets emerged victorious in a gritty 2-1 encounter against Battersea Park Rangers, overcoming an early setback to secure three well-earned points.

The match began with both teams testing each other, but the visitors gained the upper hand midway through the first half when they were awarded a penalty following a clumsy challenge in the box. The Battersea Park striker coolly converted, leaving goalkeeper Steve Donnelly with no chance and putting Old Wilsonians 1-0 down.

Despite the setback, Old Wilsonians grew into the game, with the back four of Dan Harris, Doug Smart, James Paton and Dave McLeish providing a solid base. Jamie Parkinson and Andy Free marshalled the central midfield, whilst Paul Sherwin, Gary Bonsels, Nick Serff and Jon Howe created space with their forward runs.

Persistence paid off when a foul in the area led to a penalty for OWs and a red card for the Battersea defender. Showing great composure, Parkinson stepped up to slot home the equalizer, hitting the inside of the post to bring the score to 1-1 at the break.

With the numerical advantage, Old Wilsonians pressed forward, adding experience from the bench with Si Elliott and Pete Taylor joining the game. the breakthrough came in the second half courtesy of Jon Howe. A sharp move down the right saw Howe receive the ball on the edge of the box before rifling a low shot into the bottom corner, sending his team into the lead.

Battersea Park pushed for an equalizer late on, but OWs held firm to secure a hard-fought victory. The only shame was James Paton picking up a ham string injury towards the end of the game following a sixty yard surge up the pitch. Hopefully some intensive rehab will see him return in the New Year!

A well-deserved win caps off an impressive team performance for Old Wilsonian's and sees the Vets enter the festive break second in the league table.

Pete Taylor

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 4th January throughout the club (Week 15)

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Old Parkonians	SAL	Away
OWFC 2Xi	Carshalton	SAL	Away
OWFC 3Xi	South Bank	SAL	Home
OWFC 4Xi	Merton	SAL	Home
OWFC 5Xi	Merton	SAL	Away
OWFC 6Xi	Polytechnic	SAL	Away
OWFC 7Xi	City of London	SAL	Home
OWFC Vets	Dads of the Hill (29/12)	F	Home
OWFC SuperVets	As above		

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , December 11th 1999				
Old Hamptonians	1	1st Xl	0	
2nd Xl	3	Old Salvatorians	2	Sherwin 2, Karamath. J
Clapham Old Xvarians	2	3rd Xl	8	Peck 4, Quinton 3, Graham
4th Xl	2	Old Sinjuns	1	(Andrew) Smith 2
6th Xl	2	Old Paulines	1	Ward, Shelly
7th Xl	4	Old Suttonians	2	Jerome.S 2, du Casse 2
Old Tenisonians	0	8th Xl	1	Popat



UNBEATEN RECORD PRESERVED 4th XI 2 Old Sinjuns 1

A heavy pitch, strong wind and committed opossition meant that the 4th XI had a real battle on their hands to maintain their unbeaten league record. A number of changes to the side saw Mark Stephens in goal, Kirk Benjamin in midfield and Dave Valder up front, with Mick Hoffman on the substitute's bench.

From the kick-off Sinjuns showed their determination and created several half chances as the 4s took too long to settle – our talking needs to improve dramatically! It was against the run of play, therefore, that a cross from the right-wing struck a Sinjun arm, resulting in a slightly fortuitous penalty which **ANDREW SMITH** struck firmly into the centre of the goal as the 'keeper dived to his left.

In spite of this goal we failed to put any real passes together, and it was no surprise when our defence was caught square and a Sinjun forward was left free to shoot home at the second attempt after a fine initial save by Mark Stephens. This set-back, however, seemed to rally the side and we created one or two good chances towards the end of the first half, with Andrew Smith shooting narrowly wide from close range and Kirk Benjamin having a shot from outside the area well saved.

The half-time message was clear; we needed to rally our game and battle hard if we were not to suffer our first defeat of the season. With Dave Valder and Paul Daniels starting to hold the ball up, we made some attacking moves and managed to win a few corners, and from one of these Mick Pilgrim headed firmly towards goal and **ANDREW SMITH** supplied the finishing touch from two feet. The rest of the game saw some real battling qualities from the 4th XI and, in spite of prolonged Sinjuns pressure, including a Micky Hughes goal-line clearance, we finished with an encouraging 2-1 victory. Mick Pilgrim Stephens Hughes Clayton Hickey(Hoffman) Pilgrim.M Benjamin (Andrew)Smith Daniels Valder Riley Branston

THE 7TH XI PLAY A MAGIC TUNE 7th XI 4 Old Suttonians 2

In recent seasons a Cup game against a higher division side would have seen me in my most pessimistic mode. However, the current 7th XI is a decent side and we took to the field knowing we would win! We allowed Suttonians a goal start but, by half-time, **STEVE JEROME** had brought us level.

A tactical substitution allowed Steve Chinnery to go off for a piano exam, seeing the introduction of the ever youthful Terry Adams for, I believe, his first game of the season

We controlled the second half and a second goal from **STEVE JEROME,** and a brace from **PAT du CASSE,** secured the victory. It was a little disappointing that we gave away a late second goal, as the defence played excellently as a unit.

Although not as good a performance as last week, we were solid enough and were not going to turn down the Old Boys Cup semi-final that beckons. Neville Spencer

Pope.A Skelton McBride Girling Stewart.J Spencer Chinnery(Adams) Stewart.D Dry du Casse Jerome.S

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , December 18th 1999				
2nd XI	1	Old Hamptonians	2	Karamath
Old Tenisonians	0	4th XI	8	Daniels 4, Kirkham 2, Willis, Pilgrim.M
5th XI	2	East Barnet Old Grammarians	3	Gower, Chillman
7th XI	6	Old Edmontonians	0	Evans 3, du Casse 2. OG
8th XI	3	Gullible's Travellers	0	Shale 2, Cocks
Palace	0	Fulham	0	



BRIGHT START BUT DULL FINISH 2nd XI 1 Old Hamptonians 2

This match started with only ten Wilsonians on the pitch but, within a few minutes, this increased to 11 and we had the luxury of two substitutes on the line as well. For 20 minutes there was end to end football, with stout defending of both goals, until a long ball from Alex Pugh found **JAMES KARAMATH,** whose pace took him past full-back and 'keeper to put the home side one goal ahead.

Hamptonians responded with a spell of robust play, culminating in a deliberate foul on Dan Hickey, for which the offender was booked, whilst Dan was also booked for reacting too strongly. Shortly before the interval Hamptonians were awarded a penalty, apparently to their surprise as well as ours! Justice appeared to be done, however, when the ball hit a goal-post from the spot kick and rebounded into touch. Overall, the 2nd XI deserved their one goal lead at half-time.

The opposition stepped up a gear early in the second half and several of their goal-bound efforts were frustrated by Andrew Parkinson's impressive performance between the posts. The 2nd XI coped with the increased pressure until a goal-mouth scramble led to a close-range shot which our 'keeper did well to block, only for Hamptonians to score from the rebound.

After that equaliser Hamptonians looked the stronger team and soon went ahead when a well-taken corner was headed in by their centre-forward. Despite a couple of late rallies, the 2nd XI were unable to regain their earlier form and 1-2 at the final whistle was a fair result. Tony Reed

Parkinson.A Smith.G Roe Parkinson.J Quinton(West) Pullen Giles Hickey(Trout) Pugh Sherwin Karamath

SIX OF THE BEST TO END THE MILLENNIUM 7th XI 6 Old Edmontonians 0

The first half of this game was not exactly a sparkling affair. Both sides tended to cancel each other out, although it was clear that we had the advantage going forward. Creatively we were a little naïve and lazy, content to hit the ball over the top of the forwards to chase, rather than playing the passing football that has miraculously crept into our recent games! Still, we took the lead from a ball over the top when **GARETH EVANS** ran in from the half-way line to finish well, so what do I know?

Within a minute of the second half the match was over when an Edmontonian defender put the ball into his own net. We dominated the next 40 minutes, with **PAT du CASSE** scoring via a looping deflection. **GARETH EVANS** followed up his own parried shot for the fourth and **PAT du CASSE** blasted in the fifth from 12 yards before **GARETH EVANS** secured his hat-trick when he charged down the 'keeper's kick and reacted first to the loose ball.

We tried to throw away the clean sheet in the last couple of minutes but Andy Pope – under the tutelage of the last 7th XI 'keeper to keep a clean sheet – kept things under control; well done Andy.

A thoroughly deserved victory, but a very flattering score-line. Good games from the McBride brothers and I don't suppose Gareth could have done much more. A final thanks to Mike Kendrick for refereeing – it was very much appreciated. Neville Spencer

Pope.A McGrath Skelton McBride.S Stewart.D Spenecr(Adams) Chinnery McBride,R Stewart.J du Casse Evans

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, December 14th 1974				
Pearl Assurance	1	1st XI	0	
Witan	2	2nd XI	4	Hand, Simner, Montgomery, Jenkins
3rd XI	1	Old Owens	0	Scorer not reported
4th XI	1	Tansley	1	Neman
Old Owens	5	5th XI	3	Cowell.J, Houghton, Portman
Brent	1	6th XI	2	Gasson 2
Brittanic House	6	7th XI	1	Vince



THE UNBEATEN RUNS CONTINUE Witan 2 2nd XI 4

The 2nd XI, unbeaten in the league this season, were once more the visitors against a Witan side who were physically large and well suited to the demands of an enormous sloping pitch and a wind strong enough to be influential.

Most of our side arrived only minutes before the kick-off, Martin Taylor was collecting his gloves from the back of the net, the kick-about ball was still on the pitch and some players were standing around chatting and having a fag! Suddenly a swarm of Witan players approached our goal but, fortunately, they did not score and our three missing players were allowed onto the field of play.

And, as soon as we had a full side, we scored when Lee Montgomery took a corner and **COLIN HAND** jumped between the centre-half and sweeper to head firmly into the net.

The 2nds were looking dangerous in breakaways, whilst the more methodical approach of Witan was gaining more success than it deserved because of the referee's reluctance to give off-sides against them. The 2nd XI, on the other hand, were much more direct and one sweeping move should have added to the score when, after doing the difficult bit, Colin Hand miss-kicked with only the 'keeper to beat.

Soon after **LES SIMNER** scored a superb goal; a George Carrington cross from the left and there was Les to place the ball wide of the 'keeper with his head. So we had a 2-0 interval lead, but there was the slope and wind to face in the second half, so it would not be easy.

Witan now began to use the height and speed of their forwards to good effect and cut our lead when the defence failed to clear a corner and the ball was thumped into the net. The home side now realised they had all of the advantages, including the referee, and attacked with considerable vigour.

The 2nd XI's defence now performed miracles, with John Matthews, Mick Burt and Alan Carpenter all clearing of the line, and Martin Taylor made a remarkable save when the ball struck the cross-bar on one side of the goal only to be scrambled to the other, where a Witan forward struck the ball firmly only for Martin to appear suddenly and punch the ball away.

And then, against the run of play, we got our third goal. Les Simner beat the full-back, appeared to lose the ball only to retrieve it and hit a hard, low cross for **RAY JENKINS** to tap home, but Witan renewed their pressure and scored a similar goals to their first when a corner was not cleared properly and the lose ball was smashed home.

There were ten minutes left but our hosts were unable to maintain their pace and pressure and it was we who scored again when **LEE MONTGOMERY** pushed the ball in from yet another cross-field ball.

So, a very good two points, with good performances from everyone, including a very mature game from John Matthews, who curbed his attacking instincts and performed some good defensive work, particularly in the second half, when Witan were pressing. Colin Hand

Taylor Pilgrim.B Carpenter Hanifan Burt Carrington Jenkins (John)Matthews Simner Hand Montgomery

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, December 21st 1974				
1st XI	1	Old Monovians	1	(Jim) Matthews
2nd XI	3	Old Colfeians	4	Simner 2, Maunder
Mill Hill Village	3	3rd XI	0	
Tansley	1	4th XI	0	
5th XI	5	Old Suttonians	0	Cave 2, Cowell.J 2, Gibbons
Brent	1	6th XI	2	Foreman 2



CLEAR CUT CHANCES NEED TO BE CREATED 1st XI 1 Old Monovians 1

Old Monovians gained their first point of the season in this wind-swept, scrappy game. The 1st XI should have had this game sewn up by half-time but, instead, were only 1-0 ahead after Bill Morley put a long throw into the Monovians' penalty area and the ball came to **JIM MATTHEWS,** who scored with a right-footed shot into the net, but, as the game proceeded, and we failed to add to our score, the confidence began to grow in the Monovian side and they equalised midway through the second half when their striker broke through with only Rod Hall to beat.

Rod managed to save his first effort but, in the scramble that followed, the ball rebounded from half a dozen bodies to finish nicely in the path of the same striker with an open goal in front of him.

At this point Monovians began to realise that, with a little more effort, they could win this game, and they nearly did so in the closing seconds when they broke through with only Rod Hall to beat. The forward slipped the ball past the advancing 'keeper but Terry Adams, running in, managed to slide the ball to safety.

The game finished with the 1st XI feeling they could and should have played better. We never really got our game together and the mistakes made were elementary. Bad passes were made when players were not even under pressure, balls were hit high into the wind and team cohesion was poor.

We have the players to make a good 1st XI, and previous displays have shown this, but it is disturbing that, in the last few weeks, we have been creating very few clear cut chances.

Geoff Robinson

Easter tour to Amsterdam

The Football Club will be having an Easter tour to Amsterdam, leaving Hayes on ***Thursday March 27th*** and returning the following Monday, ***March 31st.***

We will be playing one game, with the possibility of more, but no promises can be made in this direction, and it is advisable not to be optimistic. We will travel by coach and ferry and be staying in an hotel in the centre of Amsterdam on half board – bed, breakfast and evening meal.

The total cost is £37 and we are asking for a deposit of £5 and, to make this tour viable, we must take a minimum of 25 people. If you are interested then plaese contact Chris Cowell by ***January 11th.***

Congratulations

Congratulations to Terry Adams who has once again been selected to represent the League side, this time against the Insurance Officers We hope that, in the coming year, a number of other players will follow in Terry's footsteps and achieve a similar honour.

Record of the week

Beat to the Street - Sutherland Brothers and Quiver

Player Profile No. 1 – Mike Pike

On December 7th Mark Pope, the esteemed editor of this esteemed newsletter, sent me the following email:

"Pikey

a no rush job...fancy doing a profile , a bit like Bruce's ?

put anything you like and maybe "jobs" you have done for the club , maybe that your old team mates might like to read , I asked Dan Harris recently and will ask Stu P also and then ask around others in the club ..for a bit of fun / get to know the legends (and current supporters/ players) of the club and add to newsletters once received every now and then , especially when matches are called off and there is less to report on."

In reply I said that I do not like writing about myself but I have made an attempt – as below – and we will just have to hope that not many games are called off and that current players submit regular reports in order to prevent this piece ever being published

When I left school in 1964 I got a job in the London Borough of Lewisham – libraries department – which necessitated working on Saturdays which meant that I could not play football for the OWS

However I left that job in 1968 and have been involved with the OWFC in some capacity ever since.

My first game was on a Sunday when I was picked to play in the Football Club's annual fixture against the Tennis Club– time for a revival? – and I scored twice in a 6-3 victory, or maybe that just the first set?

For those who have never seen me play I was the 1960s equivalent of Kevin De Bruyne, although those who did see me play might tell you a different story, so I would appreciate it if they kept quiet!

The truth is that I spent most of my playing career in "the lower Xls", although I did play once for the 3rd Xl, , but that was only because no-one else was prepared to travel to Mill Hill when someone dropped out on a Saturday morning.

I did have the honour of skippering a side that included Mike Kendrick for a short while, who always claimed that he was a better captain than I – he was right – whilst Mick Pilgrim played his first game for the OWs under my leadership

The (official) statistics show that I played a total of 106 games and scored 13 goals - plus the two against the Tennis Club.

Player Profile Continued No.1– Mike Pike

On April 1st 1972 I suffered a double fracture of my left leg – tibia and fibula – and was in plaster for six months and missed the whole of the following season, and although I attempted to make a comeback in 1973 I soon realised that I should retire gracefully, a decision which my team mates encouraged me to do and greeted with cries of jubilation.

Back in 1968, when I first started playing for the OWs, Gerry Reaseley was the editor of the weekly newsletter and when he stood down I agreed to replace him.

"It's the sort of job people only do for a couple of seasons" Mike Harris, who was secretary at the time, assured me, but it was another 47 years, and around 1,400 issues later, that James Egan replaced me.

Back then the newsletter was typed on stencils and then rolled off and a Gestetner machine and then delivered to the Club on a Monday evening in time for the weekly selection meeting, after which they were put into envelopes and posted, which was very expensive.

It is very different now, of course, and I first realised that my time was up when a member of the 5th Xl asked me why I had not included in his report.

"I did not receive it", came the somewhat defensive excuse

"Well; I put it on Facebook," he explained

"Try putting it on the top of Everest next time where I will have more chance of finding it" was my rejoinder, but it convinced me that the game was up and I should stand down in favour of someone who is IT literate. It would have been nice/neat to have done 50 years but that is only a number.

I now content myself with submitting the weekly 'All Our Yesterdays" feature, which looks at games 50 and 25 years ago a job which is often self selecting thanks to the lack of reports

To return to Mark's plea/request we can only hope that every OW game is played and that our editor does not have to use this piece - Stuart Paton and Dan Harris can help him, and me, in this regard, whilst everyone else can also help by submitting regular reports.

Apart from anything else I will need something to reproduce in 50 years time although, and admittedly, this is hypotheitcal as I will be 129 years old by then and my services will no longer be required, but you should spare a thought for my successor.

Mike Pike 17/12/2024

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