Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend’s events

In this newsletter?

Results from the weekend of Saturday 1st February 2025

Dates for the Diary

Vice Presidents Day – Saturday 22nd February 2025.

Darts Fund Raiser – Friday 21st March 2025.

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

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

Other Bits

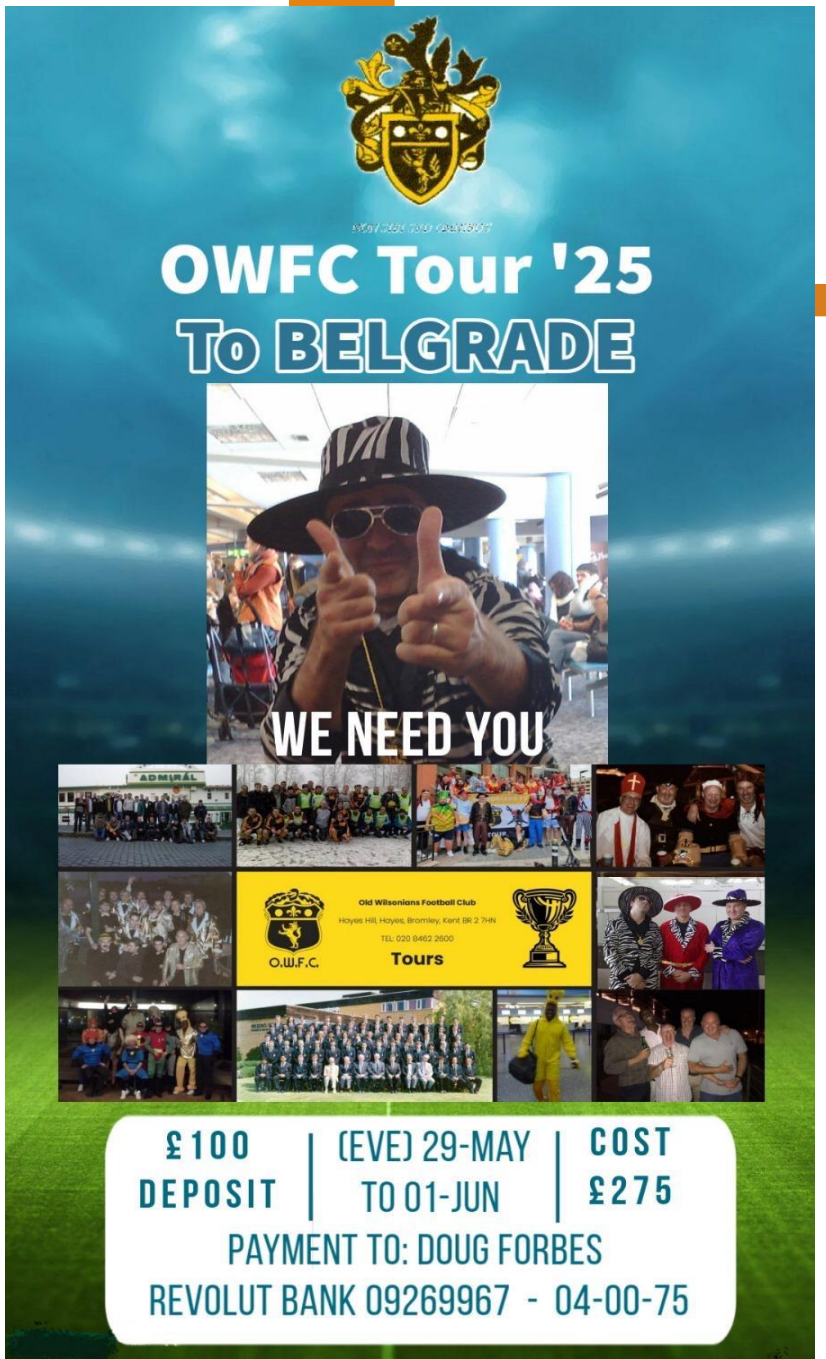
- Men Of The Hill
- All Our yesterdays (25/ 50 years Ago)
- Monday night Training @ Coloma School, Shirley, 8pm until 9.30 on their 3G pitch with a UEFA B Qualified Coach. Cost is £5
- OWFC Code of Conduct and Annual Subs Update
- Team of the Week
- Fixtures for next weekend
- OWFC Togger (Contact Roddy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



Aubrey, from the OWFC 6th XI, is shaving all his hair off to donate to girls with cancer. It's really nice hair as well. (See photo) In 24 hours he has raised £400 all ready. Would be great if we could share this with the all the clubs chats. Such a fantastic cause. Any donations will help.

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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 1st February 2025.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Wilberforce	Postponed	
OWFC 2Xi	Weirside	Postponed	
OWFC 3Xi	Old Meadonians	2-2	
OWFC 4Xi	Actonians	2-3	
OWFC 5Xi	6th XI	4-0	
OWFC 6Xi	5th XI	0-4	
OWFC 7Xi	Old Wokingians	Postponed	
OWFC Vets	Morden Expats	Postponed	
OWFC SuperVets / Vets	No Game	n/a	

OWFC 4th XI v Actonians

Big game against Acton could've seen old wils equal on points with third place but things went south fast for the fours Dodgy start for the home side saw plenty of forward runs for Acton and many early chances, Around the 20 minute mark, No.11 leaves Charlesworth in the dust and in an act of Valor, Charlesworth turns into prime Valverde and sacrifices him self for the greater good of the team (dickhead sees red leaving his team a man down at 0:0 for nothing) Lucas miraculously saves the freekick keeping the fight going a little longer but Acton retaliate with a goal from a scrappy corner soon after To bring some life back into the game, Magnus slots one into the net from a corner. Old wils were at their highest at this point with faith fully restored in the team and play a solid game of football almost taking it to half time But seconds away from half time another scrappy corner goal for the away side.. fuck sake After coming out for half time old wils give it there all with big chances at both ends, Joe take a free kick that passes everybody but travels towards goal about as fast as Lucas runs at training but regardless, the keeper forgot to clean the lubricant off his gloves and the ball slips right into the net 2:2 Old wils look even stronger than before after this passing around quickly and even receiving better decisions from the 12 year old ref who found a way to upset both teams time and time again (guess that's one way to be un bias) Unfortunately this was short lived after their number 10 centre back thundercunted the ball with powershot plus leaving a hole in Lucas' gloves Few opportunities for old wils after that, lightskin haaland almost slots it bottom right but unlucky in the end Outstanding tackles from ball on the left earning him a motm performance and toby performing great cover when needed Overall, even with 10 men 3:2 was unfortunate and it could've easily been a draw at the very least, good shift from the fours.

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 8th February 2025 throughout the club (Week 20)

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Nottsborough	SAL	Away
OWFC 2Xi	South Bank Cuaco 3s	SAL	Home
OWFC 3Xi	South Bank Cuaco 5s	SAL	Away
OWFC 4Xi	Merton 3s	SAL	Home
OWFC 5Xi	Old Wimbledonians	SAL	Home
OWFC 6Xi	TBC	SAL	Away
OWFC 7Xi	HSBC	SAL	Home
OWFC Vets	Old Etonians	SALC	Away
OWFC SuperVets	No Game		

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , January 29th 2000				
1st XI	2	Old Vaughanians	1	Pope.D, Kendrick.N
Old Uffingtonians	3	2nd XI	7	Trout 3, Baker 2. Hickey, Sherwin
Old Tiffians	3	3rd XI	0	
Clapham Old Xvarians	0	4th XI	3	Harris.A, Kirkham, Simms
5th XI	2	Old Thorntonians	1	Target.S 2
Glyn Old Boys	4	7th XI	3	Bier, Stewart,J, Letts
8th XI	2	Old Reigatians	2	Blake 2
Palace	2	Huddersfield Town	2	Mullins, Lingham



VITAL GAME BRINGS THE WRONG RESULT Glyn Old Boys 4 7th XI 3

Following last week's Cup excitement it was back to the league for the return match against Glyn, who had narrowly beaten us earlier in the season. It was a match we needed to win if we were to continue to challenge for the league title and we started well, taking the lead when **NICK BIER** finished off a neat passing move.

All season the strength of the team has been the defence, which has been magnificent throughout. However, we lost our way in dramatic style in this game by gifting three soft goals, each of which could have been easily avoided. Just before half-time **JOHN STEWART** pulled a goal back when he reacted first to a long throw into the box.

His father's half-time team talk centred on being more aggressive and, within five minutes, we were level when an excellent Steve Skelton corner was eventually put away by **SIMON LETTS.**

Our defence were now on top and it certainly appeared we were good for a draw. However, and although we were competing against Glyn, we fell victim to two decisions which ultimately cost us the game. Initially the referee awarded a corner, which was clearly incorrect, only to compound the error by failing to see a blatant push by the Glyn skipper when he headed in unchallenged. Neville Spencer
Pilgtim.I McGrath Girling Lloyd McBride.S Spencer Stewart.D (Barry) Letts Skelton Stewart.J Bier

'Fluff' makes it to 800

Geoff 'Fluff' Robinson has now chalked up an impressive 800 games for Old Wilsonians and sincere congratulations are due to him. This mild mannered man off the pitch is a fierce adversary on it, and I well remember the many bruises I acquired during training sessions with Geoff all those years ago at William Penn school on a Thursday evening, whilst Mike Harris will be able to tell you about the number of 'phone calls he received on a Friday morning telling him:
"I played on the opposing side against Geoff Robinson in the three-a-side so will not be able to play on Saturday!"

And who can forget Geoff's comment when, realisng that the cricket square was more adjacent to the 1st XI pitch at the start of one season proclaimed:
"I think I can put my winger on a length"

AFA Senior Cuo Final

As you know, both AFA Senior Cup semi-finals will be played at Hayes on March 11th and the referee for the final will be none other than our very own Andy McClinton. Many congratulations Andy; your officiating at this prestigious game reflects proudly on both yourself and the Club.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, February 1st 1975				
Old Fairlopians	1	2nd XI	6	Pilgrim.M 2, Carrington, Hand, Cowell,C, Page
3rd XI	9	Old Colfeians	1	Reaseley 4, Taylor (Malcolm) 3. Simner, OG
4th XI	4	Old Bealonians	1	Maunder, Cowell,J, Davis.P, Wood
Palace	2	Bury	2	Swindlehurst 2



THE 2nd XI SEEN FROM A 1st XI PERSPECTIVE Old Fairlopians 1 2nd xI 6

The initial 15 minutes of this match saw a spate of poor shooting from the 2nds after some very good approach work. We kept pushing forward and the first goal came quite naturally. Mick Pilgrim got the ball in the middle of the park and passed it to John Matthews on the right. John hit an early ball into the box for Colin Hand to touch off first time into the path of **MICK PILGRIM** who slipped the ball under the advancing 'keeper.

Shortly afterwards **CHRIS COWELL** added a second when a long throw from Paul Hanifan was left by the home defence to enable Chris to nip in and head home from the first bounce. Fairlopians then pulled one back when a cross from the right was met by a strong header, which Martin Taylor failed to hold, the ball trickling over the line.

At half-time skipper for the day, Alan Carpenter, stressed the importance of not getting involved in arguments and simply playing easy football, and this is exactly what we did, adding three goals in 15 minutes as a consequence, all three coming from very good possession football, interspersed with quick one/twos down the right wing between Brian Pilgrim, John Matthews and Chris Cowell which completely split the Fairlopians' defence and allowed Chris time and room to pull the ball back for some good crosses, and it was from these crosses that **COLIN HAND** headed home the third goal, **BOB PAGE** blasted home the fourth from close range and **GEORGE CARRINGTON** (alias Martin Peters) ghosted in five minutes before his time to head home a glorious fifth goal.

However, and as in the first half, the side stopped playing and allowed Fairlopians back into the game. But, fortunately for us, the home forwards failed to take advantage and, shortly before the final whistle, **MICK PILGRIM** headed home a corner from Chris Cowell.

Alan Carpenter asked me to write this report from a 1st viewpoint but, in doing so, it must be understood that this assessment is based on only one game and any conclusions I have made must be accepted with that knowledge in mind.

Goal-keeper: Martin Taylor showed sound handling and kicking ***but,*** and like every OW 'keeper I have played with this season, lacks a strong command of the six-yard box

Defence: This looked very sound. They have two solid full-backs in Mick Burt and Brian Pilgrim, although the latter too often gives his winger too much room. Alan Carpenter led the side well and performed competently in his role as sweeper.

Midfield: The midfield took too long to settle down but, as the game progressed, each member did his individual job well. Paul Hanifan looked good in patches but he must play for 90 minutes and not drift in and out of the game. George Carrington was reliable and made some very good runs from deep in defence to get the forwards moving. John Matthews had a good game, linking well with the forwards.

Forwards: They were generally very fast and moved well as a unit to support each other. Colln Hand's unselfish running down the left-wing gave Chris Cowell all the room he needed on the right as a consequence and Colin must be a useful player to have in any side. Bob Page showed good close control and fitted in well in his first game for the 2s, using the simple ball at the right moment. As for Chris Cowell, he paralysed the left-back and set up three goals as well as scoring one; say no more.

Mick Pilgrim

Taylor Pilgrim.B Carpenter Pilgrim.M Burt Hanifan (John) Matthews Carrington Cowell.C Page Hand

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