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- Team of the Week
- Fixtures for next weekend
- OWFC Togger (Contact Roddy Trompiz, OWFCtogger@outlook.com)


Old Wilsonians presents
5 A SIDE
FOOTBALL
TOURNAMENT
10th August 2025
KO: 11am
£70 per team*
Old Wilsonians Sports Ground
81 Hayes Hill, Bromley BR2 7HN
Contact: Chezbjennings@gmail.com
*Team of 7 players max

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ian "IP" Pilgrim



Funeral Service Details:

Friday 11th July 2025 - 1pm

Beckenham Crematorium
Elmers End Rd, Beckenham BR3 4TD

Followed by a reception at:

Old Wilsonians' Sports Club
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OWFC Players of the Year 2024/5

1s - Gowtham Jeeven
2s - James Clutterbuck
3s - Sam Gordon
4s - Matt McDonwell
5s - Chris Kennedy
6s - Nathan Carter
7s - Bruce Graham
Vets - Andy Free
Supervets - Chris Billing

Other Awards

Clubman of the Year - Sam James
Golden Boot - Chris Kennedy
Young Player of the Year - Leo Onye
Clarke Quarrington Award - Barnes Clanachan

OWFC Vets End of Season Summary by Jamie Parkinson

The season started with excitement as for the first time the vets had entered the league. We thought we were entering a 7 team league with a couple of cup competitions so a game every other week ish. However, when the league was published there were 11 sides and 3 cups. Thoughts of divorce were put to the side and we decided to go for it.

The fixture computer put us up against our old friends Alleyns. After 35 seconds we were 1 nil up, this league stuff was going to be easy. Well not really, the next 89 minutes were a mauling but in true Wilson's fashion we nicked a late goal and won 2-0!

A 6-4 loss was followed by wins against Balham, Paulines and Alleyns again. Before a OBC ¼ final win in Ilford against Bealonians, 3-2 aet. A further win against BPR just before Christmas left the quad a possibility! It had been a great start to the season but frustratingly we had 5 games cancelled due to teams not being able to raise a side and a number to the weather on top of that.

Christmas was not our friend. The league cup came and went and we just missed out in the OBC semi to Etonians losing 4-3 aet. In the league since Christmas we haven't won. 2 draws and 4 losses have put our title chances to bed, and the playing of double headers when getting out of the car is an issue is not fun!

In the SAL cup we have thrived though. 5-2 win at HSBC followed by a game in Enfield against Albanian which produced a penalty victory. This set us up for a semi final in Ilford against Colebrook, a team boasting ex premier league stars. Converting a semi is not easy for a man of a certain age but with the pro's running scared Chris Kennedy gave us a deserved 1-0 win. The final is on the 18th May so come down to cheer us on.

We have used over 40 players, but each one of them has put in a major shift and made it an enjoyable year. Ed Healy is a calming presence in goal and Dan Harris and Doug Smart continue to roll back the years. Gary Bonsels is a reinvented midfield player and up top Jon Howe ably supports two of the leagues top scorers in Chris Kennedy and Andy Fox. Shoutouts to McLeish, DuCasse and Nick Serff who are the most useful members of the squad showing commitment and versatility. Thoughts to Guy Hannah who dislocated his knee late in the season but a shoutout to paramedic number 1. A pleasure to captain you all gents.

POTY goes to a man that has covered every blade of grass in London. Bossing the midfield week on week. Shergar's comment of "he should be in wheelchair after that performance" at Eton sums up his importance to us. Congratulations to Andy Free for a well deserved award and for also tactically giving me his vote!

Now boys, raise a glass of water for a great season as we have a double header at 1030 tomorrow in Wimbledon against 3rd in the league tomorrow morning.

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 10th and 18th May 2025.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	No Game		
OWFC 2Xi	No Game		
OWFC 3Xi	Meadonians	0-3	
OWFC 4Xi	No Game		
OWFC 5Xi	Polytechnic	Postponed	
OWFC 6Xi	No Game		
OWFC 7Xi	No Game		
OWFC Vets	Old Finchleians	1-2	Si Elliott
OWFC SuperVets	No Game		

Morden Expats 2 Vets 2

Another double header, the day after the annual dinner, joyful.

Obviously Simmo was late so he started on the bench along with Kennedy who was it the woods excreting the curry from the night before.

Expats started well and after a number of set pieces took the lead in bizarre fashion. A corner was cleared and Healy channelling his inner Higuita tried to volley kit away. He only succeeded in smashing against their forwards back and it rebounded into the goal. To be fair to him, he was suffering from jetlag after his trip to Turkey during the week. He made amends with an excellent save from a one on one and this kicked the vets into gear. We started to win more ball and find our front players who were causing mayhem. We equalised shortly before half time when Nick Serff finished off (just) a move.

We dominated the second half. Kennedy was denied by an offside flag and then a penalty shout and finally scored when he was chopped down in the box again only to get up keep going before scoring. Expats then proceeded to have a full on fist fight between themselves which incredibly the ref didnt see, despite it lasting a full minute. Unfortunately, we switched off and they equalised before the game became very big! Both sides missed good chances before the whistle blew leaving us with 1 point when it should have been 3.

Mom unanimously went to Pat DuCasse who was excellent at right full back, yes you are reading this correctly.

Ed Healy, Pat DuCasse, Doug Smart, James Paton, Ruben Pillai, Andy Free, Jamie Parkinson, Nick Serff, Jon Howe, James Karamath, Andy Fox, Chris Kennedy, Gary Bonsels, Mark Simmons, Dan Harris

Vets 1 Old Finchleains 2

So the day arrived at last. A cup final having fallen at the semi final stage 4 times in recent years. Norseman was the venue and in fairness was a good nick. Ridiculous scheduling meant we were missing our keeper and top scorer who were rightly on holiday given it was the 18th May. We also lost Mark Simmons who forgot that he was hosting his whole family that weekend. Despite the epic journey and getting stuck on the North Circular behind a motorbike convoy, the boys arrived on time and Ruben even donned his shirt and tie. The skipper had some tough decisions to make but with a number of injuries being carried all knew they had their point to prove.

Finchleians dominated the early possession but OW's worked hard all over the pitch to nullify them, although the did hit the post. We were winning the ball in great areas but then rushing and giving the ball straight back to them. However, about 15 mins in we really started to look dangerous. The midfield 3 were dominating the centre of the pitch and our defence were not giving them a sniff. Kennedy and Karamath were starting to get in great positions and a goal was coming.

Big moment 1 - Kennedy through on goal was hauled down by their skipper. A clear penalty and red card. Nothing giving from the ref and play on it was. They admitted very quickly that they have got away with one.

Big moment number 2 - Minutes later Kennedy was through on goal, only to be denied by a late flag.

We continued to push on and dominate. Jon Howe then managed to tackle the goalkeeper leaving and open goal. His shot went agaonsingky wide and we stayed at 0-0. Next it was James Karamath who had a great chance. A long throw reached him after a scramble and from six yards out he could make the connection to beat the keeper. The ball came back to him and the keeper managed to save. Just before half time we almost managed to give up the lead. We caught on a counter from our corner and Pemberton and Bonsels did very well to eventually to stop the striker scoring having been through one on one.

Half time was just about more of the same. This was as well as we had played all year and we just needed to keep going. However, they came out flying and got a cheap goal when we didn't follow a runner. Then the game got stretched, particularly as they had moved a very quick striker up front. There were half chances at both ends. We then got a corner and the ball fell to Parkinson who had his shot well blocked, seconds later it was in our goal. A great race was won by Paton but his back pass was intercepted and the striker finished well.

We quickly got back into it. A smart freekick move straight from World Cup 1998 was finished by Simon Elliott who had just come on.

Big moment number 3 - Kennedy through on goal again, finishes well and the offside flag is waved. Again our players in line said this one wasn't even close.

Big moment number 4 - A clear handball is missed and no penalty awarded.

For the rest of the game Finchley defended well and saw out their win. Congratulations to them but a bitter pill to swallow having played so well and had the majority of the chances.

All in all a great season, our first on the league, and a pleasure to manage!

Mom went to Nick Serff but in reality it could've gone to anyone.

Next year the quad is definitely back on.

Mark Pemberton, Pat DuCasse, Dan Harris, James Paton, Nick Serff, Jamie Parkinson, Andy Free, Gary Bonsels, Jon Howe, Chris Kennedy, James Karamath, Dave McLeish, Simon Elliott, Ruben Pillai, Doug Smart

OWFC 1st XI – May 2025




The Old Boys Cup
WINNERS 2025
OLD WILSONIANS 5XI
'UP THE FIVES!'

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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