Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events

In this newsletter?

Results from the weekends of Saturday 16th November 2024

Dates for the Diary

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

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
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COLOMA SCHOOL
EVERYONE WELCOME
We resume training on Monday, September 2nd at 19:45pm.
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** OWFC TEAM OF THE WEEK, WEEKEND OF 9th November 2024 **

1. Seb Saggar (5th XI)
2. Andrew Callam XI)
3. Andy Baliaj (2nd XI)
4. G. Jeevan (1st XI)
5. K. Steadford (1st XI)
6. Magnus Wright (4th XI)
7. Marcus Jones (3rd XI)
8. James Doyle (5th XI)
9. James Doyle (5th XI)
10. James Paton (Vets)
11. Graham Nicholls (SuperVets)

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 30thSeptember 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 9th November 2024.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Old Parkonians	15-0	J Gowtham 5, H Riman 2, K Steadford 2, O Sitch 2, L Onye, s S Wright, J Eves, H Smart
OWFC 2Xi	Polytechnic	0-1	
OWFC 3Xi	Old Meadonians	4-5	Marcus Jones, Duffy, Turner, Benwell
OWFC 4Xi	Alleyns	5-2	Cejay Watson 2, Matt McDonwell, Dan Whetton 2,
OWFC 5Xi	Old Meadonians	5-1	Chris Kennedy 3, Chris Billing, James Doyle
OWFC 6Xi	OWFC 7th XI	3-4	Andrew Callam 2, James Stride
OWFC 7Xi	OWFC 6th XI	4-2	Drame 4
OWFC Vets	Old Paulines	5-1	Gary Bonsels, Paul Smith,Jon Howe, Andy Fox, Pat Ducasse
OWFC SuperVets	Man v Fat	3-4	Karl, Dion Diemali

OWFC 1st XI

"The 1s welcomed Parkonians to fortress Hayes, fresh off a face lift with spectator barriers for the masses that attend to see Wright-ball in full effect. After a gut-wrenching defeat in North London 7 days prior, the 1s were keen to get the league season back on track.

2pm approched with the 1s slowly realising that Parkonians would have to start with 9 men. Time to capitalise. As expected, OWs were immediately on top, using the extra men to find spaces in the attacking third. 15mins in. 4-0. 2 for the midfield pairing of STEADFORD and JEEVEN. A 25 yard strike from Steadford into the top bin the pick of the early goals.

Cavalry arrived for Parks who were now up to 10men and eventually up to 11 after 30mins, however the damage was done. The ruthless 1s had by that point put 7 past the Parks keeper who will no doubt need therapy off the back of this. 2 x SITCH headers from JEEVEN corners and WRIGHT with the goals.

One of the easier HT team talks followed with the buzz word of STANDARDS echoed throughout the 15mins. High standards were called for and what was duly delivered.

SMART made it 8 shortly after the restart with a flowing move from back to front. The 9th came with a JEEVEN penalty to complete his (perfect) hattrick and took Parks back down to 10 with a handball from WRIGHT's header that Suarez would've been proud off. The goals continued to flow, RIMAN bagged a couple of lovely finishes with JEEVEN putting away his 4th and 5th in nearly identical fashion after LEO had glided past the Parks LB as he had done all game. If you've lost track, thats 14-0, keep up. EVES, not for the want of trying, was yet to get on the scoresheet but that finally changed as he whipped one into the the far corner from the edge of the box. 15 (FIFTEEN) - 0. A job well done and a new club record. Oh, I guess well done to Harry and the back 4 for a clean sheet, thanks for turning up.

I think we can chalk that down as a stat padding session well executed. JEEVEN's 5 goals + 5 assists the talk of the clubhouse leaving him hounded for autographs on his way out the president's lounge.

Roll on Wilberforce in the cup. UT1s"

Squad:
H Ingamells, P Kirby, S James, N Eves, J Eves, G Jeevan, K Steadford, S Wright, L Onye, O Sitch, H Riman, C Sutherland, H Smart, O Beatson

Goals: G Jeevan (5), H Riman (2), O Sitch (2), K Steadford (2), S Wright, J Eves, H Smart, L Onye

Gowtham Jeeven, 5 goals and 5 assists in the OWFC 1st XI 15-0 win v Old Parkonians.



After the 4s arrived, they changed in the dark and got themselves out to the field to loosen up. Lucas was feeling particularly loose after a cheeky pre match tinny. After assessing the playing field, and realising the Somme had seen better days, it was quickly understood that the pitch was going to suit a four four two. And by no suprise, that's what Toby chose. The 4s started a bit slow, and although a fairly even start, a clumsy challenge by Toby led to an excellent free kick into the back of our net. However, the 4s remained confident and lifted the intensity. Within minutes, Matt Mcdonwell pulls off some magic on the wing to leave Dan Whetton for a poacher's tap in. Next followed an excellent goal from Cejay after another shot from Matt. With the 4s truly playing quality football up top, 3 more goals followed before half time: a tidy goal through the keeper's legs by Whetton from a Louie Day hoof, a crafted finish by Mcdonwell and a beautifully slotted effort by a very calm and on form Cejay. The defence kept calm and cool with Magnus providing constant relief, Toby taking no nonsense and Tiffin rolling back the years with myself. The 4s marched on in the second half but found themselves struggling to get truly into the game. Atty struggled to breathe after working his socks off. An unfairly disallowed goal, as a result of Jake's boisterous appeal, kept the scoreline at 5-1, however, the fours kept the game in control. An opportunity to put the game to bed was quashed after an incredible run by Louie which ended with a virgin finish. Louie swiftly blamed their keeper for saving it, unfairly calling him a 'lesbian'. The 4s eventually finished with a very strong 5-2 win. After boiling alive in the showers, the post match drinks were well attended, with magnus getting MOTM after beating a dreadful Mcdonwell in a pint contest. A satisfied 4s team then hit the pub for a few more, taking in information about Lucas's true ethnicity and having a proper analysis of Magnus's new bird. Although Lucas's creativity didn't shine through on the pitch today, he did come up with a genius idea of clipping his vape to his pint glass. Unfortunately though, Dan 'Wetton' was absent at the pub after choosing to get naughty in the sauna with his missus. Onwards and upwards for the 4s!

Old Wilsonians 5s 5 vs 1 Old Meadonians 6s

Having dispatched the same Old Meads side in the cup the previous week the 5s arrived in confident mood, albeit aware the “much loved” Hawes Down 2 pitch would prove to be a challenge to free flowing football.

The 5s started in confident fashion, knocking the ball about with purpose. An early break saw a ball played through to Kennedy, the defenders unable to keep up and with a look of “oh no it’s you again” in their eyes. Kenners did what Kenners does and smashed a low hard shot to the bottom left of the keeper, the ball in the back of the net before he could even dive. 1-0.

Meads kept trying to go wide as per the previous game but Merv and Gilbert were having none of it, putting in some crunching tackles. The most impressive thing was any time a teammate was struggling, another 5s player busted a gut to get back or come across and put in a covering challenge.

Coughlan started getting on the ball and setting the tempo from the back, with Wang in the hole showing great control on the ball with some lovely passing. A quick throw by Dyki found Sam “I turn up when I want” Fairhurst who balletically scissor kicked it near the corner flag over the defenders heads into the six yard area, where it found a lurking Chris Billing. Much like seeing a Trump second presidency we watched with horror as he rose and smashed a header straight past the keeper. Yes we were 2-0 up but was it worth it for endless recounting of the goal we were going to have to endure in the bar afterwards?

Some sloppy play then allowed Old Meads to get a foothold in the game with a quick reply to make it 2-1. Saggar in goal though was generally having a blinder and came out brilliantly to dive at the feet of the Meads forwards several times to deny them further goals. Changes were made on the half hour with Diyath, Dylan, Myles and Benson coming on, and with fresh legs we worked our way back to dominating possession. Finally Doyley brought out his pitching wedge and dinked a ball over the top to Kenners, who beat the keeper to make it 3-1 just before half-time.

Inspiring words were said by Kieran at half time but I can’t remember any of them so back to the action. The 5s now had the benefit of the 45degree slope in their favour. Danny “just trying to impress the girlfriend” Holmes was running around at a rate of knots, making things happen with just the final ball or more often than not the pitch letting us down. Dylan was overlapping down the left, whilst Gilbert was driving forward on the right, including an outrageous double step over to beat his man at one point. The pressure was building.

Eventually some great interplay saw the ball worked out wide on the right, a whipped cross finding Kenners who volleyed past the keeper to make it 4-1 and nab a second hattrick in two games. Old Meads kept pushing for a consolation goal but great defending including some last-ditch body on the line blocks by Benson and Merv kept them at bay.

Old Wilsonians 5s 5 vs 1 Old Meadonians 6s continued

Holmesy cramped up which didn't bode well for later that night and had to come off but Myles and Fairhurst continued to rule the midfield. With the best move of the match the 5s worked it out wide via Dyki and Kenners repaid the favour by setting up Doyley to finish the game by making it 5-1. #theoldguard

A great team performance – special shout out to schoolboy debutants Myles and Wango who showed great ability, physicality and work rate.

Report by James Doyle, BA HONS, ENGLISH

Goals

Kennedy x 3, Billing x 1, Doyle x 1

Assists

Doyle x 3, Kennedy x 1, Fairhurst x 1

MOTM Doyle

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
OWFC 5XI V OLD MEADONIANS
VENUE: HOME
KICK OFF: 2.00
MEET: 12.45

1. Chris DYKI, 2. Christine BILLING, 3. MERV Nicholas, 4. DIYATH Premasighe, 5. Dylan PAYNE, 6. Jackie COUGHLAN, 7. James DOYLE, 8. Jermaine BENSON, 9. Danny HOLMES, 10.Sam FAIRHURST, 11. Seb Saggar, 12. James GILBERT, 13. Chris KENNEDY, 14. Tom Wang, 15. Myles Andoh-Phillips

Amidst the splendid prowess of the 7s, we found ourselves confronted with a fresh enigma as we approached the fabled El Clasico week—a conundrum no captain could foresee, a challenge that danced beyond the realm of rules and laws: Michael Hoffman's clandestine messages.

Clearly, he operated as a covert agent for the 6s, bypassing the 4s, 5s, and 6s squads to stealthily infiltrate the 7s roster. His texts bore a tone of urgency, declaring, "I've spoken to Alex Forbes, and you are playing with us. If you don't, you'll face disciplinary action."

Discontent simmered within the 7s camp, where spirits waned as players felt they could no longer don the illustrious colors of the mighty 7s. Yet, despite the turmoil, we managed to muster a valiant team. With the 3s' outcome in mind, it appeared the 6s had underestimated our choice of players, opting for youth over experience and leaving legends like Andy Mason, Andrew Marsh, Bruce Graham, Graeme Nelson, Al Forces, and Dan Harris to showcase our signature Brazilian flair.

As the match commenced, the 6s charged forth like a ravenous pack of wolves. Each set piece seemed a harbinger of doom, and we found ourselves trailing 3-0 in the blink of an eye. The team appeared weary and in desperate need of inspiration.

In a moment of clarity, Al Forbes turned to vice captain Ian "Chunk" Wellman and proclaimed, "This is your time; get out on the frontline and rally your troops." Shortly after his entry, and after enduring a brutal challenge from a 6s midfielder—deemed grievous bodily harm—Chunk won a crucial free kick, leading to a penalty converted by the ever-reliable Taslim Drame.

The significance of vice captain Ian "Chunk" Wellman, known as the most prolific scorer in OWFC history, coming on to influence that goal may be nebulous, but it felt fitting to weave this detail into the tale.As halftime approached, Al rallied his warriors, exclaiming, "TIME TO RAISE IT, THE NEXT GOAL WINS!"

With renewed vigor, the 7s emerged from the break before the 6s, seizing the mental edge as they prepared for kickoff. For the ensuing 20 minutes, they played with remarkable intensity. Hakim, Zak, Tas, Ade, and Mandeep, alongside Chunk, surged forth like the Red Arrows, with goals cascading in. TASLIM DRAME blazed brightly, leveling the score at 3-3.

In a desperate bid, the 6s resorted to bribing the referee to undermine Taslim's brilliance, and with ten offside calls, the tide seemed to shift in their favor—culminating in a penalty awarded to them. In such pivotal moments, heroes emerge, and that hero was none other than the seasoned sporting icon, Dan Harris. Heeding Mandeep's cue that the opponent could only shoot left, Dan dove low and swift, thwarting the 6s' penalty attempt with a remarkable save.
The 7s quickly rebounded, and star player Tas Drame netted the winner, all while querying the referee about his positioning in relation to offside.

El Clasico did not disappoint, showcasing one of the most thrilling contests ever witnessed on the Hayes pitch, providing clear evidence of why the lower tiers should grace it more often.

Man of the Match: Tas Drame, with a special acknowledgment to Zak, who made a dazzling debut for the 7s. Should you receive a text from Michael Hoffman, take heed—assume it's a scam!

Match Report: Old Wilsonians 7s vs. Old Wilsonians 6s**

In an exhilarating clash between the Old Wilsonians 7s and 6s, fans witnessed an electrifying display of skill, determination, and, ultimately, an impressive comeback that led the 7s to victory. The match, which kicked off with intense energy from both sides, provided ample entertainment for the supporters gathered to cheer for their teams.

The 6s started the match with a fiery offensive, quickly gaining momentum and striking first. Their well-coordinated plays and agile maneuvers caught the 7s off guard, allowing them to score three quick goals within the first half. The 6s showcased their teamwork and tactical prowess, putting the 7s on the back foot early in the game.

As the clock ticked down towards halftime, the 7s finally found their rhythm and battled back. A breakthrough came just before the interval when they were able to capitalize on a defensive error from the 6s. With a well-placed shot into the corner of the net, the 7s managed to score, ending the first half with a score of 3-1 in favor of the 6s.

During the halftime break, the 7s regrouped and refocused, determined to overturn the deficit. As the second half commenced, the 7s emerged with renewed vigor and tenacity. Their aggressive style of play began to pay off, and they found the back of the net two more times with impressive strikes, leveling the score at 3-3.

With the momentum clearly shifting, the 7s continued to apply pressure on the 6s' defense. Their persistence was rewarded when, with just minutes remaining, they scored a powerful goal that sent their supporters into raptures. The 7s had completed their comeback, taking the lead for the first time in the match at 4-3.

The 6s fought valiantly to regain control and search for an equalizer, but the 7s held firm, showcasing commendable defensive skills and teamwork to protect their lead. As the referee blew the final whistle, the 7s celebrated their thrilling victory over their fellow clubmates, completing a remarkable comeback from being three goals down.

Final Score: Old Wilsonians 7s 4 - 3 Old Wilsonians 6s

This match will surely be remembered as a classic showdown between two sides of Old Wilsonians, highlighting the competitive spirit and the camaraderie that defines the club. Both teams exhibited commendable skill and sportsmanship throughout the match, but it was the 7s who emerged victorious, leaving fans eagerly anticipating their next encounter.

Match Report: Old Wilsonians Vets vs. Old Paulines

Venue: Old Paulines - Picture-perfect pitch, crisp footballing weather, and a crowd of at least… three.

The Old Wilsonians Vets turned up ready to wreak havoc, and by halftime, they were doing just that, bulldozing to a 4-0 lead that left Old Paulines wondering if they'd accidentally wandered into a footballing masterclass. With the passing precision of a metronome (occasionally misfiring but let's not dwell), Wilsonians proved that age is just a number, and apparently so is "five" when it comes to the final scoreline.

First Half Highlights:

Goal 1 - James Paton to Gary Bonsels: Wilsonians opened their account courtesy of centre-back James Paton, who charged forward like he'd just remembered he left the oven on. Paton slid a ball through to Gary Bonsels, who did his best Thierry Henry impression, slotting it in with a delicate first-time finish. Textbook? Hardly. Effective? Absolutely.

Goal 2 - Paul Smith Sledgehammer: After a corner came out to Paul Smith, he decided subtlety was overrated. A half-volley, smashed with the force of a thousand disgruntled pensioners, flew off the post and in, leaving Old Paulines' keeper wondering why he'd even bothered showing up.

Goal 3 - Jon Howe's Penenka-ish Brilliance: Jon Howe, channeling his inner Zinedine Zidane, won the ball in a tackle, looked up, and lofted it over the keeper with a cheeky "Penenka"-style dink. It might not have quite reached Zidane's level of finesse, but hey, Howe made it look almost effortless… if you squinted and used your imagination.

Goal 4 - The Double Penalty Fiasco: Howe and Du Casse worked a beautiful one-two before sending in a cross so dangerous it terrified an Old Paulines defender into thinking he was a goalkeeper. Diving to catch the ball mid-flight, he seemed to forget he wasn't actually allowed to do that. Penalty given. Foxy steps up and scores. But wait! The ref, apparently craving some drama, orders a retake. Undeterred, Foxy coolly smashes it in again. Old Paulines now trail by a crushing 4-0, and halftime couldn't come fast enough.

With a halftime scoreline of 4-0, Old Wilsonians manager Jamie Parkinson unleashed an "inspirational" team talk that mostly consisted of the words, "Keep going, lads!" delivered with gusto. And keep going they did.

Second Half Highlights:

Goal 5 - Gary Bonsels and Pat Du Goals Show: Gary Bonsels took aim with a powerful shot, only for Old Paulines' keeper to make a solid save. Unfortunately for him, the ball rebounded to Pat Du Goals, a man who embodies the phrase "right place, right time." Du Goals volleyed it in, post and in—like an amateur Gary Lineker, if Gary Lineker happened to score tap-ins for the over-50s league.

With a comfortable 5-0 lead, Old Wilsonians decided to share the love, and by "share the love" we mean they spent the rest of the match taking shots directly at the Old Paulines' keeper, who suddenly looked like the most popular person on the pitch. One by one, almost every Wilsonian had a go, and one by one, each shot rocketed straight into the keeper's hands. It was as if the lads were lining up to take penalty practice—just without the goals.

Eventually, Old Paulines managed a consolation goal from a well-taken free kick and header combo, ensuring they had at least something to boast about in the clubhouse afterward. Final score? 5-1 to the Wilsonians, though it could have easily been a rugby score if their aim had been a bit sharper.

Final Thoughts:

Old Wilsonians march on with another dominant win. Player of the match goes to James Paton, not only for his playmaking assist but for galloping up and down the pitch with the energy of a man half his age (or maybe just half as wise). Special mention to the Old Paulines' keeper, who now deserves a pint (or three) for enduring 90 minutes of relentless Wilsonian target practice.

Wilsons go marching on

Old Wilsonians FC Supervets Vs MvF (Sunday 10th November 2024)

It was certainly a merky Sunday with drizzle in the air and for some reason after my Saturday Cup glory in the El Clasico, I made the crazy decision to have some more and help try and retain the unbeaten record for the Supervets.

A lot of banter was evident and the opposition seemed to have more substitutes available off the pitch than they had players on the pitch, which is always a little bit worrying.

Having just arrived and got changed in time to see the kick off, it seemed like just a few minutes before PEP (Doug Forbes) was telling me to get warmed up on the touch line as the formation was not working and we had already gone 0-1 down. Barely returning from my jog up the line is was 0-2 and my hope of trying out the new dugout seats had vanished almost as quickly as my thoughts of having just half a game!
The pace seemed phenetic and was harder on the body than the cup game the day before! It was a relief to feel the side slowly changing to the new formation and slowing the game down a little and we were soon back in it, when our striker latched onto a through ball and then calmly lobbed the keeper to make it 1-2.
Half time was positive and it was clear we needed more of the same and chances would come.
Chances did come for both sides and all were missed and against the run of play a penalty was given against us for a raised hand and when slotted away seemed to have swung the balance. Not letting our unbeaten record go with a whimper, we pushed on with good all round play from all departments and we soon had a penalty of our own for another raised hand which was also put away with precision to bring us back to 2-3.
Game on, we pushed hard and so nearly got the equaliser, but it was a final break at the end of the game that saw Steve Donnelly be presented with a 4 on 1 and they were never going to miss, although they nearly did and with just seconds to go it finshed 2-4.
Played in good spirits and missing a few of our usual suspects, the Supervets gave a good account of themselves against a side that not only had the squad numbers in their favour, but probably some pitch age advantage as well.

Old Wilsonians Supervets (2) Vs MvF (4)

Squad : Steve Donnelly, Graham Nichols, Chris Billing, James Monks, Boom Boom (Grahame Nelson), Mark Pope, Malcolm Smart, Aaron Langley, Richard Pettingell, Djan Djemali, Bob Huxford, Ian David Wellman, Karl

MOM : Graham Nichols
Referee : Jim Matthews

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 16th November throughout the club.

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Winchmore Hill	SAL Cup	Home
OWFC 2Xi	Carshalton FC	SAL	Home
OWFC 3Xi	Sunnah FC	SAL	Away
OWFC 4Xi	Old Blue 2s	AFA Cup	Away
OWFC 5Xi	Athletico Londres	AFA Cup	Home
OWFC 6Xi	South Bank CUACO	SAL	Home
OWFC 7Xi	HSBC 4s	SAL	Away
OWFC Vets	Alleyn Old Boys Strollers	SAL	Home
OWFC SuperVets	No Game		

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , November 6th 1999				
1st XI	4	Phoenix Old Boys	3	Kendrick.N, Murray, Smart.R, Scriminger
Old Latymerians	1	2nd XI	4	Sherwin 2, Pullen, Hickey
Old Grammarians	2	3rd XI	1	Graham
4th XI	5	Old Reigatians	0	Harris 2, Willis 2, Pilgrim.M
Old Tollingtonians	4	5th XI	3	Riley, Chillman.J, Hugill
6th XI	5	Old Vaughanians	0	Warboys.D 3, Nelson, Wilson.S
Old Meadonians	5	7th XI	5	Du Casse, OG, Blake, Peck, Parkinson.J
Old Meadonians	2	8th XI	3	Jerome.J. James, Shale
Bolton	2	Palace	0	



IMPORTANT: Before you read any further - oh; you've stopped……. I need to explain why there has been a gap in this weekly feature and the games for October 30th have not been reproduced above and we have skipped to the following week; what do you mean, you did not notice?

The truth is that I have mis-placed/lost the newsletter of 25 years ago which told of the exploits of our teams of October 30th 1999 – the necessary disciplinary action will be taken. However, I am sure there are many of you who have not been so tardy and can supply me with the missing edition!!

To help with your research the newsletter was issue No.1045, and the games that week were:
1st XI v Winchmore Hill (H), 2nd XI v Old Aloysian (A), 3rd XI v Old Tenisonians (A), 4th XI v Old Tiffinians (A), 5th XI v Glyn Old Boys (A), 6th XI v Old Wokingians (H), 7th XI v Old Reigatinas (A), 8th XI v Glyn Old Boys (A)

As an added incentive I will pay the annual subscription ***of the first person*** to supply me with a copy of newsletter No 1045, and I look forward to hearing from……..someone!

In the meantime this feature relates to the games played on November 6th 1999 - Pikey

BUT THEY ONLY HAD FOUR CHANCES Old Tollingtonians 4 5th XI 3

The reward for our first round victory over Sedcopians in the London Old Boys Cup was a trip to Highgate, North London. To my surprise the pitch turned out to be almost Hayes like, which was certainly at odds with my memories of other North London pitches many years ago!

Tollingtonians slipped into gear from the off and threatened to overwhelm us in the first 15 minutes. Their passing and movement off the ball was very impressive and they took the lead after five minutes when an accurate pass into our penalty box put a midfield player clean through and he made no mistake from five yards out.

As well as Tollingtonians were playing, they were leaving themselves open at the back and, when we could retain possession, we were certainly causing them problems and, from such a break, Jiim Chillman found himself with just the 'keeper to beat and was duly fouled and **DAMON RILEY** stepped up and confidently slotted home the penalty.

Unfortunately, soon after, Tollingtonians were back in front with a goal very similar to their first, although the 5th XI's sweeper could have done more to intercept the final pass.

The first half finished with the 5ths having battled their way back into the match and our two forwards giving the Tollingtonian defence all sorts of problems.

The second half was basically a repeat of the last 20 minutes of the first, with Tollingtonians enjoying a lot of possession but our more direct style of play was causing much arguing amongst the suspect home defence, and we equalised when a Tollingtonian corner was cleared to **BEN HUGILL,** who had a clear run from five yards inside our half to their penalty area and ended with him efficiently scuffing the ball into their net. Unfortunately, with about 15 minutes to go, we conceded two quick, soft goals, both of which could have been prevented.

But we did not let our heads drop and continued to create chances and were rewarded three minutes from time when **JIM CHILLMAN** headed home from a corner.

Tollingtonians' football going forward was, at times, quite incredible for a 5th XI but I cannot remember them missing a single chance as opposed to the chances and goal-mouth scrambles occurring in their area.

Fine games from Jim Chillman, Ben Hugil and Kirk Benjamin, all of whose speed and skill caused consternation to our opponents.

Geoff Robinson

Pilgrim.I (Smith.J) Vincent Goodwin Robinson Chillman.R (Lloyd) Benjamin Targett Stone Riley Hugill Chillman.J

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, November 9th 1974				
Old Colfeians	0	1st XI	3	Matthews (John) , Cowell.C, Reaseley
2nd XI	6	2nd XI	0	
Baines Daws	4	3rd XI	2	Taylor (Malcolm), Pook
Old Latymerians	0	Old Monovians	8	
5th XI	0	Old Owens	0	
6th XI	2	Brent	2	Easden, Fanning
William & Glyns Bank	1	Peterboro	1	Taylor



IT WILL BE DIFFERENT NEXT TIME Old Colfeians 2 1st XI 0

The 1st XI survived a rather shaky start to play some constructive football. Gerry Reaseley, in his new role as a half back, was creating some good chances with good constructive running and passing. But, despite this early pressure, we fell behind to a rather soft goal and never really recovered.

Colfeians started the second half in a spritely fashion and only good goal-keeping by Rod Hall kept a forward line, which was made to look rather better than it was by our square defence, at bay. After what seemed like continuous Wilsonian pressure we ran out of ideas, and that's where our problems began.

We all pressed forward in search of the equaliser, became stretched at the back as a consequence and then fell further behind. All in all a rather frustrating performance, but we must surely fancy our chances when we meet Colfes in the league later in the season.

Snow White's eldest son, or possibly Chris Cowell

Hall Adams.T Robinson Morley Sayer Pilgrim.M Bartlett.D Matthews (Jim) Cowell.C Reaseley Montgomery

STRIKER KENDRICK MOVES BACK FOR THE SECOND HALF Baines Daws 2 3rd XI 3

The 3rd XI actually managed to start this game with 11 men, ***including*** Bob Harper in goal, which must have been some sort of omen! And it appeared to be a good one for, despite some early pressure on our goal, we took the lead when **RAY HOWELL** volleyed the ball home from the edge of the box.

We reached half-time with this one goal advantage and when discussing our tactics for the second half it was decided that Mike Kendrick should drop back to midfield. Yes, I did say ***drop back*** for he had been playing at centre-forward, would you believe

Soon after the re-start, and direct from a corner, **LARRY BARTLETT** headed us further into the lead. We now proceeded to play our best football of the game, despite conceding a silly goal, which allowed our opponents to get back into the game, but we soon restored own two goal lead when Baines Daws were somewhat unfortunate in conceding an own goal.

Some slack marking, and soft tackling, allowed our hosts to completely dominate the last 20 minutes and to score their second goal. However, we were able to hold out and proceed to the next round of the AFA Minor Cup.

Good games from Larry Bartlett, Mike Kendrick – in the second half - and the defence as a whole, apart from the last 20 minutes, plus a lot of hard work from the entire side. Steve Smith

Harper Powell Rayworth Forbes.I Smith.S Howell Bartlett.L Carrington Wood Kendrick.M Barry

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