Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's events

In this newsletter?

Results from the weekends of Saturday 28th September 2024

Dates for the Diary

- VP Day (celebrating all OWFC players with over 250 appearances), Saturday 9th November 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 Starts Again (Contact Roddy Trompiz, OWFCtogger@outlook.com)
- Wilsons School Giving Day 2024


OLD WILSONIAN'S
FOOTBALL TRAINING
Every Monday
Fom
SEPTEMBER
2ND, 2024
Match Time
FROM 19:45
Training Location
COLOMA SCHOOL
EVERYONE WELCOME
We resume training on Monday, September 2nd at 19:45pm.
Coloma School Upper Shirley Rd, Croydon, London, CR9 5AS
Training led by a UEFA B License Coach
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** OWFC TEAM OF THE WEEK, WEEKEND OF 28th SEPTEMBER 2024 **

1. Ed Healy (Vets)
2. Nathan Amoah (3th XI)
3. Nathan Eves (1st XI)
4. Mitch Playfoot (4th XI)
5. Fitzgerald (2nd XI)
6. Yuved Bheenick (7th XI)
7. Joe Kadji (6th XI)
8. Chibu Akpakwu (5th XI)
9. Ollie Sitch (1st XI)
10. Dave Babu (5th XI)
11. Marcus Jones (3rd XI)

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:

We launched Giving Day 2024 yesterday and are minded keeping it running for the rest of the week to allow donors to consider our offer carefully.

We have already exceeded our initial target of £50,000 and are pushing-on towards our stretch target of £80,000.

Please click on the link below for everything you need to know about Giving Day today and how to play your part in supporting science at Wilson's.

https://www.wilsons.school/wilsonrsquos-giving-day-2024/

With very best wishes.

Tim Edge
Director Of Development
Wilsons School

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.

	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	Norseman	5-1	Sitch 3, Jeevan, Henry
OWFC 2Xi	Old Meadonians 2s	0-3	
OWFC 3Xi	Sunnah FC	3-1	Jones 3
OWFC 4Xi	South Bank Cuaco 6s	2-1	Playfoot 2
OWFC 5Xi	Polytechnic	3-2	Babu 2, Benson
OWFC 6Xi	Civil Service	0-1	
OWFC 7Xi	Meadonians	5-2	Habil, Wellman, White, Chalkley 2
OWFC Vets	Alleyns	2-0	Karamath, Fox
OWFC SuperVets			

28/9/2024 Norsemen 0-5 Old Wilsonians 1st XI

After 1 point from 2 games that Wilsons fans will be labelling 'what-might-have-beens', the 1s made the long trip into the foreign lands of the far North (London) looking to kick start their season against Norsemen. The opposition were Viking in both name and haircut, but it was the 11 warriors of Wilsons who set the early tone, snapping into challenges from the first whistle. With Norsemen unable to evade the Wilsons press, their only outball was long to the striker who, despite a considerable size advantage, was getting absolutely nothing out of Nathan Eves and an excellent first team debut from Harry Earring. This meant it was rarely long before possession returned to the boys in black and gold and the midfield 3 of Eves (J), Wright and Jeevan set about capitalising on our dominance of the ball.

Passing patterns are beginning to gel. The team found the feet of Sitch repeatedly. With Henry and Riman looking dangerous on the wings, the only question was whether we could answer the captain's pre-game plea to bring our shooting boots. Around 20 minutes in, after a couple of sublime saves from their keeper, Wright slotted in Sitch and he found the bottom corner to break the deadlock. Shortly after, a 25 yard drive from Jeevan burst through the keeper's hands and we went in at half time 2-0.

Full of confidence now, Sitch opted for an ambitious 360 pirouette kick off. Cynics will say he passed it straight to the opposition striker, dreamers will say he dared to be great, and can anyone blame a man for that? The rest of the game was near total dominance, Norsemen barely escaping their own half, and Wilsons carving out chances at will. A headed knockdown from Wright into the path of Sitch brought our 3rd and the striker's 2nd. A beautiful curved ball from Jeevan saw Henry make it 4 before a Riman shot was saved but ricocheted back in off Sitch's shin. 5-0, a hat trick for the big man and an outstanding performance away from home from 11 men with no subs. The only sour note was Kirby taking this correspondent to a pub where pints were £8, but on the pitch everybody was excellent. Let's keep this momentum going and make winning a habit. UT1s.

MoM: Sitch
Squad: Ingamells, Kirby, Earing, N Eves, Cooper, J Eves, Jeevan, Wright, Riman, Sitch, Henry
Goals: Sitch (3), Henry, Jeevan
Assists: Wright (2), Riman, Jeevan, Sitch

Old Wilsonians 2s 0-3 Old Meads 2s

Old Boys Cup

A young squad travelled west for the first of 5 away days in the Chiswick area. A lack of faith in TFL resulted in 2 hour car journeys for many of the ex Junior OWs, 'no traffic on the train' regularly cited by those that had made the journey before....

Quick mention to George Catton for a poor display washing the kit, we look forward to the next time.

Nonetheless a 12 man strong side were raring to go, piling on plenty of pressure early doors. The pitches were playing well (and free of geese shite) , suiting the possession based style adopted by the 2s under Danny. OWs began to find playing on the counter beneficial with the Meads CBs struggling on the ball - consistently passing us the ball back, or clearing it into the bushes. Marley was causing issues out on the left - good diagonal balls from Sonny & Fitz had their RCB worrying. He eventually made it through 1 on 1 with the keeper who did well to force Marley wide, the defenders narrowed the remaining angle and the end result was a corner. OWs created plenty of half chances, noticeably 2 crossed from Tambo on the right hand side. Kaya in-net had very little to do going into half time, but sadly no goal for the away side.

The 2nd half started much the same as the first, OWs moving the ball quickly and creating plenty of 'half chances' George, Fitz & KP all stuck in & looking strong in the middle of the park. Meads also made a substitute which changed their formation - overloading the middle of the pitch while leaving wing backs very wide. With OWs struggling to find a clear cut opportunity, Meads grew into the game and were picking up regular free kicks/corners. With an average height of 7'6 compared to our 5'10 we were in danger. It wasn't long before a corner fell to their man on the edge of the box who struck the ball back across goal - Tambo made a valiant effort to block the ball but through no fault of his own it struck his arm and a penalty was given. The striker calmly slotted away (60ish minutes)

OWs seemed to struggle for the next 15 or so minutes, with an experienced Meads side shit-housing there way through the last 3rd, long balls and strong challenges in the middle of the park changing the tide of the match. A bit of argy bargy in the box spurred them on & It wasn't long before a long ball down our left flank left us outnumbered that side and their wide man cut inside before putting the ball away.

While writing this I realise I don't quite remember what happened for the last goal but there was a number of collisions in the middle of the pitch with the ball seeming stuck between many feet. The end result was their striker slotting home.

A very promising 60 minute display from the 2s, one that we can be proud of - a penalty can change any game and unfortunately it came at just the wrong time for us.

Onwards and upwards

OW 4s faced off in a bottom of the table clash against Southbank 6s who had also yet to register a point this season after two games. Something had to give today. Captain Toby SHELTON concocted an attacking 352 formation to apply early pressure and release the attacking talent of the team. Toby GODWIN was deployed upfront as a target man and surrounded by youth and pace. OWs were on the front foot from the start with the back 3 spreading nicely across the pitch and encouraging the wing backs Dylan PAYNE and Mitch PLAYFOOT to apply pressure. PLAYFOOT was enjoying a lot of the ball and threatened the opposition left-back and forced some robust defending and a couple of throw ins. A shot from outside of the area veered above the cross but it was a sign of things to come. Pressure told and PLAYFOOT picked up the ball in midfield and ran down the channel. The defender was seduced into a slide tackle which PLAYFOOT calmly dribbled around and drilled across goal to slot in the first goal. Southbank readjusted to man-mark PLAYFOOT and force him inside which opened up more space for Magnus WRIGHT and Lucas ORCHID to have joy from the central attacking area. OWs were in full control of the half with Nathan CARPENTER screening the defence and Max EXELBY winning every ball in the middle and recycling the ball well. SHELTON urged the team forward and several promising attacks with ORCHID and WRIGHT broke down. With a rare foray into the OWs half, Southbank on the counter got numbers forward and a ball from the OWs right reached the far post for the opposite winger to slot home making it 1-1 against the run of play. PAYNE on the left wing was uppended by a fair but industrious tackle which left some bruising on his hip. Joe BARILE replaced him as OWs search for a second goal continued with ORCHID coming closest after being played through but unable to finish. SHELTON turned to the stacked bench to freshen things up as Harry BULL, Luke SAITCH and Michael ATTI came on. After a positive team talk and encouragement to get forward, the OWs returned to reclaim the lead and claim that elusive first win of the season. With the team now playing uphill on the infamous Hawes Down pitches, Southbank slowly started to gain a foothold into the game for the first time and OWs gave away several unnecessary free-kicks which invited pressure. Jake MARTINS (GK) finally had some work to do as Southbank were finding joy with that ball over the top and willing runners. Louie DAY picked the ball up from the defenders several times to set the wingers free but all fired wide with WRIGHT and BARILE coming closest. SHELTON had seen enough and sent PLAYFOOT back on the pitch with five minutes to play in search for a winner. Day once again picked the ball up in midfield and fed through to WRIGHT who subsequently released PLAYFOOT on the wing. PLAYFOOT skipped past his full-back, drove into thr box and fired low & hard into the far corner to make it 2-1! With barely anytime left, Southbank tried to get the ball up the pitch quickly but their attack petered out and the ref had seen enough. Full-time and the OW 4s win 2-1 at the death to get their first points of the season.

OWFC 5th XI Match Report

After a week with very mixed weather, I was delighted to see the sun shining over BR2 on Saturday afternoon. We were apprehensive about today's opponents: a Polytechnic side who had played only once this season but had comfortably dispatched the Merton side we edged two weeks ago. But after a lovely warmup on the pitch (and in our cars), and captain BILLING's inspirational team talk we were ready for the battle ahead.

BILLING said he wanted a quick start and that was exactly what he got: there was good football all round and man-for-man we were making them eat dust, leading to some early free-kicks and corners which showed our intentions of the game: we came here to win.

Only a handful of minutes into the match, one of their mouthy midfield nobodies tried to run at us but got absolutely crunched by CHIBU. Whilst they were all bitching at the ref, DOYLEY played an absolute peach of a ball over their Jonjo Shelvey lookalike centre back, and BABU beautifully controlled it, drew the keeper and slotted it into the corner. 1-0 to Wilson's, the perfect start.

They reacted fairly well, putting us under some pressure but they couldn't quite slither through and create any serious chances; they were often forced to take potshots that cleared the trees behind the goal. The only way they could find the net was by fouling SAGGAR to make him drop the ball and tapping it in - clearly they also realised that he was on top form today and needed to play dirty to beat him. They had another correctly disallowed goal not much later, this time the sideshow bob-looking rat on the right wing probably thought that the keeper was playing him onside. No chance lad.

At this time our subs came on and made a strong impression, seeing out the half without conceding. Notably, JETHWA put in a good shift for what (I think) was his home debut. HT 1-0 to the mighty OWs.

The second half saw a more defensive display from the 5s boys, as we were more than happy to soak up some pressure and try and catch them on the counter. They did have some corners and free kicks but thanks to organised defending, we snuffed out any danger.

It was going well until about halfway into the half where they finally got in behind us with an admittedly good cross and clever run, they decided not to aim for our cars for once and instead slotted it home for 1-1. The game didn't change much from there, until we defended another corner and their de Bruyne wannabe decided not to trip over the ball for a change and scored from what he refused to admit was clearly a misplaced cross. It was a tough pill to swallow, since despite working hard and playing well we had gone from a winning to a losing position with only 15 minutes left to go

OWFC 5th XI Match Report Continued.

We knew we needed a response. From then on we played more aggressively in attack, in particular with EELES, GILBERT, SPINKS and BABU busting their tushies off up top and leaving their players for dead. Only a few minutes after we conceded, a cracking team move led to EELES getting the ball in space. He skilfully shook off two or three of their players and was about to take a shot when he was maliciously scythed down by some lump who predictably whined about the decision. BENSON scored the free kick, 2-2.

With all the momentum going our way, and with only 10 minutes to go, we kept on pushing and creating chances, until ARJUN played through BABU on the right hand side who had a free run at goal, and capitalised on it by smashing it into the roof of the net. A great team move and awesome strike to give us the lead we thought had let slip away. 3-2 Wilson's with 5 to go.

We now understood that the name of the game was time management, so with some fouls convincingly earnt by ARJUN and some great balls into the channels, we could almost taste victory.

This taste was made sweeter when their rat forgot which balls to aim for and took out ARJUN in a nasty tackle. Following this, the game did get feisty in the last few minutes but we were ultimately able to see the game out for our second win of the season, remaining undefeated despite coming from behind.

All in all, a very well-deserved hard-fought win over a Polytechnic team that weren't as tekky as us and behaved like they were missing 'poly' chromosomes. UT5s💛🖤

TEAM SHEET:

1. BILLING (C)
2. SAGGAR 🧤
3. DIYATH
4. MERV 🦏
5. DOYLE 🅰️
6. HOLMES
7. FLANAGAN
8. SPINKY
9. GILBERT
10. McMULLEN (DoD🔥)
11. JETHWA
12. CHIBU
13. EELES 🅰️
14. BABU ⚽ ⚽ (MoM🔥)
15. ARJUN 🅰️
16. BENSON ⚽

7th XI 5 Old Meadonians 7XI 2

The 7th XI has had a rebirth this year with a healthy squad mix of experience (Bruce Graham c.1088 games not out) and some talented younger players coming through. After two decent performances already this season there was some optimism about a home game at Hayes on a cracking sunny Saturday.

We lined up in a 3-5-2 formation (trademark best formation for lower eleven football) and after some fairly even exchanges early on we took the lead when HAKIM took advantage of some slack marking to head home nicely. Having gone ahead we then were on top for the half and made the most of this by adding some more goals. First IAN WELLMAN found some room in the box to finish smartly on his left foot (and celebrated by subbing himself off). Shortly after a gift of a penalty was converted by JOE CHALKLEY. Then just before half time JIM WHITE curled in a beauty of a free kick from 25 yards for the goal of the game. So 4-0 up at half time felt a good reward for our efforts.

As expected Meads came out strongly at the start of the second half and they pulled a goal back for 4-1. This could have been the start of a tricky period for us but from the kick-off an error from their goalkeeper gifted JOE CHALKLEY his second of the game. Meads did get another for 5-2 and to be honest we were grateful for a couple of great saves by Doug Forbes in goal, including a particularly good one-on-one block, to keep us comfortably ahead. We almost added a sixth late on when Ian Wellman was played in but the previously erratic oppo goalkeeper turned into Gordon Banks to make a brilliant double save.

Overall it was a good performance by every member of the squad, with some nice passing football played almost entirely on the deck. There was some great attacking performances but man of the match deservedly went to Yuved Bheenick who expertly marshalled the defence for 90mins (despite retiring in 2022).

Squad: Doug Forbes, Alex Forbes, Ian Wellman, Bruce Graham, Yuved Bheenick, Andy Marsh, Mark Hardy, Joe Chalkley, Jim White, Rod Trompiz, Mark Mace, Zack, Hakim, Walid, Martin de Sousa

The Vets started off their first ever league campaign away to holders Alleyn Old Boys. Having won there last year we knew the game was there for the taking, but given their offensive style and a few of their quick/tricky players, we would have to be defensively at our best (Thank you Simmo for the top scouting insight).
Alleyns kicked off giving the ball to their back line, but gave it straight away to Parkinson. Jamie calmly picked out KARA on the far right hand side who took one touch to control and with his second blast it across the GK into the net (Fact Check: Quickest goal in Vets history?).
The next 43 minutes saw an onslaught on the OW goal. Alleyns had three ways of attacking, either trying to pop one twos with the striker, through balls for the strikers to run on to, or playing balls outside to whip in. The back 4 and Ed did a fantastic job of dealing with all of these attacks and OWs hung on to the one goal lead. Then, on the 45th minute, Guy Hannah got on the end of a delightful cross only for his effort to come back off the crossbar.
A breathless Vets at half time discussed the need to keep the ball better and to work it with better quality to our front 3 (Copy and paste team talks from last season).
The second half started much better with OWs seeing more of the ball, and Alleyns were starting to run out of steam (all that OW pre-season work already starting to pay off). The game was then put to bed by FOX; whom not needing to work any angles laced a straight arrow strike into the net, having nicked the ball off one of their defenders.
A great start by OWs, but the season will ultimately be defined by availability as we look to kick on from this eye catching result.

MOM - Ed Healy

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the weekend of 5th October through out the club.

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	South Bank	SAL Cup	Away
OWFC 2Xi	St Mary's	AFA Cup	Home
OWFC 3Xi	Alleyns	AFA Cup	Home
OWFC 4Xi	Old Blues	SAL Cup	Away
OWFC 5Xi	OWFC 6th XI	SAL Cup	Home
OWFC 6Xi	OWFC 5th XI	SAL Cup	Home
OWFC 7Xi	Polytechnic	SAL Cup	Home
OWFC Vets	No Game (Postponed)	Vets League	
OWFC SuperVets			

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , September 25th 1999				
Alleyns	0	1st XI	2	Harris.D, Pope.D
2nd XI	3	Old Esthamians	2	Giles, Pullen, Karamath
3rd XI	0	Glyn Old Boys	3	
Glyn Old Boys	2	4th XI	5	Jerome.S. 4, Baker
5th XI	1	Chertsey Old Salesians	2	Targett
Chertsey Old Salesians	8	6th XI	0	
Old St Marys	4	7th XI	3	Lehman 2, Norton
8th XI	1	Gulliver's Travellers	1	James
West Brom	0	Palace	0	



THE DUMMIES HAVE BEEN SPAT OUT Glyn Old Boys 2 4th XI 5

Never in the history pf football have 11 men behaved in such a childish manner over 90 minutes. Finally arriving for their opening game of the season 20 minutes late, their excuse being that their prams were too difficult to push up the pitch, and after going a goal down to a **STEVE JEROME,** the Glyn dummies were spat on the floor complaining about an off-side that clearly was not.

Strangely their tempers were even higher when they equalised following a defensive mix-up for, not satisfied with their goal, they were still complaining about our 'offside!'

Mick Hughes was then kicked up in the air, with no attempt to play the ball, and the referee was left with no option other than to send off the offender, who turned round to argue in his defence, "I only kicked him," which obviously had no effect on the referee's decision.

And then, to rub salt into the wounds, the Glyn players pleaded that this was only a friendly only to be told that it was a league fixture; the game finally resumed and we were shocked to go 2-1 down.

After a dressing down by our manager, Barnes 'Atkinson' Clanachman at half-time , we came out firing on all cylinders and equalised with a sexy move finished by **STEVE JEROME** and, surprise, surprise, they complained that the goal was off-side.

STEVE JEROME banged in his hat-trick ten minutes later and the game was as good as ours. Still not content with the referee's decisions, another Glyn player was sent off for addressing the said official in fluent Anglo-Saxon.

At this point a state of anarchy existed and the referee was in danger of losing control. When play eventually resumed there was only ever going to be one result, the only question being how many goals we would score.

STEVE BAKER slotted home the fourth which found the Glyn players, or those still on the pitch, complaining about…… off-side.

Many more Glyn players could, and should, have been sent off but, due to intimidation, the referee was losing his battle and realising he could be in for a kicking, and the game was killed off when **STEVE JEROME** got his fourth and our fifth to give us a 5-2 victory.

To add insult to injury the beer served up in their Clubhouse afterwards tasted like dirty washing-up water. Barnes is thinking about approaching Don King to promote the return fixture. Dan Hickey

Pilgrim.I Hughes.M Gower Newman Kerr Simms Baker Stone Nelson (Smith.A. Jnr) Hickey Jerome.S

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

Classified Results, September 28th 1974

1st XI	1	Centymca	5	Reaseley
Centymca	1	2nd XI	9	(Jim) Matthews 3, Montgomery 2, Hand, Tripple, OG, Wisson
Centymca	2	3rd XI	1	OG
Huddersfield	0	Palace	1	Chatterton



Here is the News - The 52 weeks a year Old Wilsonians

I wish to add to this week the aritcle which 'Mac' wrote in the last edition of 'NOW' (News of Old Wilsonians) regarding the work load within the Association. The names mentioned therein should be familiar to all Football Club members through the work they do for the OWFC, let alone anything else, but what many of you possibly do not appreciate is all the other things they do.

Ian Forbes is not just the jovial character who can raise a laugh even after our opponents have lashed their tenth goal into the back of the netm but also works for the Association ***52 weeks a year!*** His efforts on Gala Day are enormous, and he works hard for the Cricket Club – both on and off the field – so is it any wonder that he has gone prematurely grey(?)

Bob Keen has had grey hair ever since I've known him, whether or not through the pressure of work he does for us I do not know, but it cannot help. Bob played for the football club for many years and has maintained his interest long after hanging up his boots. He works hard in assisting the grounds-man in preparing the pitches for you to play on and, like Ian, ***works 52 weeks a year*** for the Association. There are, you may be surprised to learn, tennis courts and cricket wickets to prepare whilst you are soaking in the summer sun.

Mike Kendrick does so much work for the OWA that one of his relatives once described the Club as 'Mike's place.' The alcohol, which you consume in vast quantities, does not appear like magic from some wonderful source, it has to be ordered, checked and managed in a sensible manner. Mike does this job ***52 weeks a year,*** as well as doing a vast amount of work for both the football and cricket clubs.

I sometimes wonder whether Les Wilks and 'Mac' not only work 52 weeks a year on our behalf but ***24 hours a day*** as well. How many times have you been to the Club without seeing at least one of them(?) And the chances are that they are working energetically on some task which the rest of us will take for granted. And when they go home they do so to find a mountain of Association work waiting for them. I doubt whether a day goes by without them working for the Club in some way or another.

All of the above, apart from Bob, are still playing football whilst Ted Knevett, to my knowledge, has never done so. Ted is the quiet man of the Club – you could never say that about Forbes and Kendrick – who goes about his duties, as the OWA'a treasurer, with care and dedication and gets very little thanks for all of his efforts.

All of the above need help, but where is it coming from?

We are fortunate to be blessed with a number of members who also do a tremendous amount of work for the OWA as well as the football club - Martin Taylor, Paul Kidd, Bob Bevan and Brian Wells immediately spring to mind whilst Mike Harris is not exactly idle during the summer months and works particularly hard on Gala Day.

But there are some of you, I am afraid, who could do more than just turn up and play your game, never to be seen again until the following Saturday. It is surely only fair that the work-load – described above – should be spread around as evenly as possible to relieve those who do so much for us of some of the pressure.

So I hope to hear, and soon, that these worthy and noble gentlemen have received numerous offers of assistance.

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