Old Wilsonians Newsletter

Full recap of the weekend's and other events

OWA Dinner at the school, Mollisons Drive, 6th September 2024 web link :

https://forms.office.com/e/Lu5aD4rAcV

In this newsletter?

Results from the weekends of Saturday 23rd and 30th August 2024

Dates for the Diary

- OWA Dinner at the school, Mollisons Drive, 6th September 2024, link to the left
- OWFC Funday, Sunday 8th September 2024 (see page2).
- Bourner trophy OWFC golf day , Thursday 26th September 2024 at Croham Hurst golf club

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 dinner photos and more Bruce Graham (OWFC record appearances) celebration photos, OWFC 2s pre season report v Merton, OWFC Vets 2023-4 end of season summary


RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON!
ADMIT ONE
Old Wilsonian's Funday
Sunday September 8th
-£30 hair mask and blow dry set
-Pinter & 2 types of beer worth over £100
-MAG Champagne
-Bottle of Gin
-TONI & GUY £50 voucher
-Palace VS Leicester tickets
Saturday 14th 3pm KO adult & child
-£25 Craft Beer voucher
-Sunglasses
-Water guns
-2x Chelsea Tickets
-2x Crystal Palace Tickets
-Baking Hamper
-Chocolate & Sweets Hamper
-Pie & Mash meal for two
-1Hour APD session with Perry
4ball @ Addington golf course worth £300


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.
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LEGEND
BRUCE
GRAHAM

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.

Weekend of 23rd August 2024	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	HSBC	4-1	Harvey Roberts. Sam James, Marcus Jones 2
OWFC 2Xi			
OWFC 3Xi			
OWFC 4Xi			
OWFC 5Xi	School	1-5	
OWFC 6Xi			

OWFC Vets / Super Vets

Results

A round up of all this week's results and scorers.

Weekend of 30th August 2024	Vs	Score	Scorers
OWFC 1Xi	2s	7-0	
OWFC 2Xi	1s	0-7	
OWFC 3Xi	Crockenhill FC	1-3	
OWFC 4Xi	West Wickham 3s	3-5	
OWFC 5Xi	6s	5-5	
OWFC 6Xi	5s	5-5	
OWFC Vets / Super Vets	No Game		

OWFC 2s match report v Merton

On what was a contrasting day of sun and showers, the 2s set off on a trip to South West London to face Merton FC. A momentary period of rainfall delayed Danny's warm up. However, once preparations were resumed, the Old Wills boys looked eager to warm up with tempo and purpose hoping for a quick start to the match. A memorable moment from the warm up being an exquisite nutmeg from Marley on a seemingly uninterested Daniel Kenyon.

Old Wills began the game retaining the ball for large parts with centre backs Shelts and Aaron regularly switching play to our fullbacks. Despite our higher possession of the football, we struggled to effectively progress the ball through the higher thirds of the pitch against a Merton team who deployed a rigid mid block. The few bright sparks of play from the thirst third of the game came from Marley down the left wing who on a couple of occasions got the beating of his fullback and let off a shot to trouble the Merton keeper.

The second third saw Old Wills struggle to create anything meaningful. In fact Old Wills were lucky to remain with 11 men on the pitch after a rather terrible challenge from Max wasn't met with a red card. With the use of VAR, I'm sure Max would've been sent his marching orders.

OWFC 2s match report v Merton continued.

The last third of the match saw the game become fairly end to end with players tiring. It would be disingenuous to claim Merton did not have some obvious opportunities to win the game. A standout being when Kaya seemed to have offered their striker a chance to finish into an empty net before quickly recovering. However, the two best chances of the game fell to Old Wills. Some great work from Marley saw the ball cut back to an oncoming Billy Mansfield who found the car park with his strike rather than the back of the net. An equally good chance came the way of Marley minutes later who skewed a relatively easy one on one.

In reflection, 0-0 was probably a fair result with both sides offering a reasonable account of themselves. The 2s look in good shape as they readily approach the start of the league.

Fixtures

A look at all the upcoming fixtures for the week of 14th September through out the club.

	Vs	Competition	Location
OWFC 1Xi	Bank of England	SAL	Away
OWFC 2Xi	Weirside Rangers 2	SAL	Home
OWFC 3Xi	West Wickham	SAL	Home
OWFC 4Xi	Merton	SAL	Away
OWFC 5Xi	Merton	SAL	Home
OWFC 6Xi	Merton	SAL	Home
OWFC 7Xi	City of London 2s	SAL	Away

OWFC Vets 2023-4 report (by Jamie Parkinson)

A great season for the vets overall. The most pleasing thing being the availability. In most of the cup games we had too many players and had to leave some at home. The spirit of the squad meant that many of them came to watch despite not being selected.

Early season friendly wins against Southbank, HSBC and somehow drawing against Sutts, missing 3 open goals on the day set us up nicely for the opening rounds of the cups.

In the old boys cup we beat foes Alleyns 3-1 gaining revenge for the previous seasons debacle and in the SAL Cup we progressed past HSBC sneaking through 3-2 with some back to wall defending and general aggression!

The set up ¼ finals in consecutive weeks after the OBC ¼ final was postponed 18 times before Christmas at Joseph Hood Memorial Ground. We lost the old boys cup to Westminster Citizens 7-3. In one of the most bizarre games I have ever played in we dominated much of the game, missed several chances and every time we got back in the game we just gave their striker another goal (he scored 5). Not all was lost as they lost 11-0 in the semi final in North London. The following week we played much fancied Chigwell in the SAL ¼ final. The performance of the season led to a 4-0 win and not even the distraction of Simmo not being able to remove his wedding ring put us off. He never has the same issue when we go out.

So, a home semi against Dorkinians with the final also on the hallowed turf. 1-0 up through Jon Howe going into half time before a defensive lapse gave them a chance to equalise right on the break. The best penalty in world football, ahead of Ivan Toney, restored the lead and the final was in sight. Right on the final whistle Dorking equalised and into extra time we went. We actually did well in extra time but got done on the break and the pot hunting was over. Dorking won the final 4-1 which was frustrating as it shows how close we had come.

We did however end the season as the only team to have won a trophy. The Hoffman Cup sits proudly with us, having dispatched the rest of the club, most of whom are half our age. Not sure my legs have recovered from the celebration though. We finish our season tomorrow having beaten Sutts a lot 2 a few weeks ago.

Player of the year was hard fought. Ed Healey was an excellent addition in goal and the return of Stuart McBride was a welcome, an angry returner. Simmo was excellent and late in equal measures and highlight was him arriving with a load of rubbish in his car as he had told his Mrs he was going to the dump and not playing football. Jon Howe also had a great season and in one game even managed not to get booked. POTY however goes to someone who played all but 1 games. He scored 7 goals from midfield and is the fastest player in the club (when being dropped from a plane). Ruggedly good looking with wisdom well beyond his years, the vets POTY is Jamie Parkinson.

A massive thank you to all involved. A really enjoyable season to skipper and with such great availability we have decided to enter the SAL league next year to increase our pot hunting potential. Come and join the ride.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO

Classified Resuts , April 17th 1999
Old Manorians 1 1st Xl 1 Philips
2nd Xl 5 Old Alpertorians 0 Karamath 2, Smart.R, Smart.M, Pullen
3rd Xl 0 Old Tiffinians 0
Old Sinjuns 4 4th Xl 1 Jerome.S
Old Meadonians 1 5th Xl 1 Baldock
6th Xl 2 Old Strandians 4 McBride, Mulchy
Old Strandians 4 6th Xl 2 Pine, Parkinson.A
7th Xl 7 Old St Marys 0 Jones 3, Hicky, Bryers 2, Baker
Glyn Old Boys 7 8th Xl 0
Palace 0 Swindon 1



BATTLING PERFORMANCE AGAINST PROMOTED SIDE Old Sinjuns 4 4th Xl 1

A much depleted 4th Xl side took the field against Sinjuns on a bouncy, bobbly pitch which was not conducive to our short passing game. We were soon 2-0 down, due to the fact that we did not seem to start playing until after the second goal went in, but we defended resolutely for the rest of the half, which seemed to unsettle Sinjuns who had assumed they were there for a stroll in the park.
We continued strongly in the second half and reduced the deficit when STEVE JEROME latched onto a long pass from Graham Nelson and lifted the ball exquisitely over the ‘keeper’s head into the net.
There was further outstanding defending with no less than three chances being cleared off the line by Tony Higgins and James Hudson; twice. However, and with the game in the balance, a defensive lapse allowed Sinjuns a third goal and, soon after, they added a fourth.
Nevertheless, with a reduced side, against a Sinjuns team that clinched promotion with this victory, this was a good battling performance which says a lot for our team spirit. The missing players gave me an excuse to play myself in the centre of midfield, thus completing the full set for the season.
Steve Skelton
Pilgrim.I Higgins Hollis Robinson Hudson Nelson Hughes.M Skelton Hyde Jerome.S Wilson.J

And so another season comes to an end

This will be the last regular newsletter of the 1998/99 season – there will be the occasional issue during the summer – so there are a number of people whose efforts on our behalf deserve our thanks.
Ed Harris, and all at ‘Goldhawk Reprographics’ limited for turning the newsletter round each week; OWA President Pete Davis, reliable as ever in his provision of envelope labels; Neil Kendrick who dispatched the newsletters on a weekly basis; Dave Valder and Andy Kirchin, who gave me the basic ingredients – results and fixtures – for these pages; Steve Skelton and Phil Horn who, on behalf of the 4th and 6th Xls respectively, submitted regular reports.
The 5th Xl were not far behind them in this regard, with the likes of Dave Stewart, Terry Adams and Geoff Robinson pulling them into line.
Next season there are proposed changes to the newsletter, with the possibility of some of you recieving it via email.
In the meantime, have a great summer and don’’t forget the AGM on Tuesday April 27th

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 25 YEARS AGO



Classified Results , April 10th 1999

Old Suttonians 1 2nd Xl 7 Karamath 3, Giles, Quinton, Webb 2
3rd Xl 5 Old Suttonians 2 Smart.D, Pilgrim.M, McGeever, Mace, Paton
4th Xl 5 Old Josephians 0 Nelson, Jerome.S 2, McBride, Skelton
Old Wokingians 2 5th Xl 0
5th Xl 1 Old Wokingians 1 Scorer not reported
6th Xl 6 Old Suttonians 0 Evans, Willis 3, Pine, Wright
Old Wokingians 1 7th Xl 4 Smith.J 2, Baker, Simms
8th Xl 2 Gullivers Travellers 1 Hume 2
Wolves 0 Palace 0

SNORTING VICTORY KEEPS 4THS ON TRACK 4th XI 5 Old Josephians 0

The 4th XI continued their winning run against a rather disinterested Josephians' team who were already relegated and playing their last game of the season. Perhaps, because of this lack of a challenge, we were too relaxed in the first half, passing the ball about nicely without really threatening our opponents goal.
The one goal of the first half came when GARAHAM NELSON received the ball in space on the right, cut into the penalty area and drilled the ball into the corner.
The second half saw us being more direct and having a little more luck, and STEVE SKELTON scored our second from close range following a Mick Hughes shot after the latter had made a good run into the box.
Unfortunately Steve followed his goal with and unseemly 'Fowleresque' line snorting celebration for which he will be fined £32,000, payable directly to himself! He will also receive a three months ban, the months being May, June and July. The third goal came from a Steve Skelton corner to the far post which was headed back by Mick Hughes and tapped in from one yard by STEVE JEROME - we think that Steve scores all of his goals from this sort of range because, if he is any further out, he cannot kick the ball hard enough to reach the goal!
Kit Hollis was unlucky with a rasping drive which hit the bar but RUSSEL McBRIDE, who was dominant in midfield throughout, got the rub of the green when a shot, which looked likely to hit the bar or go over, was somehow deflected into the net by the flapping arm of Josephians' substitute goal-keeper, who had gone in goal after complalining that he could not play on the field because he could not run. It strikes me that, if we applied this rule in our Club, we would have an awful lot of 'keepers! (As opposed to a lot of awful 'keepers? - ed)
We got a fifth goal when the ball broke loose to STEVE JEROME, who shot home from the edge of the box.
With two games left promotion is probably out of the question, but a fourth place finish is our target and would be a very creditable outcome to the season. Steve Skelton
Lake Bryan Clayton Robinson Hudson (Godwin) Nelson McBride.R Hughes.M Hollis Jerome.S Skelton

6th XI: Warboys.R McGrath Horn Wright Higgins (Burton) Blake Pine Willis Evans Parkinson.A Wilson.J

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - 50 YEARS AGO

Classified Results

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO
Classified Results, March 30th 1974

Lensbury 0 1st Xl 5 Maunder 4, (John) Matthews
Old Finchlians 1 3rd Xl 5 Favell, Hand 3, Pilgrim.B
4th Xl 1 Pearl Assurance 1 Fletcher
5th Xl 2 Old Bealonains 4 Scorers not reported
6th Xl 6 Mill Hill Village 2 Montgomery 2, Wellman, Cowell.J, Easden + 1

Nottingham Forest 1 Palace 2 Rogers, Possee



ALL OUR YESTERDAYS – 50 YEARS AGO
The Secretary reports

Once again the Harris report reaches you, be it belated for the 73/74 season or premature for 74.75, and now that August is here, the new season will soon be upon us, a season of great expectations with all teams hoping for a victor's rostrum somewhere in the future.
The holidays are still with us but we must remove the odd pounds that have found their way onto our lithe bodies during the summer months.
The AGM once again proved to be a lively and long forum, with many rules passed, placing a great deal of responsibility on the broad backs of the captains and vice-captains, and with this ever increasing work-loads these members will need all the help you can give them, mainly in such matters as making prompt payments of fees without argument.
The following were elected at our AGM and have accepted these post within the Club for the 1974/75 season:

Life Honorary President: George Croucher
President: Nick Carter
Vice Presidents: W. Bowden, F. Stanley-Brown, H. Cooper, N. Friskney, A. Keen, P. Fitzsimmons, F. Laing, C; Lucking, T. Richardson, F. Taylor, C. Holder, R.E McAlister
Secretary: Mike Harris
Treasurer: Tony Maunder
Team Secretary: Alan Fielder
Captains: 1st Xl: Bill Morley Vice-Captain: Mick Pilgrim
2nd Xl: Ray Jenkins Vice-Captain: Steve Smith
3rd Xl: Malcolm Taylor Vice-Captain: Ray Howell
4th Xl: Alan Fielder Vice-Captain: To be elected
5th Xl: John Houghton Vice-Captain: To be elected
6th Xl: Dave Wellman Vice-Captain: Ray Bayliss

The Executive Committee, which deals with the day to day running of the Club, is made up of the following:
Captains, Vice-Captains, Secretary, Treasurer, plus the following elected members: Gerry Reaseley, John Brittain, George Carrington, Pat Johnson, Rod Hall and Colin Hand, so if you have any worries about the running of the Club, these are the people to approach. The fund-raising committee, which has the considerable task of improving our financial situation, will this year consist of: Pat Johnson, Paul Kidd, Dave Wellman, Chris Cowell and John Matthews, so please talk to one of them if you have any fund-raising ideas.
Last season we won the K.B. Elbourne Plaque, which is awarded for sportsmanship, and this will be put on the wall in the Presidents Lounge. We won it because our players played the game cleanly and entertained match officials and opponents after games. This is the second time we have won this award and it would be a great feather in the Club's cap if we could do so again this season.
We proved last year that a Club can both win medals, gain promotion and yet still play football that is also good, clean and fair, and the name of Old Wilsonians has begun to reach the ears of the league's governing body, and our football ability and hospitality reputations even made the pages of 'The Evening News', so let us build on this and go forward from strength to strength.
Finally, may I say to you all that, whichever team you play in, I hope you enjoy your football for this is our main aim in running the Club and to satisfy your need for football and comradeship with old friends. As long as we keep football as our main objective, we can all feel proud to be members of a Club that is growing in stature each season, so let's make the name OLD WILSONIANS known through-out the football world. Mike Harris

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