OLD WILSONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

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News

TRAINING
training takes place every Wednesday at Power League, Wallington. The session normally starts at 8pm. Keep your eyes peeled on Facebook & Twitter for updates.

OWFC AGM 2017
This years AGM took place on the 4th July with 14 people turning up to have their say on the future of the OWFC. The main issues discussed were the amendments to the constitution. Those present unanimously voted in favour of amending rule 5(a) to include "brothers" in the definition of an Old Boy, while an amendment to rule 5(b), allowing two committee members of the OWFC Junior FC to recommend players to join the OWFC, was passed with a vote of 12-2. It was also agreed (13-1) that subs for 2017 would increase from £120 to £125.

OWFC CLUB SHOP
If you are need of training kit look no further than the OWFC Club Shop. We have an exclusive agreement in place with Macron to supply the kit which can be purchased here.

ANNUAL SUBS NOW OVERDUE
Subs were due on 31st October, if you are haven't paid then you can't play! This year's subs are £125, please make sure these are paid to the club account as soon as possible. Account number is 00685852, Sort Code 20-05-57. Once you have paid please email Alex Forbes (alexforbes46@hotmail.co.uk) to let him know, alternatively you can pay at the bar after your next home game. If you would like to discuss payment plans please talk Alex. Failure to pay means you won't be able to play after October 30th.

OLD WILSONIANS' ASSOCIATION SPORTS CLUB

Terms & Conditions for hire of facilities

To all Sports Club Hirers:

The cost to hire the club facilities	£200.00
We require a breakages/cleaning deposit	£50.00
We require a kitchen use deposit	£50.00
If an extension after midnight is requested	£100.00 per extra hour
Corkage will be charged per bottle	@£8.00

All moneys are to be received by the OWA at least 1 month before event. We politely request there be no decorations on the honours boards. No use of party poppers, spray string, table confetti or similar. If the club-house-bar and/or kitchen are left in need of cleaning, the appropriate deposit will be forfeited.

NB: The Association relies heavily on hiring out the Clubhouse to increase its revenue from which we all benefit. The above outlines our terms and conditions, so please pass on to anyone your think may be interested or, indeed, yourself - many Old Wilsonians have already held functions in our Clubhouse.

For more details, please contact Anton Snowsill:
antonsnowsill@hotmai.com

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OW Home Short

Price: £12.60



OW Praia Jacket

Price: £26.28



OW Kobe Jacket

Price: £41.60



OW Nixi Top

Price: £31.48



OW Desna Pant

Price: £22.62



OW Home Sock

Price: £4.92



OW Rigel Top

Price: £16.21



OW Tarim Top

Price: £24.36



OW Helsinki Jacket

Price: £46.85



OW Academy Bag

Price: £20.72

To The Club Shop

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Mr Keks
@kekamankwah
Following

Debut Vets game at @oldwilsonians , 4-0 loss but thoroughly enjoyed it - still in the bar now! #OWFC

Old Wilsonians
@oldwilsonians
Following

#footballfriends

> **Ballard** @mballard_24
> Oi @maxrushden where's my £20 told ya you wouldn't score past me 😄 I'll send you my digits you can ping it to me #CleanSheet #SafeHands #OWFC

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Tweet your reply

Max Rushden @maxrushden · Feb 4
Replying to @mballard_24
to be fair, we were impressed. If you're interested in the Richard Wright position at Poly 4s get your agent to talk to my people.

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Ballard @mballard_24 · Feb 4
😂😂😂 pull some strings and get me between the sticks on @SoccerAM against the fans 😄👍

Fixtures and Results

Classified Results - 3rd February				
1st XI	3	0	Wokingians	AFA
Goals: Steadford, K., Fashoro, O., Williams, N.				
Polytechnic	2	1	**2nd XI**	SAL
Goal: Howe, J				
3rd XI	0	0	Polytechnic	SAL
City of London	6	1	**4th XI**	SAL
Goal: Haswell, T.				
Finchleians	2	1	**5th XI**	OBC
Goal: Small, J.				
7th XI	2	2	South Bank Cuaco	SAL
Goals: Connew, L., Adams, W.				

Fixtures - 10th February		
Polytechnic 1st XI	14-30	**1st XI**
SAL - Away		
3rd XI	14-00	Carshalton
SAL - Hayes		
4th XI	14-00	Bank of England
SAL - Away		
6th XI	14-00	**5th XI**
SAL - Hayes		
Old Blues	13-30	**7th XI**
SAL – Away		
8th XI	14-00	Alleyns 7th XI
SAL – Hawes Down		



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Match Reports

Match Reports Table:

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
2nd XI	20	20	0	0	60	0	100
6th XI	17	17	0	0	51	0	100
7th XI	19	19	0	0	57	0	100
8th XI	17	17	0	0	51	0	100
5th XI	16	15	1	0	46	2	100
3rd XI	22	21	1	0	64	2	100
4th XI	18	17	1	0	52	2	100
1st XI	24	22	1	1	67	5	96

John Brittain Memorial Top Goal Scorer:

Scorer	Goals
Williams, M	20
Watson, C	11
Carruthers, J OG Williams, N Small, J	10
Fashoro, O	8
Gilson, T Fashoro, O	7
Benwell, S Dyki, C	6
Stride, J Stanley, W Karamath, J Bonsels, G Dhariwal, M Falconer-Roberts, J	5
Giles, B Carruthers, B Breen, J Parkinson, J Jeevan, G Sellman, D Barber, S Newman-Sanders, B Howe, J	4

Match Reports – 1st XI

OWFC 1ST XI 3 – 0 WOKINGIANS

It doesn't get any bigger than the AFA cup and the 1st XI were looking to continue their progress in the competition by seeing off Old Wokingians in this weeks quarter final. Old Wilsonians started on the front foot and caused the Wokingians defence early headaches. Ben had their left back on toast when he got on the ball, and Nick Williams proved to be a constant handful for their centre backs. Wokingians started to come into the game a bit more, but it wasn't long before Wilsonians took the lead. Jalen challenged for a bouncing ball in their box and was chopped down by a high boot for a clear pen. In the changing room Kieran provided the team with a huge amount of faith by stating he had no idea where he would put a penalty if he got one, but despite this he coolly slotted the ball into the corner. The remainder of the half was largely uneventful, with Wokingians providing little threat and the back 4 comfortably handling any attacks.

In the second half spaces began to open up more as Wokingians looked to press on and Wilsonians were able to take advantage of this. Ope was looking dangerous on the left in the second half and Ben and Nick continued to cause their defensive line headaches. The second goal came from Parky's delightful lofted ball from deep over their back 4, with Ope latching on to the end of it and tucking the ball away inside the box. I have absolutely no recollection of how the third goal came about and nor does any of the team, Ally claims he took on 7 players from centre back so we'll roll with that. Ultimately, the ball found its way to Nick Williams in the box and he found the net with the help of a deflection, a goal he certainly deserved after great hold up play and work rate throughout the game. Wokingians had a bit more of a crack at us in the last 10, but again the defence were resolute. Other than one good save from Ed low to his left, they never really posed much of a threat and 3-0 was a fair enough score line. The 1s go marching on to the semi final as they bid to win one of the bigger prizes in amateur football.

Report by Michael Mitchell

Senior Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys	11	7	2	2	21	9	12	23
2	Polytechnic	9	6	2	1	25	7	18	20
3	Nottsborough	10	6	2	2	27	12	15	20
4	Old Parkonians	10	5	3	2	21	18	3	18
5	West Wickham	12	4	4	4	18	22	-4	16
6	Old Wilsonians	10	3	4	3	18	15	3	13
7	Old Owens	11	3	3	5	24	22	2	12
8	East Barnet Old Grammarians	10	2	3	5	14	24	-10	9
9	Bank of England	12	2	3	7	14	33	-19	9
10	Winchmore Hill	8	1	3	4	9	14	-5	6
11	Old Garchonians	9	1	3	5	10	25	-15	6

Match Reports – 2nd XI

POLYTECHNIC 2 – 1 OWFC 2nd XI - "A farewell bitter/sweet to John and welcome back to Jon"
With Kara pulling out on Wednesday with a hamstring injury and Ben Middletons cab breaking on the morning of the game, we had only the bare 11, forcing Jon Howe to start.

The 2s started sharp and were on top of the game with Foxy and John C getting on the ball in space. We looked dangerous from set pieces, but came closest in open play when a back through to John C whose strike was slowed by the keeper and clear off the line. Finally, the 2s got the break through, we a through ball from Craig Elliot and a well timed run and strike across goal was too slick over the wet surface for the keeper. The rest of the first half was more even, but no clean cut chances for either side.

Poly came out strong in the 2nd half as OWFC sat back and absorbed pressure and the first misjudgement from the the back line saw the ball sneak through and their strikers low hard shot beat Powley in the only place through his legs. This woke up the 2s and soon we were back on top. The best chance came as a powerful Craig Elliot run left him with the chance to cut back to 2 players who had a the goal gaping, but choose the shot. Lots of possession in their half, but the final ball just not there. Then against the play they scored with a top finish from the striker in the roof of the net. OWs continued to fight and in the last minute Jon Howe had a header from a Craig Elltio corner cleared off the line.

A disappointing result but fantastic effort and performance from all the team, put us in good stead for chasing the league for the rest of the season.

DoD Poly - Their #2 as he got nutmegged despite the call for it coming 4 seconds before it took place
DoD OWFC - Craig Elliot who kicked the corner flag and passed the ball off the pitch for a throw trying to take a short corner
MoM - Jon Howe, but could have been anyone in the team

Team - Powley, Eves, George, Collins, Kyne, Fox, Elliot, Henderson, Carruthers, Howe, James

Report by Jon Howe

Intermediate Division 1

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Polytechnic Res	11	7	3	1	28	10	18	24	
2	West Wickham Res	9	7	1	1	30	11	19	22	
3	Alleyn Old Boys Res	8	5	1	2	27	6	21	16	
4	Old Wilsonians Res	8	5	0	3	14	13	1	15	
5	Actonians Association Res	9	4	1	4	14	15	-1	13	
6	NUFC Oilers Res	8	3	3	2	21	18	3	12	
7	Civil Service Res	11	2	3	6	18	37	-19	9	
8	Winchmore Hill Res	8	3	0	5	12	15	-3	6	*
9	Nottsborough Res	7	1	1	5	14	19	-5	4	
10	East Barnet Old Grammarians Res	11	1	1	9	12	46	-34	4	

* Adjustment made

Match Reports – 3rd XI

Junior Division 1 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	South Bank Cuaco 3rd	14	6	4	4	29	28	1	22
2	Polytechnic 4th	8	6	2	0	19	4	15	20
3	City of London	11	5	3	3	22	15	7	18
4	Actonians Association 4th	9	5	1	3	20	14	6	16
5	Nottsborough 4th	10	5	1	4	22	17	5	16
6	Carshalton 3rd	11	5	1	5	23	24	-1	16
7	Alleyn Old Boys 4th	7	5	0	2	22	15	7	15
8	Old Wilsonians 3rd	13	3	5	5	24	22	2	14
9	Kew Association Res	13	4	0	9	21	37	-16	12
10	Merton 3rd	12	3	1	8	21	35	-14	10
11	HSBC 3rd	10	2	2	6	14	26	-12	8

OWFC 3rd XI 0 – 0 POLYTECHNIC 4TH XI - 3's EARN A HARD FOUGHT POINT AGAINST CHAMPIONS ELECT POLY
The day started well with the late arrival of our GK who missed his train because he wanted to send his 23rd tweet to Max Rushden this week. Upon his late arrival he then proceeded to give us a tactical breakdown of the opposition we had just played ourselves a few weeks ago. Despite the temptation to listen to Matt Ballard's suggestion that we line our entire team up on the right side of the pitch because their biggest threat comes from the left, skipper Ricky Martin opted for the more favored 3/5/2 against arguably the best side in the league.

The game started at a good pace with some good football being played on a reasonable Hayes surface. Both midfields battled hard to get a stranglehold on the game and as predicted Poly's outball was the left channel. After a patchy start the OW's middle 3 started to string together a few good moves and in combination with our forwards managed to open up the poly's defence on a couple of occasions. The best chance of the 1st half fell to Chibu after Matt Williams played him in after some great work down our left side. It looked for all the world that Chibu was going to slot the ball in as it broke to him across the 6 yard box.... unfortunately the Poly's centre Half managed to put in a great block to deny him. We had successfully managed to suffocate a very well organized poly side and despite having some decent possession at times they failed to break down an organized back 3. The second half was a slightly different story with Poly starting to exert their influence on the game and starting to get the better of most of the 50/50's. Despite growing pressure some excellent last ditch defending by Chris Tyler & Tobi and some very assured keeping by Matt Ballard ensured that the 3's grabbed a point. On the whole a very well deserved point with every single member of the squad putting in a strong effort for the duration of the game. Now the aim is to carry that performance into next week and the same level dedication will see us turn the corner and grab 3 points against local rivals Carshalton.

I was supposed to mention a clothesline by Ballard on the centre forward but I honestly have no recollection of that actually happening....

DOTD - Matt Ballard
MOM – Prav Panicker

Report by Prav Panicker

Match Reports – 4th XI

Junior Division 3 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Actonians Association 6th	10	7	2	1	25	19	6	23
2	Ibis Eagles 4th	8	6	0	2	22	8	14	18
3	Old Wilsonians 4th	10	5	2	3	21	21	0	17
4	HSBC 4th	11	5	0	6	26	28	-2	15
5	Alleyn Old Boys 6th	10	2	5	3	21	20	1	11
6	City of London Res	11	3	2	6	21	24	-3	11
7	West Wickham 5th	7	3	0	4	13	12	1	9
8	Polytechnic 6th	9	2	3	4	17	29	-12	9
9	Bank of England 4th	10	2	2	6	15	20	-5	8

CITY OF LONDON RESERVES 6 – 1 OWFC 4th XI - FOURS FALL TO ALMIGHTY THUD IN THE MUD

A make shift 4s travelled to SE6 to face City of London. Without many regulars we had the likes of Chris Dyki, Nick Page, Lolu Oluwole-Ojo and Sam Fairhurst to thank for helping us boost what would've been a ropey 5 a side team at best otherwise. We were also blessed with the return and first game of this season for club stalwart and resident safe hands Dave Pilgrim.

We started the game as by far the better team and took the lead after just 5 minutes. An excellent through ball from Jeevan found another new face for the side TOM HASWELL who slipped the ball underneath the on rushing keeper to give both Tom and the 4s a dream start. At this point, you would be forgiven for thinking we might go on and score maybe 6 goals, unfortunately the opposite happened.

A well taken strike made it 1-1 and just minutes later as pilgrim cleared his lines, Rand switched play to a COL midfielder who hit the ball first time from way out, Pilgrim had yet managed to get back in goal after being tagged by Tiffin in a game of stuck in the mud, the ball hit the middle of the goal, 2-1 HT.

The second half picked up where the first half left off, a further 4 goals followed including a chip and a ball that bounced a record 36 times before finding the bottom corner. Full time 6-1 as we headed back to the garage sale of a changing room featuring a wide selection of tables and chairs. After the game the mood picked up as we were fed sausage and chips. Captain Pat was less happy after he ordered a whole jug of hobgoblin then refused to pay as he only wanted a pint, this awkward discussion continued for many minutes as the rest of the team sunk lower and lower into their chairs, Pat finally prevailing and not having to pay for the jug after putting up such a great defence, off the pitch at least, if not on. The BFFs of Jeevan and Gunnell looked stylish in their his and his Roma Tops and hat combos. Ironside went on a rollercoaster of emotion as his United, Brighton, Bournemouth bet finally came in winning him a whopping £30. His self confessed disappointment was voiced however when he regretted not putting on £5 instead of only £4. And Dave Pilgrim declared himself OUT until further notice.

Team: Pilgrim, Matthews, Ironside, Tiffin, Page, Rand, Jeevan, Gunnell, Dyki, Adams, Haswell, Fairhurst, Oluwole-Ojo
MOTM: N/A
Report by Matt Rand

Match Reports – 5th XI

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Merton 6th	12	8	2	2	44	23	21	26
2	Actonians Association 8th	12	8	1	3	43	25	18	25
3	HSBC 5th	13	6	2	5	36	30	6	20
4	Old Wilsonians 5th	9	5	1	3	20	25	-5	16
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	11	4	2	5	21	27	-6	14
6	South Bank Cuaco 5th	10	3	2	5	18	23	-5	11
7	Merton 5th	11	3	2	6	20	30	-10	11
8	City of London 3rd	13	2	5	6	19	35	-16	11
9	Civil Service 7th	11	3	1	7	17	20	-3	10

OLD FINCHLEIANS 5TH XI 2 – 1 OWFC 4th XI

The 5s had made the arduous journey to the arse end of Mill Hill two weeks ago only for the game to be cancelled at the 11th hour and begrudgingly made the trip again in the pouring rain after being assured the game would go ahead. Imagine our dismay when the referee decided to call the game off 10 minutes before kick off. Much arguing ensued as we simply could not face a another wasted Saturday on this cup game. Somehow the oppo captain managed to talk the referee and groundsman round and the game kicked off in farcical conditions but hey, at least we were playing.

Due to drop outs, poor availability, partly due to having our season interrupted by a ridiculous run of postponements (we've played once since November) we made the trip with only 10 players, not ideal for a cup QF against a team significantly higher than us in the footballing pyramid.

We set up with a 4-4-1 formation and just tried to keep it tight. I'm not sure we made it out of our own half for the first 20 mins but we were defending well with Tyler O'Callaghan and Steve Moniz destroying everything in midfield. After 30 minutes we managed to venture into their half and won a throw on. A long throw from Tom Dixon skipped up off the pitch and hit their CB on the hand. Penalty. Jon Small dispatched emphatically and we were 1-0 up completely against the run of play. Further stout defending saw us see out the half and we were buzzing.

An enthusiastic half time team talk ensued about keeping it tight and repeating our heroic first 45 minute display. 2 minutes later we conceded. Their striker burst into the box and at least 3 players contributed to hacking him down for the most stonewall penalty I've ever seen. 1-1.

With 20 minutes to go, we actually gained an 11th player when Tom Playford responded heroically to show up after work. Predictably we conceded again almost straight away with a worldly in the top corner from 25 yards. The game was much more even now and we had a few chances but we tired on an energy sapping swampy pitch having played with a man down for so long and were unable to force the game to extra time.

An excellent day out all in all and the £2 pints of cider were well deserved in the club house, 3 miles from where we were playing.

MoM Tom Dixon
Report by Jamie Moniz

Match Reports – 6th XI

OWFC 6TH XI – NO GAME

Junior Division 5 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Merton 6th	12	8	2	2	44	23	21	26
2	Actonians Association 8th	12	8	1	3	43	25	18	25
3	HSBC 5th	13	6	2	5	36	30	6	20
4	Old Wilsonians 5th	9	5	1	3	20	25	-5	16
5	Old Wilsonians 6th	11	4	2	5	21	27	-6	14
6	South Bank Cuaco 5th	10	3	2	5	18	23	-5	11
7	Merton 5th	11	3	2	6	20	30	-10	11
8	City of London 3rd	13	2	5	6	19	35	-16	11
9	Civil Service 7th	11	3	1	7	17	20	-3	10

Match Reports – 7th XI

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	9	9	0	0	49	13	36	27
2	Bank of England 5th	11	6	0	5	35	26	9	18
3	Old Blues 3rd	10	5	2	3	29	28	1	17
4	Civil Service 8th	10	5	1	4	28	21	7	16
5	South Bank Cuaco Seventh	10	4	3	3	36	29	7	15
6	South Bank Cuaco 6th	9	4	2	3	35	22	13	14
7	Old Salesians 3rd	9	4	1	4	24	21	3	13
8	Old Wilsonians 7th	11	3	2	6	23	44	-21	11
9	Old Wilsonians 8th	11	3	2	6	21	54	-33	11
10	Merton 7th	9	3	0	6	34	43	-9	9
11	HSBC 6th	9	1	1	7	16	29	-13	4

OWFC 7th XI 2 – 2 SOUTH BANK CUACO 7TH XI - IF YOU SHOOT STRAIGHT AT THE KEEPER, YOU CAN'T SCORE

The neutrals (in a hypothetical situation where there are spectators) would have wondered how the 7s didn't manage to get a win in this pulsating encounter at Hawesdown. Starting with a full complement of 14, the first half was dominated by the home team but alas, in true 7s style, it was South Bank who scored the opening goal as we were once again undone by the through ball. In the last 10 minutes of the half we rallied, and were rewarded with the equaliser courtesy of LUKE CONNEW and an opposition defender's boot.

Going downhill for the second half, South Bank defended for their lives, and the 7s had at least 10 corners along with a number of goalscoring chances. The continual pressure resulted in a penalty, which was dispatched by WILL ADAMS making a cameo 2nd half appearance.

Despite the home pressure, South Bank once again scored against the run of play; the same through ball, the same striker. Ultimately, taking the chances presented proved to be the difference between the win and a draw. And, but for a brilliant save and goal line clearance from Sparrow and Aaron Steel respectively, we would have finished the game with no points.

At the full-time whistle South Bank, quite rightly, celebrated like they had won, having been pegged back to their own half for the majority of the second half. Chances are not going to come so thick and fast in future games, and the 7s need to be more clinical with their finishing.

Team: Sparrow, Amankwah, Hallett, Phakey, A.Steel, A.Benwell, Connew, R.Rand, Mcaweaney, S.Benwell, Dhariwal, J.Mole, 'Turk', W.Adams

Report by Kek Amankwah

Match Reports – 8th XI

OWFC 8th XI – NO GAME

Junior Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alleyn Old Boys 7th	9	9	0	0	49	13	36	27
2	Bank of England 5th	11	6	0	5	35	26	9	18
3	Old Blues 3rd	10	5	2	3	29	28	1	17
4	Civil Service 8th	10	5	1	4	28	21	7	16
5	South Bank Cuaco Seventh	10	4	3	3	36	29	7	15
6	South Bank Cuaco 6th	9	4	2	3	35	22	13	14
7	Old Salesians 3rd	9	4	1	4	24	21	3	13
8	Old Wilsonians 7th	11	3	2	6	23	44	-21	11
9	Old Wilsonians 8th	11	3	2	6	21	54	-33	11
10	Merton 7th	9	3	0	6	34	43	-9	9
11	HSBC 6th	9	1	1	7	16	29	-13	4

All Our Yesterdays - 25 years ago

Classified Results, February 6th 1993				
1st XI	3	Enfield Old Grammarians	2	Trout, Pilgrim.M, Burgess.C
Old Paludians	0	2nd XI	2	Egan, Elliott
3rd XI	3	John Fisher Old Boys	0	Daniels 2, Stone
4th XI	1	Old St Mary	0	(Ashley) Simpson
5th X1	2	Glynn Old Boys	1	Burgess,J, Hayward
6th XI	3	Old Adeyans	0	Bier, Mir, Leach
Clapham Old Xvarians	6	7th XI	2	Ayling, Smart.D
8th XI	2	Old Tiffinians	10	Scorers not known

THINGS EVEN OUT IN THE SECOND HALF Clapham Old Xvarians 6 7th XI 2

To accommodate a further match on the same pitch we ended up with a noon kick-off, but no-one had told us that we would be following a morning schoolboy match as well! As a result of this the pitch was somewhat cut up, with a large boggy area and goalmouth at one end, the one we had to defend in the first half.

Clapham started at a fair old pace and quickly showed themselves to be a competent and quite skilful side, with a couple of outstanding players one of whom, unfortunately for me, was the forward on the right-hand side of the attack. They seemed to come through us with consummate ease and once we had conceded the first goal the remaining five of the first half came at regular intervals. We could not get any cohesive football going ourselves and such attacks that we did make were easily broken up, our sloppy passing and over elaborate play proving our downfall.

One of their goals was given, despite being well off-side, and some very un-gentlemanly conduct crept into the game when some of their players began taking the piss. It did appear that we were likely to get a cricket score against us in the second half but this did not prove to be the case. Indeed, the game was much more even in the second half and we had a period of superiority when **MIKE AYLING and DOUG SMART** scored a goal a-piece to reduce the deficit. We also had a couple of opportunities to further reduce the difference but, unfortunately, they were not converted and I think that, had they gone in, Clapham's confidence would have been eroded and we may have had a much closer result.

However, Clapham regained their composure and although they did not add any further goals to their total, they finished the half stronger than we did. Not a very enjoyable game from our point of view, with only Aaran Pack having a really good afternoon. Fred Brindle

Peckover Pack Rayworth Kendrick.M Brindle Creamore Ayling Wright Lewis Burke Smart.D

All Our Yesterdays - 25 years ago

2nd XI: Reeves Wood McGeever Prince Pullen Hoffman Chapman Udale Matthews,R Elliott Egan

4th XI: Kirchin 'John' Milledge Robinson Nelson (Ashley)Simpson Parsons Stewart Valder Mace Sullivan

5th XI: Marsh Johnson,A Lloyd Johnson.P Mole,J Smith.A Hayward O'Brien Wilson Burgess,J Barry

<u>The Freddie Hoar Cup goes to Bromleians</u>

With a one goal advantage from the first leg, Old Bromleians' Vets came to Hayes on January 31st and ran out 6-4 winners to take the Cup 7-4 on aggregate.

Our goals came from **PAUL HANIFAN (3) and JIM MATTHEWS.** Two of Paul's goals came from the penalty spot after Terry Adams, refereeing in an effort to regain fitness, had spotted something untoward in the penalty box.

"But you didn't give one at the other end", commented a perplexed Bromleian!

All Our Yesterdays - 50 years ago

Classified Results, February 3rd 1968				
Mayfield Athletic	2	1st XI	3	Simner, Reaseley, Turner.B
Old Libertians	2	2nd XI	1	Youle
Old Esthamians	6	3rd XI	1	Marks
4th XI	3	Inland Revenue	3	Vidler, Taylor.M, Causer
5th XI	0	Centymca	7	
Palace	0	Aston Villa	1	

Unbeaten this season, Mayfield were well and truly outplayed by the 1st XI. Both of their goals came in the first 20 minutes, the first one due to a very bad defensive error and the second a fine shot from an acute angle. Both were scored against the run of play and the 1sts should have been at least three ahead by then Brian Turner, deputising for the injured Dave Cohen, being particularly unlucky.

Two down at the changeover but it was not long before we drew level when Bill Morley hit the crossbar and **LES SIMNER,** following up, hammered home. The best goal undoubtedly came from **GERRY REASELEY** when Bill Burgoyne crossed the ball for him to head into the top corner and **BRIAN TURNER** finally got the winner with about ten minutes to go.

Bill Morley tells me that the garage used for petrol on Saturday will not go in his guide of historical places, something to do with the loo, I think.

The 2nds should have won and many chances were missed through a few forwards being continually caught off-side.
A sad story for the 3rd XI. They scored first and, with 20 minutes to go, were trailing 2-1 and I think they must then have run out of steam – training takes place every Wednesday evening at the school!
A tremendous game, full of good football, is how the 4th XI's game was described to me. They tried hard and even **DAVE VIDLER** managed to get a goal.
Only nine men for the 5th's game – ***WHY?*** But luckily, or unluckily, for them, Roy Kay and Joe Miller very kindly offered their services and they were able to field 11 men.

One of the season's pleasures is to see Aston Villa playing with a degree of professionalism that has brought them 15 points from their last nine games. A sadder sight are Crystal Palace, with only one win from their last 14 matches. In this third successive home defeat they were as thoroughly humiliated as in their midweek exit from the F.A. Cup against Walsall.

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