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WEALDSTONE v CHELMSFORD

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NEXT HOME GAME: v HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (National Lge South) Bank Holiday Monday August 28, KO 3pm



EISA GOOD, EISA GOOD

Stones' Aobobaker Eisa runs the Havant defence a merry dance last Monday - but it ended in another frustrating defeat at the Vale

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NEXT AT THE VALE

Local rivals Hemel Hempstead Town, featuring ex-Stone Tom Hambin, are the visitors on August 28, Bank Holiday Monday afternoon, at 3pm.

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FROM THE DUGOUT
STEVE NEWING



THE BLUNT FACTS ARE THAT WE HAVE GIFTED THE LAST TWO GOALS WE HAVE CONCEDED

Firstly welcome to Rod and his players, the officials and supporters of Chelmsford for the 5th round of matches in this seasons National South. Rod's team will provide another test of our credentials as his teams are always tough to play against and usually are involved in the shake up come the end of the season (last campaign is proof of just that)

Looking in house at our start to the season, many could argue that it is a little déjà vu from last campaign.

In my opinion we have been the team very much on the front foot in the two home matches and away at St Albans, whilst the away trip to Gloucester last weekend was a scrappy affair, played in blustery conditions where both sides could not really find any rhythm during the game.

Football however is not a game where points are won for how you play and how long you have possession of the ball. In general we have defended for large parts of games well and

restricted the opposition to few chances, Northy certainly has not been overworked, there will be times this season when we will be the side under pressure and we will need to dig in and defend as a team from front to back.

Our opposition in Concord, St Albans and Havant (especially in the second half) spent a lot of time defending in numbers and throwing their bodies on the line.

The blunt facts are that we have gifted the last two goals we have conceded by not picking up from balls delivered from set pieces into the box and opposition players have had free headers and we have been punished. Therein is 3 dropped points. We also had should it have been a goal rather than a penalty in the St Albans game, which may have resulted in a different outcome with the points coming home with us.

What has happened is where we are making, mistakes, errors of judgement, we are getting punished and we are not being ruthless enough at the attacking end of the pitch when on top in matches.

I am probably pointing out what many of you have seen for yourself whilst attending the games this season.

I remember in my second season as manager at Enfield Town, when we lost 5 matches on the bounce, all by the odd goal in the early autumn in games that we should have won by three or four. You as a manager wonder when things will turn round, they do if you work hard enough as a collective unit from the players, management, official's and through to the fans.

We are playing some good football at times and although we have picked up only 4 points so far if it had been 8 , 9 10 or even 12 , I don't think it would have been unjust.

The reasons for not having the points under our belt have come from our own shortcomings, we as a dressing room know this and it is down to us to put it right.

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Steve

OBITUARY

ARTHUR PEEL

All at the club were very sorry to learn of the recent death of former player Arthur Peel who continued to live locally after playing for Wealdstone.



Arthur made 128 appearances for Wealdstone between 1961 – 1966 and scored 15 goals

He is particularly fondly remembered as Arthur was a Harrow school teacher. Steve Marshall who was a pupil in Arthur's school remembered 'He was sports master at Harrow Weald Grammar School throughout my time there and was very influential in so many pupils sporting development, particularly soccer and athletics. He coached my sister to win the Middlesex schools mile one year. He was always tough but fair and certainly didn't stand any nonsense from pupils!

Roger Slater provided this great extract written by Arthur from 'The History'

Arthur Peel Player 1961-1965

I came from Manchester originally, and came south to further my football career. I played for Wealdstone from 1961 to 1964 and there were some great highlights during those years, winning the Middlesex Senior Cup, the Middlesex Charity Cup and the London Senior Cup (jointly with Wimbledon).

I was privileged to play with some great players such as Viv Evans, Charlie Townsend, Ron King, Tony Knox and many, many more.

There was one game that has a particular memory - it was just after 'the big freeze up' of 1963, and we were to play away at Barnet.

The pitch had been frozen solid in the morning, and Barnet had tried to thaw the pitch out by burning car tyres on the surface - dozens of them spread all over the surface. They succeeded in getting the game under way but at the game progressed we found this horrible black 'goo' sticking to us every time we fell over or tackled etc.

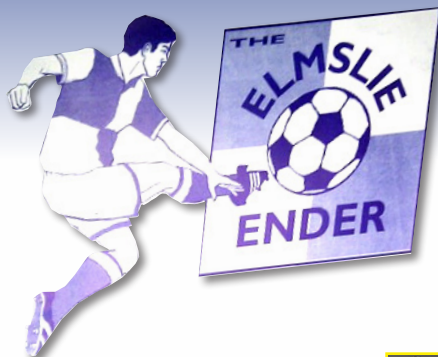
At the end of the game every single piece of kit, our socks, shirts and shorts had to be thrown away. It just was not possible to clean - the 'goo' had started to set! It even took us all as players ages to clean it off in the bath afterwards. I always wondered how many strips were un-usable after being worn in Barnet's matches after our game. But it's still funny looking back on it after so long.

We played a game against Arsenal (07/10/63) and drew 1-1- they had put out some good players in their side. Afterwards, Billy Wright, the Arsenal manager at the time threw a major 'wobbly' in the dressing room, which we could hear it through two sets of closed doors!

We also played a very strong Chelsea side, (04/09/62), that was in the Battle of Britain Cup, and we beat them in front of a crowd, which was, according to local newspaper reports, well over 3,000. The support then was even better than Wealdstone's support today! They were always exceptional.

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THIS AFTERNOON ELMSLIE ENDER ASKS HOW HAS IT BEEN FOR YOU?

Three games in and discussions have been long and heated especially on the train home from Evesham. A curate's egg really, hasn't it been? Three matches played, with a win, draw and defeat the outcome. Some rather excellent football at times all the way through to capitulation for thirty minutes, we have had it all.

First up was Concord whom we have had a few ding-dongs in the past, particularly when the Cowley boys were in charge. Concord have the smallest crowds in the division, but still punch above their weight. Normally we expect them to be all-action, total effort and playing for the team. Our first half performance against them was excellent. Against the normal run of how matches against the estuary side goes, Stones tore into them particularly down both flanks. Had we gone in three or four up it would have been a fair refecction of the half, but profligate shooting and the woodwork ensured that a poacher's strike from Elliot Benyon was all we had to shout about, though the biggest talking point was the miss of the season contender. Stones were stunned when Concord equalised from a corner just after the break, which saw a free header inside our six-yard box, and the normal tensions of our previous home

form were soon raised. That said, Stones reacted well and after fine work from man of the match Eisa, saw Dan Fitchett give us the lead back. There were some tense moments towards the end, but Stones held out for a deserved three points. The crowd was also half decent, 752 coming through the gate especially with the summer holidays still in full flow and the opposition supporters fitting into the proverbial caravan, so small they are in numbers. The clubhouse was abuzz post game with plenty of smiling faces.

Up next was the local derby at St Albans where we have a pretty decent record; sadly it all went wrong in the final thirty minutes. For sixty minutes Wealdstone were superb, literally ripping the Hertfordshire side a new one. I thought we were excellent especially in the opening half. We had pace, we were stronger, and we were fitter, being first to every ball and totally dominating proceedings. For all our domination, unlike against Concord, chances weren't being created in anywhere near as many numbers. Having hit the bar, Hill finally gave us a deserved lead with a diving header. As we all know, a single goal lead leaves teams vulnerable and low and behold, one slip in the final minutes of the half, and we go in at half time level. Wealdstone started the second half in similar

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



vein as the first. Two one on ones saw us fail to even get a shot away but it seemed when rather than if we would score. A great run by Eisa down the left, ball is pulled back to Green whose shot is saved on the line by a defender's hand. As the ball runs loose, Benyon prods home the ball but is flagged offside. At the time I thought the referee got it spot on, with the goal being disallowed, penalty awarded and the defender sent off, though it does seem that maybe the offside decision was incorrect. That said, with a penalty being awarded, the incorrect decision should not have made any difference. We all know what happened next. Penalty goes to the left as we were looking behind the goal and hits the post and away. With a man extra, Wealdstone still should have gone on and won comfortably had they carried on playing in the way they had. For an unfathomable reason, the play rather than being spread wide down the flanks where we had enjoyed some success, all became rather narrow. The substitutions didn't work at all and we struggled to break through a resolute defensive regard by St Albans. To be honest, they were rarely

ELMSLIE ENDER

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troubled, it was all a bit to easy for them. Their winner was a defensive nightmare, with weak challenges and lost opportunities to clear the ball. Once they scored, we didn't look like equalising bar one shot from Eisa that whizzed past the post. Indeed St Albans probably should have scored more on the break. A rather disappointing final thirty minutes that didn't make sense after the previous hour., with three points being thrown away. Poor crowd as well at Clarence Park, not even reaching 650.

The last of the opening trio of games was the trip to Evesham to play Gloucester. It was fortunate that backdrop to the ground is the beautiful Malvern Hills and the fact that we found

some rather lovely Cotswold pubs to enjoy as the game was best forgotten. Not quite sure how Evesham's ground is actually Conference compliant, but the openness made for very windy conditions. When the ball then spent far too much time being booted in the air, it made for a rather dull and boring game. The subdued nature of our support summed it up really. Rarely in recent years has our support looked so bored and dis-interested? All the intensity from the previous two games was missing at Evesham. That said, having gone ahead twice, both decent finishes by Benyon should have seen the three points brought back to HA4. Another free header with five minutes to go saw two more

points dropped. Four points from three games is hardly a disaster but we have played three mediocre teams at best so far, so probably less than we were expecting. We should have been looking a three wins from the games. How on earth are St Albans top, by the way: probably the fact that they have been ruthless in both boxes.

So what have we learnt? Wealdstone are still evolving, still inconsistent as we always seem to be, but there are some flashes of what the team could be. The first half against St Albans is exactly how as supporters we want the team to be: strong, pacy and dominating the opposition, being on the front foot and taking the game to the other side.

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WRITTEN IN STONE MarkHyde



WELCOME TO GROSVENOR VALE

A very warm welcome to all of our supporters, officials, players and supporters of Chelmsford City and today's match officials. We hope you all have an enjoyable afternoon here at Grosvenor Vale.

Wow... despite getting back up to speed and expanding to even more pages this issue we are still bursting at the seams, hence my intro hiding away down here below EE's latest musings.

We will be holding a minute's silence before today's game in memory of Arthur Peel, who is without doubt a true Wealdstone legend. We are proud to say that Arthur's wife

and family will be our guests this afternoon.

Thanks to our two match sponsors both of whom are long term and generous supporters of Wealdstone FC. Firstly Graham (Grim) Jones who is sponsoring today's game in memory of his father John Jones and secondly Miriam (Mim) Goodman & Family

I would also like to thank those who responded and supported my campaign to get everyone associated with Wealdstone FC who gave their lives in WW1 and WW2 commemorated in the 'Stand up for Wealdstone' initiative. By the time you read these words we should have reached our

goal.

Our next home game is on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August at 3pm against Hemel Hempstead Town. This game will be segregated so please pay attention to our stewards with regards to ground entrance provision.

Match day sponsorship packages and Match Ball donations are still available and are a fantastic way to mark a special occasion or advertise your company. Please contact either **Paul Rumens** on **07710 929692** or paulrumens59@gmail.com or **Peter Worby** on **07967 698370** or pworby@hotmail.com

Mark

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5-MINUTE INTERVIEW

Shaquille Hippolyte-Patrick was both delighted and dismayed by his Stones debut at St Albans City last week.

Delighted that he was able to cause the Saints enough problems on the right wing to be fouled nine times in the first half, yet dismayed that we ran out of ideas in the second half and were ultimately beaten.

Shaq also had a shot smash against the crossbar in that first half - and another good chance blocked by a despairing defender - to add weight to his assertion that "we should have won that game four or five-one".

"I must be the most fouled player in the Conference South" he said when I caught up with our new right-winger in the middle of his Tesco Home Delivery round last week. "I couldn't believe the number of times I was sent flying at St Albans."

It was from one of those freekicks that Danny Green sent in the perfect delivery for a flying Josh Hill to convert at the far post.

"I thought we started really well, the midfield moving the ball quickly through to myself and Elliot and Abs on the other wing. We looked dangerous. The sending off actually hindered us as they kept nine men back and there was no space to get the ball through. But we had so many chances! I tried to so hard to keep my shot down, the one that hit the crossbar, but I probably hit it too sweet. A bit of a shank and it may have found the corner. If our penalty had gone in for 2-1 we'd have definitely won as they would have had come out at us - so disappointing".

So how has Shaquille found his move to The Vale? "I've really en-

First rule of attack: You've gotta get Shaq round the back!

TIM PARKS is impressed by SH-P's debut at St Albans

joyed it, to be fair. The club is well organised, very professional and the fans here are different class. Very noisy, very passionate. Hampton's fans were quiet by comparison. I really enjoyed the atmosphere at St Albans when we were winning... a proper game. I was at Sutton United for a couple of years and I think the atmosphere is better here."

Shaq started his career in the Barnet Youth set-up, alongside Ryan Sellers, before signing for Sutton. He started in the reserves but manager Paul Doswell soon promoted the 18-year-old winger to the first team squad. He didn't get many games as Sutton were flying towards the Vanarama South title, but went out on loan to Tonbridge in the Evo-Stick Premier ("that was a terrible journey from

my home in Ladbroke Grove' laughs Shaq) and then on loan to Hampton, where he signed last season.

He's now 22 and looking to establish himself in the Stones' starting XI. "I think we proved that it works with two wide players" said Shaq, "but it depends who you are playing and if the opposition just want to sit back and defend. There are lots of variables but I think you have to get round the back to hurt teams".

When he's not delivering for the Stones, Shaq is in his Tesco van delivering to the home shoppers of West London and it's a new job he's really enjoying. "I'll be finished today by 12 and I started at 8.30am - I didn't get much rest after St Albans last night" he said.

"I've been doing this for six months and it keeps me fit and focused on the next game. Let's just hope we can bounce back against Gloucester".



CELEBRATE YOUR FAVOURITE STONES PLAYER IN OUR NEW LEGENDS FUNDRAISING SCHEME!



Wealdstone FC have announced an innovative new fundraising scheme that will enable fans and businesses to donate a seat in the **new stand** for a **minimum contribution of £60** in the name of their favourite Stones player* past or present as part of the celebration of the construction of our new facility at The Vale!!

You can donate as many seats as you wish; if you want you can also make up a team of your favourite 11 Stones Legends for just £500... We will provide regular updates on progress and plans for how we will capture and recognise the donations being made for all to see with this exciting fundraising initiative in the match day programme, website and club newsletter throughout the season.

Wealdstone Chairman Peter Marsden said: "I fully appreciate, and it is only right, that the lion's share of the financial costs of keeping our famous old club 'in the pink' fall on the shoulders of myself and the rest of the Board. However, I feel it is vital that as many people as possible support this scheme particularly as this season we are going all out for promotion. These minimum £60's can be the tipping point between us having a very good season and an outstanding one. Every penny will be used on player recruitment. I know in my bones that 2017-2018 season could well be a massive season for Wealdstone Football Club and in years to come I am sure we will all want to say, "I played my part". I also think the idea of everyone choosing their favourite player will provoke a lot of interest and prove just how eclectic our supporters are!"

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NOTE: The same Stones player can be named by different contributors!

*If you don't wish to nominate a player, you can nominate yourself or the name of your business or a loved one as the donor!

Further enquiries to: **Nick DuGard** at: nick.d1@outlook.com OR VISIT www.wealdstone-fc.com



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NICK DUGARD



General Managers notes

Welcome all to our league match today versus Chelmsford City – no doubt another very keenly contested game as we strive to get those all important points on the table.

As will have been noted elsewhere in this programme, before the kick-off today we will have a minute's silence to pay our respects to our former player Arthur Peel who sadly passed away recently. We welcome his daughter Terri and family members to the match today.

A key part of my GM role with the ops team is to support fund raising activities and as you will, hopefully, by now, all be aware that we recently launched our STAND UP FOR WEALDSTONE (SUFW) campaign. I am delighted to report that a very good start has been made with donations coming in from lots of fans who have lots of different ideas already as to which Legend to feature!

We will continue to update you on how the campaign is going with a 'Roll of Honour' as to those who have donated. We now have a link to the detail on this scheme via a new landing page on our website. The dedicated SUFW page can be found by visiting:

<http://www.wealdstone-fc.com/commercial/stand-up-for-wealdstone/>

where you can choose several different methods to donate to suit your convenience and see the list of donors and players etc. We will do our best to keep the list updated as regularly as possible, also via social media. Please note that **YOU CAN CHOOSE AND DONATE FOR THE SAME PLAYER!**

I would like to thank the behind the scenes team for putting this scheme together on time as planned, especially Alan Hill, Mark Randall, Jez Albert and Chris Woods. Please support us – this is an important scheme for the club.

Talking of the new stand you will have seen the start of a temporary fascia being put up as we have lots of new advertisers to accommodate. Completion of the stand will hopefully take place in 4-6 weeks time and we are most grateful to our main sponsors GPF Lewis for their help with this work. May I also take this opportunity to also thank Mickey Kane for his recent and continuing great efforts with the stand works, which, as I have said, are ongoing.

So much work goes on behind the scenes at this club and we are grateful for all these efforts.

Operational plans are well in advance for the Hemel Hempstead Town match here on Bank Holiday Monday, kick off 3pm. **PLEASE NOTE:** This game will be segregated on police advice so please follow the advice and instructions of the stewards on the day. Hemel will have the new stand end of the ground and will exit the game at the end of the match first through the top exit between the shop and burger trailer. We will brief our stewards to do this as quickly as possible. We thank you for your understanding and patience in advance.

We continue to gain enquiries for help on matchdays in a volunteering capacity and I am most grateful for all the assistance offered but we can always do with more, particularly to help Steve Marshall our Matchday Ops Manager. We also need ball boys and girls – see me or Steve near the players tunnel or email me please at:

nick.d1@outlook.com

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Up the Stones!

Nick DuGard



WEALDSTONE v CHELMSFORD CITY FAN IN THE STAND

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Name: Ashley Holding

Where you live: Born and raised in Ruislip - the other end of the high street from Grosvenor Vale.

Where do you work? I am a Sport marketing and PR consultant based in London.

First Stones game attended?

My first Wealdstone match was against Hastings United in January 2013 - Wealdstone won 3-0. Deano scored a brace and Sean Cronin scored too!

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan?

Living in Ruislip I was aware Wealdstone were in the area but never got round to going until my dad wanted to - I went with him and I've loved the club ever since.

Do you follow any other team? Chelsea & Derby County

Do you prefer lower-League football? Be honest! I really do! I look forward to Wealdstone games because there is a friendship and a closeness with Wealdstone fans I've never seen in football before or since.

Any disadvantages?

The quality of refereeing...(they don't read this do they?)!

How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life? Well working in sports it is quite easy to fit football into my life...

one of the many reason why I love what I do for a living.

How big a part of your life is the game? Huge part of my life, it's my weekdays, it's my weekend, it's my holidays!

Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen? Chelsea vs Barcelona, CL semi final 2012/ any time Chelsea beat Spurs/ Derby County 5 Nottingham Forest 0...enough said.

And most memorable Weald-

Now I'm the PA man I've got to stay by the mike... I'm always confident we'll score so it's no real chore!



It's
Ash
Holding

Ash manages to beat the beer ban in pre-season with a sneaky pint by the tannoy hut

stone game, and moment? Canvey Island 2014 - I didn't go to the legendary

Margate game so watching the lads lift the trophy at The Vale will have to be it!

What really gets your goat watching football? Can't drink beer pitchside - that's a real gripe for me, we're not savages, unlike them lot at Earlsmead!!

Have you ever played the game yourself (to any level) and most memorable moments? Played football for

school and university but then my passion for beer took over. I like to compare myself to Gascoigne - the drinking skill not the footballing skill.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones watching experience at the Vale? Making pie, mash and liquor available!

Favourite current Wealdstone line-up? Northy, Eddie, hopefully the new lads can match up on par with Sean and Wes from what I've seen in pre-season they look good! Jerome (glad

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he's back), Sam Cox and El God, Matty Whichelow and Danny Green with Benyon and Fitchett.

It's a great mix of experience and youth with two strikers who can score goals, all vital for a long campaign in Conference South!

Favourite all-time Stones line-up? Northy, James Hammond, Wes P, Sean C, Jerome Okimo, Tom Pett, Sam Cox, El God, Bradley Hudson Odoi, Glen Little, Elliot Benyon.

Tom Pett- fantastic player deserves to be in the FL, Wes and Sean worked very well together. Sam Cox captain fantastic in the Conference South you need a cool head and he has that! But you also need someone with experience that's why I picked El God. Glen and Elliot- little and large.

Best away trips to watch football? Haven't really done many away days but I did do Truro end of the season before last! drinking from 10:30am until 4:30am the next day! Singing in the Truro clubhouse, El Pres's son not making out past dinner then ending up in Truro town centre in the tiniest nightclub I have ever been in! It was as wide as 10 feet wide wall to wall. I was all over the place which was okay - I couldn't fall over because everyone was squished together!!

What was your highlight of last season? Even though I couldn't make it, Southport. I was so happy for everyone who went up to Merseyside that day. When I saw the score I gave a huge cheer, everyone looked at me! Ricky's goal will be talked about for years and years with Wealdstone fans!

Best non-League ground you've visited? Truro simply because it means it'll be a good long weekend with the Wealdstone lads and lasses!

Best stadium you've EVER visited? Stadio Olimpico-Rome incredible atmosphere.

Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale? Behind the goals but now I'm on the PA I must always be by the

microphone - I am always optimistic we will score a goal! ;)

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? I would love to see us in the play-offs and I think we've got a good chance. We proved ourself last year so why not us?

How does the current programme compare with others you see? The best - its always a great read.

Any articles or features that you'd like to see? Just keep to the 3Fs: Fresh, Funny, Factual.

What has been the most readable/least readable Fan in the Stand so far? I don't know if Craig Whitehead has done one yet (yes, here it is below). If he has it will probably just a Labour Manifesto or just quotes from

Das Kapital!!!

What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale? Any beers or food you'd like to be added? Pie and Mash!!!

Do you buy much at the club shop? Not much- I bought my scarf there and I really like the shirt this season so I'll probably be getting that this year.

What's your wealdstone claim to fame? The club's first ever marketing manager!!!

Finally, where do you see the club in five years' time? Still with GB in the dugout, the lease sorted meaning the chance for more funding to lead to more ground improvements and also hopefully we've been in or still are in the national league.

YOUR FAVOURITE SUPPORTER SPOT..

THE FAN IN THE STAND CRAIG WHITEHEAD

Where you live (just general area): Rayners Lane
Where you work (and occupation): Unemployed, just finished a degree, spend my time playing/writing music and being a radio presenter on Hayes FM

First Stones game attended (and when): Oooh, I can't remember who it was against, but I remember it being at the white lion ground about 10 years ago. My dad took me down and even though I was freezing, I enjoyed it and many years I came back and caught the bug!

How you came to be watching Wealdstone: It's a long story, but I was living in Leeds at University and through some research found out about Wealdstone playing locally to me, so when I was back from Uni I asked Richard and others to come down to a game and the rest they say is history.

What are the advantages, and joys, of non-League football? The advantages of non league football, where do I start? Well, being able to change ends, knowing the players and being able to speak to them, knowing the majority of the supporters by name and for any I don't know I'm sorry forgive me! That most clubs at this level are family friendly and are more open to fundraising for charities and causes than bigger clubs!

Any disadvantages? That some supporters of 'bigger' teams won't come down to support us, the arrogance of supporting a professional team I guess!

I guess you could also add that when it rains, we get wet on an open terrace but I enjoy that! Possibly some of the long away trips, but don't go to the majority of away games, but this is due to money and transport more than anything!

Have you regularly watched other clubs? In the past yes, when I was a kid, I supported and watched Brentford, but due to family members moving on and the cost of going to see them, this rarely happens now - plus the fact even for a student it was nearly £20! When I was 16, I had a season ticket there for £20, so you can see the difference. Been to see Watford a few times, due to how close it is, but it all depends on money for me, I just love football.

How do you fit watching Wealdstone into your family/working life? Quite easily, I have no job at the moment, so for me it fits in quite nicely depending on money and I have yet to have a family and settle down and all jazz, so my time is free!

Are you involved in football media? Not exactly, but I work on radio at Hayes FM as a producer/presenter so I get to

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Sterling service.. and boy could he TACKLE!

For the first in this season's look back at former Wealdstone stars, ROGER SLATER catches up with a star from the mid-90s, Dominic Sterling... a defender who would have slotted into great Stones sides of ANY era

Married or single? Unlike some Married men I can say I'm happily married with two boys aged two and four.

What's the day job? Very proud to say I'm in a small percentage of people who actually enjoys waking up every day for a very rewarding job. I work as a Project Manager for a Charity which contracts out specialised employment based CBT support to Talking Therapy services (IAPT: Improving Access to Psychological Therapy).

What was the career before Wealdstone? Before I joined Wealdstone I was a Data analyst for a Market research company by day and bit part amateur footballer by night. However I always knew which bit of my career I would have traded in for more success.

Did you know anyone at the club or anything about us? I only person I literally knew when I arrived at the club was Gordon Bartlett. This wasn't as much a surprise to me as the world of



H Dominic. Thanks for taking the time to answer our questions and let me start by saying how great it is you have to back in a Stones shirt! Amazing though to think that it's a dozen years since you left to find fame and fortune away from the Stones.

To start at the very beginning, fan Clive Leaper asks if it's true that you actually started your career at Ruislip Manor?
It is true. I did start my non-league

Stones that first time? To cut a long story short I was playing for Pitsanger FC where I was spotted by a Wimbledon (not AFC Wimbledon) scout. Whilst on an unsuccessful three week trial I played a game against Wealdstone after which Del Boy (Gordon) told me to come down if it didn't work out...The rest is history!!!

Peter-John Baptiste asks if you made your Stones debut on the same day as Simon Garner, at Hertford Town in February 1997. And what you remember about the game (I believe you scored on your debut with Lee Skidmore mentions this online now!!)

was really surprised when he signed for the Stones having seen him so many times on television as a kid.

That season ended with us winning the Ryman Div Three title. Nick DuGar wonders what you recall of those days and the other players you performed alongside (and any memorable goals- you got a few)? I recall scoring a few decent goals... One that comes to mind is a 50 yard run which culminated in rasping 30 yarder (ok 25 yarder) which came off both posts before nestling in the back off the net. Ask Gordon... he seems to

BY ROGER SLATER



We've interviewed him before... this was the Stones programme five years ago, when he returned for a couple of cameo displays

semi-professional football was You joined a side with great expectations of a successful season in 1996. Was it difficult initially to fit in or were you welcomed by the squad? No not at all, I fitted in with relative ease. I was made to feel quite welcome. It's kind of like my school years when I got protected by all the cool and more notorious pupils because I had a talent that made me popularish. I was made welcome by everyone at the club and in the squad, even Fergie (who I would go on to dethrone from his lofty position in the team).

You soon established yourself in the XI, and rumour has it, it was as hard for Stones players in training to get past you as opponents on the field. Is that the Dom Sterling way? I guess it's a trait I've picked up from growing up with two older brothers and their friends who never let me have anything easy on the pitch, which in turn made me grow up fast and more

competitive on the pitch.

A couple of people have said that you'd take a touch to give an opponent a chance, just to make sure you could then tackle them.....? I Reeeaaaally enjoyed tackling. It actually felt like I was scoring a goal every time I won a challenge. I guess you'll understand my psyche to say some of my favourite players to watch growing up was Stuart Pearce, Roy Keane, David Batty, Patrick Viera and some of the naughtier players around...

You're in the bath with.... Rubber ducks, Boats, submarines or.....? Omar Williams... his rubber duck lives long in the memory! Wasn't very good on the pitch but left a lasting impression on the players in the changing room. I believe he went on to find his position in the 'entertainment industry'.

Looking around the Dressing

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WEALDSTONE v CHELMSFORD WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Room in that first spell at The Stones, who are the characters? Who stands out, and why? Semtex – Brian Jones – brilliant player but who would explode at any given time. Great character who I'm still in contact with. Lee Walker – Great sense of humour with a touch of class on the pitch. Fergie – Another player with a great sense of humour (didn't really get on the pitch once I got into the starting select..but again a great person to have in the changing room and around the club.

What was the squad/club like off the field – was there much socialising outside of match-days and training? Gordon instilled a strong unit on the pitch and we always shared a few pints after the games whether we won or lost. With the added ingredient of the fans meant you weren't going anywhere fast even if you did want to dash off.

Division 3 Champions and a Cup Final in your first season, promoted in third place in your second season and an extraordinary run to a (denied) promotion in your third season. What does that do to the mindset? I actually think that decision nearly killed the club. You felt the club lost its direction and momentum after that. Personally it demoralised me and solidified my thoughts around taking football more seriously which ultimately led me to leaving the club. I sometimes think about what might have been and far that group of players could have gone, although I had a really successful career at semi professional level.

Is there one game that sticks in the memory? Too many to choose just one game. Maybe one sticks out in your mind. One memory that does stand in the mind though is bursting the ball in a 50-50 challenge. Very proud of that feat.

What followed Wealdstone and why did you move on? After Wealdstone I joined

Hayes FC. I simply moved while my stock was valuable. I feel the season we were denied promotion whet my appetite for bigger and better opportunities on the pitch. At the time the Stones were going through a period of transition which had rocked the foundations of the club and needless to mention, took over a decade to return to a resemblance of its old self.

Are you still involved in the game? Any thoughts of Coaching, Management at any level? I'm not directly involved in the game but have provided talking therapy to a number of players needing help dealing with life as a footballer and some who have found transition after football quite difficult.

I probably will return to the fold soon and have a few ideas up my sleeve.

You came back for a short spell to a very different club in 2012. A side on a run in the FA Trophy (and you were cup-tied). Was it more difficult to be part of that? No not at all

I felt part of the family again and was welcomed back with open arms. I think one of my only regrets in football was then leaving to join a club closer to home for family reasons in that second spell at the club.

The Stones fans lauded you as a player and respected you (on occasion) as an opponent. As one of our own or an opponent, how aware were you of the fans as a player? Thank God I was on the right side of the fans because they can really make your 90 plus minutes on the pitch very difficult. To be honest the Stones fans are real die-hards, a dying breed of fans who love their team and hate having their pants pulled down by people or players who don't give 100% like them.

The table is set for dinner. Five chairs. Who are your four guests and why (anyone dead or alive, real or fantasy), and what are you serving? J Edgar Hoover – Key part in decisions that have shaped the world.

Bob Marley – For some light entertainment and his views on life. Naomi Campbell – Something to feast my eyes on instead of the food (Love you Mrs Sterling)

Micky Flanagan – Guaranteed fun, frivolity and he's definitely a bit of a lad.

Everybody loves a bit of Thai every once in a while!!!

Does a mention of "Wealdstone" or "The Stones Fans" put a smile on your face, and would you do it all again (given the chance)? Wealdstone will always be dear to my heart. Had some great times at an age where I could afford to take life less seriously.

Like I said, I'd rather have the stones fans behind me then against me. I definitely salute the fans and club for the opportunity and chance to represent the club.

Anything else you want to tell us? Hope to see you guys in the football league before I'm old, bald and grey.....So you've only got a few years to achieve it.....



Dom Sterling pictured in action for Conference National side Aldershot Town

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An Evening with Kerry Dixon

A warm welcome to everyone today. It's been a busy time for your committee as we continue our plans for various activities over the season. Here are some key updates/info:

PLEASE VISIT THE MEGASTORE!!

Our fantastic shop has been greatly re-stocked and re-fitted out so please support Mark and Adam and the team by paying a visit today. You are bound to find MANY new items of interest and you can also book there for upcoming coach travel etc. The shop is located in the blue cabin behind the dugouts. Pick up your shirt order! Visit the **WFC Megastore website** at: <http://www.wfcmegastore.co.uk/>

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! AN EVENING WITH KERRY DIXON

Working on your behalf the committee are planning a great fundraising evening of sporting entertainment with former Chelsea star Kerry Dixon. Please note the date is now set for Saturday 4th November at Ruislip Social Club. We do have an away match on this day over at Dartford but we will set a start time to ensure fans can get back to attend. Unfortunately, we cannot pick and choose the dates that we always want so we must work around availability. More details and prices to follow but we will aim for this event to be a very affordable evening.

Committee member Terry Hissey is working on early plans for our big WFCSC Diamond

WEALDSTONE v CONCORD SUPPORTERS CLUB Nick DuGard

WEALDSTONE F.C. SUPPORTERS CLUB

Jubilee event next February as he mentioned in the previous programme.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We have space on the WFCSC committee for new members with ideas and initiative who want to roll up their sleeves and **HELP YOUR CLUB!** If you are interested and want to get involved see me or Mark Randall in the club shop today or email me at

nick.d1@outlook.com.

FANCY HELPING OUR BBQ TEAM?

We need a couple of people to help us (and a hungry you!) for the Hemel game on Bank Holiday Monday. Please see Mark Randall in the club shop or Mim today

Nick

Predictascore

OVERALL - V CHELMSFORD

1	Bob Bangs	6	1=3
2	David Edwards	6	2=2
3	AMugPunter	4	0=2
4	Jez Albert	4	1=1
5	Clare Kemp	4	2=3
6	Cynical	4	1=1
7	Guy Edwards 1	4	1=2
8	Nick Symmons	4	0=1
9	Roo Roo	4	2=3
10	Ronnie Raffle	4	0=2
11	Andrew Lane	4	0=0
12	Steve Paull	4	1=0
13	Tom Coulson	4	0=2
14	Deadly	3	2=1
15	Barbara Robson	3	2=2
16	James Klarfeld	3	1=2
17	Greedy Pig	3	2=1
18	Gordon Thompson	3	1=1
19	Mark Lloyd	3	2=1
20	David Leigh	3	1=1
21	Platty	3	1=2
22	Robert Platt	3	0=1
23	RNR	3	2=1
24	Sonny Boy 2	3	2=1
25	Lapels	3	0=1
26	Pat Rooney	3	1=2
27	Hamish Clark	2	2=1
28	Happy Stoned	2	2=1

OVERALL - V CHELMSFORD

29	Balblair Girl	2	0=1
30	Stuart Elder	2	1=0
31	K.Judge	2	1=1
32	Micheal Burns	2	0=3
33	S. Khanna	2	2=1
34	Mim's Goodies	2	0=2
35	Robert Matthews	2	2=2
36	Ally Angelides	1	1=0
37	Barry Benveniste	1	1=1
38	Ryan Cross	1	3=1
39	Alex Corner	1	2=2
40	John Banks	1	3=1
41	Aiden O'callaghan	1	0=2
42	Don Cross	1	0=0
43	Daphne Corner	1	2=2
44	Keith Harris	1	1=0
45	John Harvey	1	1=0
46	Guy Edwards 2	1	0=2
47	Paul Harvey	1	1=1
48	Clive Leaper	1	0=0
49	John Devon	1	2=2
50	Duncan Penman	1	1=1
51	Ken Pegg	1	1=0
52	Peter Drew	1	0=2
53	Ray Corner	1	1=1
54	Hayley Corner	1	1=1
55	Ron Moore	1	2=2
56	Victor Klarfeld	1	1=2

OVERALL - V CHELMSFORD

57	Roger Slater	1	2=2
58	Pauline Worby	1	1=2
59	SENCO	1	2=1
60	Sutton Stones	1	1=3
61	Shortstuff	1	2=0
62	Munkey	1	1=0
63	The Linesmen	1	1=0
64	Tony Drew	1	1=3
65	Steven Aves	1	1=1
66	Wayne Corner	1	0=0
67	Bankzzy's Boyz	0	2=1
68	Balblair Boy	0	1=1
69	Jim Sorrell	0	1=3
70	Irene Paull	0	0=1
71	Munk	0	0=3
72	NED	0	2=1
73	Megaphone Mick	0	0=2
74	Olmar	0	1=2
75	Lew's Blues	0	W/F
76	Maray	0	W/F
77	Mick Fishman	0	W/F
78	Kenmar	0	2=0
79	Rob Saville	0	2=0
80	Sonny Boy 1	0	3=1
81	Wobs	0	0=0
82	Chris Woods	0	2=1
83	Sprouthead	0	1=2

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

12/08/2017

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In fact, eyes would have frequently been cast in the direction of the backdrop of the imposing Malvern Hills as the long, aerial, ball reigned for much of the game - a game that saw Stones twice fritter away the advantage. The away side took the lead twice through marksman Elliot Benyon with two moments of rare quality but were pegged back by an already struggling Gloucester side that are still making the adjustment from switching VNL divisions.

Stones started with the same line up as the unlikely St Albans defeat during the week and again found life tough with the single central striker, with clear opportunities for the counter attack again restricted. Admittedly conditions were not perfect with a strong wind blowing through the narrow pitch but control and ball to feet were at a premium from the off.

Abo Eisa did well on 10 minutes with a well driven free kick but the resulting corner came to nought. And it took another 9 minutes of scrappy play for the Tigers to show some teeth when Joe Parker skied over.

Stones pressed on and a good chance came and went on the half hour mark with the home keeper, Alex Harris, equal

to the task.

Elliot Benyon then had a clear-cut chance to grab the lead with Harris stranded but he dallied on the ball and the chance was lost. But the Stones top striker soon had another opportunity to atone and this time he made no mistake. A long punt forward by the now injured and grimacing Josh Hill cleared the defence and with Harris in no man's land Benyon pounced to lob in perfectly for a nice finish, minutes before the break.

David Hunt came in for centre half Hill who had turned an ankle, at the start of the second period.

The Tigers came out with far more determination and soon equalised. Poor defending allowed too much space for the on rushing Keiran Thomas and he lashed the ball past an exposed Jon North.

Stones eased their way back into contention with second sub Dan Fitchett making his presence felt. And it was from the former Sutton United strikers flick-on that created the move that led to Wealdstone regaining the lead. Shaquille Hippolyte-Patrick (SHP) made excellent ground and

crossed superbly for Benyon to lash home his second on 70 minutes.

That should have been that - but sadly it wasn't and Stones defensive frailty at set pieces was again exposed with 5 to go. The excellent Robbie Cundy rose unmarked to head home a corner to complete the scoring.

So another frustrating afternoon as the end of match 3 and Stones have work to do - but at least 4 points have been gained.

Wealdstone: North, Oshodi, Okimo, Ijaha, Hill, Brown, SHP, Cox, Benyon, Green, Eisa.
Subs used: Hunt, Fitchett
Subs not used: Godfrey, Wellard, Osei-Bonsu
Att: 403 (130 Wealdstone)

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The CLARETS

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v CHELMSFORD CITY
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Founded in 1938 it is fair to say that the history of Chelmsford City Football Club has been a roller coaster ride that has seen the Club at the very height of the non-league game whilst also 'enjoying' spells when the very future of the Club was at risk.

Immediately joining the Southern League, then the strongest competition outside the Football League, the club enjoyed an F.A. Cup run in its first season that saw them start at the Preliminary Round before losing 6-0 at Birmingham in the Fourth Round, in front of a crowd of 44,494. On the way City accounted for League clubs Darlington and Southampton.

The outbreak of the Second World War brought the fledgling club's progress to a halt, but the 1945-1946 season saw the Club

win both the Southern League and the Southern League Cup.

The late 1940's found the Club at the forefront of non-league football as they along with Colchester United, Gillingham and Merthyr Tydfil dominated the Southern League during the period up until 1950. Players such as Frank Soo, Cecil McCormack and Syd Plunkett were attracted to New Writtle Street, and it was during this period that the record home crowd of 16,807 was established when Colchester United visited for a league match in September 1949.

When the Football League expanded from 88 clubs to 92 in 1950 the two southern clubs that got the nod were Colchester United and Gillingham, and it started a period of decline for City. So much so that by 1955 the club's finances were in such a parlous state that there was even

talk of withdrawing from the Southern League.

The establishment of a Supporters Club Pool that brought in much needed funds and the appointment of John Coward as Chairman in 1960 heralded another golden era in the history of the Club. So strong were the finances that the Club owned a string of club houses around the town, an attraction that enabled the Club to bring quality players to the Club.

On the pitch it was not

so good a story though, as the only honour to come the clubs way was the Southern League Cup in 1959-1960. The signing of Bobby Mason, on Wolves transfer list, without paying the required transfer fee, forced Football League clubs to look at the whole question of player registrations and City were retrospectively banned from applying for Football League membership for five years. A blow to the Club as it was, arguably, their best chance of gaining election to the elite competition.

The Southern League championship was won in 1967-1968, whilst the same season Oxford United were knocked out of the F.A. Cup, City's first win against a Football League club since 1938-1939. It was to be the end of this golden era though because by 1970 the Club was again in dire straits, saved only by a 'merger' with Brentwood Town.

The Southern League championship was won again in 1971-1972, but this proved to be a false dawn and with finances once again an issue relegation was suffered for the first time in 1976-1977, despite Jimmy Greaves being signed and topping the goalscoring charts.

The pendulum swung again when the original Company was wound up in 1980 and a new relatively debt free Company was established to take its place. This led to another period when the Club progressed although the elusive goal of reaching what is now the Football Conference could never be attained.



CHELMSFORD CITY FC



After a brief period of consolidation things turned downwards again and by 1994 a new low was reached. Ownership of the New Writtle Street stadium was lost and the Club was on the point of going out of existence before a group of supporters led by Trevor Wright took over the running of the Club, another Company being formed to do this.

In 1997 the Club was relegated for the third time and was also evicted from the Stadium which began a period of nearly nine years playing firstly at Maldon Town and then at Billericay Town. This was not an ideal situation with only gate income to keep the Club alive, but in 2006 the opportunity arose to return to Chelmsford at a newly refurbished Melbourne

Park.

The opening game against Billericay Town on 2nd January 2006 saw a massive crowd watch City beat their near neighbours 2-1. In March 2008 a record crowd of 3,201 saw City beat their rivals AFC Wimbledon 3-2, the biggest crowd at a home league game since 1974. This win virtually sealed the Isthmian League championship and promotion to the Football Conference South.

The last few seasons have seen City as regular play off contestants but they have been unable to achieve the aim of promotion to the level just outside the Football League. The 2012-2013 season saw them beat Colchester United in the F.A. Cup, the fourth time they have beaten a Football

League club in that competition.

Dean Holdsworth was appointed Manager in the summer of 2013 but things didn't work out and he left the role in November, eventually being replaced by former Heybridge Swifts Manager Mark Hawkes who, along with his assistant Steve Smith, enjoyed a two year spell in charge. They were replaced temporarily by coach Kevin Maher but in the summer of 2016 former Braintree Town and Bishop's Stortford Manager Rod Stringer was appointed to the Melbourne Community Stadium hot seat. The 2016-2017 saw the Club reach the National League South Play Off Final and win the Essex Senior Cup.





CHELMSFORD CITY AT THE VALE TODAY

Sam BEASANT (Goalkeeper)

After starting his career as a youngster in Cyprus with Olympiakos Nicosia, the tall goalkeeper joined the Glenn Hoddle Academy where his father (and former England international) Dave Beasant coached. The former Maidenhead United, Woking, Stevenage and Cambridge United had an unsuccessful trial with Birmingham City and then dropped to the Magpies in 2011. A move followed to Woking but after only three appearances Beasant joined Billericay Town. A return to the Cards for the 2013/14 season followed, making 32 appearances upon his return. A brief spell with Football League sides Stevenage and Cambridge United came soon after before joining Braintree Town following his release from Cambridge.

Craig BRAHAM-BARRETT (Defender)

A tall central defender who counts Peterborough United, Cheltenham, Ebbsfleet United, Dover and Braintree Town as his former employers. Joined the Clarets in June 2017 with a wealth of experience having previously played at Conference South level. represented both the regional & national Fire Brigade team. Kingy recently reached 300 club appearances, he weighs in with his fair share of goals (usually from set pieces), and is widely regarded as one of the strongest headers of the ball in non league football.

Elliott OMOZUSI (Defender):

A highly sought after young defender, Billy captained Maldon & Tiptree through their Ryman League Division One North season last year, and will be looking to make an impact as he steps up to National League South level with Concord Rangers. Billy has previously captained the U21 side at Colchester United, leaving

them for The Jammers in 2015

Mark HAINES (Defender)

25 year old defender who joined Concord in the summer of 2015 after spending the previous 5 seasons at the heart of East Thurrocks defence, and for a period of time as their club captain. Prior to his time with the Rocks Tom spent time playing for Redbridge as a teenager. A quality left back who became a firm fan favourite with his performances. Tom suffered a severe leg injury last preseason causing him to miss the entire season, and now at full fitness he'll be looking to regain his starting spot in the back four.

Paul RODGERS (Defender)

Rodgers joined the Clarets in June 2017 having played at Bishop's Stortford. The former Arsenal trainee earned three England U16 caps and five U17 appearances despite not appearing for the Gunners, but spent two seasons at Northampton between 2009 and 2011 having been there previously on a temporary move. A spell at Newport County followed but then dropped down a few levels to play for Billericay, St Neots and Bromley.

Michael SPILLANE (Defender)

A former Norwich City youngster, Spillane has vast amounts of Football League experience having appeared for Brentford, Southend United and Cambridge United. A spell at Lowestoft Town preceded his move to the Melbourne Community Stadium, becoming a regular fixture in the side in the early months of 2017.

Chris BUSH (Defender)

Signed from Lincoln City in the summer of 2016. After coming through the youth system at Brentford he spent was sent out on loan to several clubs and when his contract at Griffin Park expired in the summer of 2011 he moved to AFC Wimbledon. After a year

with the Dons he moved to Gateshead and then had spells at Hereford United and Welling United. Is known for the lengths of his throw ins.

Scott DAVIES (Midfield)

Davies began his career at Reading, appearing four times during the 2009-10 season before spending time on-loan at Aldershot, Wycombe Wanderers and Bristol Rovers. Davies departed the Royals in the summer of 2011 to join Crawley, playing a crucial role in their promotion from League Two. Davies then joined Aldershot on-loan after struggling to gain a permanent spot in the first team, eventually joining Oxford United permanently. At the end of the 2013-14 season Davies dropped down to Dunstable Town before joining **Wealdstone** and eventually becoming captain at Oxford City.

Mike WEST (Midfield)

Graduate of the youth set-up here at Concord Rangers, Bayley was a focal part of the under 18s side over the last two years and thanks to his continued impressive performances was named on the subs bench a number of times towards the end of last season. This season Bayley has dual-signed with Southend Manor to gain further first team experience.

Matt JOHNSON (Midfield)

Johnson joined the Clarets in June 2017. The midfielder joined Billericay Town from Margate at the start of last season, enjoying a successful opening to the season under Craig Edwards. Glenn Tamplin's upheaval at Billericay soon saw Johnson's opportunities limited and he was deemed surplus to requirements, eventually departing the Blues at the end of the season.

Aaron GREENE (Midfield)

Enjoying his second spell at Chelmsford City, Greene originally joined the Clarets in December 2013 from Harlow. By the end of the season a successful trial saw the midfielder sign for League One

MEET THE OPPOSITION

CHELMSFORD CITY



Brentford before spending time on-loan with Boston United. At the start of the 2016-17 season Greene left Brentford, signing for Ryman League side AFC Sudbury before joining Bishop's Stortford in October 2016.

Luke DALEY (Midfield)

Originally on the books of Norwich City he later enjoyed spells at Plymouth Argyle and Braintree Town before signing for Dartford from whom he joined City in the summer of 2015.

Max PORTER (Midfield)

After starting his professional career with Cambridge United he later played for Bishop's Stortford, Barnet Rushden and Diamonds, AFC Wimbledon and Newport County, appearing in the play offs for Rushden and Newport helping the latter club to regain its Football League status winning the play off final at Wembley. Capped three times by England 'C' he signed for National League side Bromley in 2015 before moving to Chelmsford in October 2016.

Kane HAYSMAN (Midfield)

After making a solitary appearance for Football league club Gillingham he signed for Sutton United, a club where he had previously appeared on loan. After being released by Sutton spent just short of two seasons with National league South side Eastbourne Borough. Was released by Eastbourne in the summer of 2016 joining Ryman league club Staines Town. He signed for City in December 2016.

Anthony CHURCH (Midfield)

Central midfielder who had a short spell with City at the start of the 2012-2013 season making six appearances before moving on to Bishop's Stortford. Re-joined City in the summer of 2016.

Jim STEVENSON (Midfield)

A vastly experienced midfielder at Non-League level, Stevenson counts Aldershot and Luton his former employers. The

experienced middle-man began his career with Histon before signing for Conference Premier side Luton Town. During his two years with the Hatters, Stevenson spent loan spells with Dartford and Aldershot Town. The midfielder turned his temporary stay with the Shots permanent in June 2015 before joining Dover Athletic following a change in manager at Aldershot.

Hugo SKEPELHORN (Forward)

A product of the Club's Academy system he forced his way into the side's starting line up at the end of the 2014-2015 season scoring his first goal in a 4-2 win over Bishop's Stortford. Missed the major part of last season through injury after scoring 7 goals in 21 appearances. Big things are expected from the youngster this season.

Chris DICKSON (Forward)

After high scoring seasons with Erith and Belvedere and Dulwich Hamlet Chris signed for Charlton Athletic in March 2007 enjoying loan spells with Crewe Alexandra, Gillingham and Bristol Rovers whilst on the books of the South London club. Then spent several seasons playing abroad, punctuated by a spell at Dagenham and Redbridge in 2013-2014. He returned to England signing for Sutton United in the summer of 2016. He signed for City in January 2017. Has made two international appearances for Ghana.

Lee BARNARD (Forward)

A former Tottenham Hotspurs striker, Barnard appeared three times in England's top flight after a loan spell at multiple Football League sides. In 2008 the striker signed for Southend United, netting 37 times in 75 league appearances to warrant a move to Southampton in 2010. Barnard signed for Crawley Town for the 2015-16 season but only managed one League goal from 19 games before dropping out of the Football

League to sign for Braintree Town.

Kudos OYENUGA (Forward)

Having started his career as a Spurs youngster, Oyenuga moved to Hayes & Yeading in 2012 where he scored 18 goals in 40 appearances. His goal tally at Hayes & Yeading led to a move to Dundee United in 2013, with who he spent spells out on-loan with Boreham Wood and Cowdenbeath. Oyenuga signed for Hartlepool United for the 2015-16 season before returning to Scotland with Greenock Morton.

Shaun BATT (Forward)

A former Stevenage striker, Batt began his career with the London side before joining Peterborough, Millwall and Leyton Orient. The heavily experienced striker is not known for his scoring record, but makes up for that with his physical presence and chance creation for his team mates.

Meet the Manager ROD STRINGER



Following a playing career that included stints at Harlow Town, Ford United, Sawbridgeworth and Stansted was appointed Manager of Harold Wood Athletic. Has also managed Barkingside, Barking and Aveley whilst he took Braintree Town to what was the Football Conference South championship in 2011 before surprisingly leaving before the start of the next season. Was appointed to the Melbourne Community Stadium hot seat in the summer of 2016 following a spell in charge at Bishop's Stortford.



WEALDSTONE FC

FIXTURES & RESULTS

SEASON 2017 / 2018

= Yellow Card	= Goal	= 2nd Player Substituted	NLS = National League South	MCC = Middlesex Charity Cup
= Red Card	= Penalty	= 2nd Substitute Used	FAC = FA Cup	
= Straight Red	= 1st Player Substituted	= 3rd Player Substituted	FAT = FA Trophy	
= Man of the Match	= 1st Substitute Used	= 3rd Substitute Used	MSC = Middlesex Senior Cup	

JULY		Competition	Result	Crowd	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK
25	Hampton & Richmond	MSCF	0-1	481	---	North	Oshodi	Okimo	Harwood	Hill	Brown	Whichelow	Cox	Benyon	Fitchett	Wellard	Godfrey	Hunt	Anastasiou	Hunt	
AUGUST																					
5	CONCORD RANGERS	NLS	2-1	752	8	North	Oshodi	Okimo	Green	Hill	Brown	Wellars	Cox	Benyon	Fitchett	Eisa	Hippolyte-Patrick	Godfrey	Osei-Bonsu	Hunt	Kearney
8	St Albans City	NLS	1-2	654	13	North	Oshodi	Okimo	Ijaha	Hill	Brown	Hippolyte-Patrick	Cox	Benyon	Green	Eisa	Fitchett	Godfrey	Wellard	Hunt	Osei-Bonsu
12	Gloucester City	NLS	2-2	403	13	North	Oshodi	Okimo	Ijaha	Hill	Brown	Hippolyte-Patrick	Cox	Benyon	Green	Eisa	Fitchett	Godfrey	Wellard	Hunt	Osei-Bonsu
14	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	NLS	0-1	922	14	North	Oshodi	Okimo	Green	Hill	Brown	Hippolyte-Patrick	Cox	Benyon	Fitchett	Eisa	Godfrey	Osei-Bonsu	Wellard	Ijaha	Kearney
19	CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS	---	---	---																
26	Eastbourne Borough	NLS	---	---	---																
28	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	NLS	---	---	---																
SEPTEMBER																					
2	East Thurrock United	NLS	---	---	---																
5	Weston-super-Mare	NLS	---	---	---																
9	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	NLS	---	---	---																
11	POOLE TOWN	NLS	---	---	---																
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7	WHITEHAWK	NLS	---	---	---																
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20	Bognor Regis Town	NLS	---	---	---																
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14	Poole Town	NLS	---	---	---																
21	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	---	---	---																
28	Whitehawk	NLS	---	---	---																

PRE-SEASON RESULTS 2017/2018

July 4 Bedfont Sports (a) W 2-1 Eisa 2
July 8 Fulham (h) W 1-0 Kearney
July 11 Slough Town (a) D 2-2 Fitchett, Harwood
July 18 Maidenhead Utd (h) 1-1 Green
July 22 Reading (h) W 6-1 Benyon 2 (Ipen), Eisa 2, Hippolyte-Patrick, Anastasiou
July 29 Hitchin Town (a) W 4-2 Eisa, Tiryaki, Green, Fitchett



Our club's excellent progress on the pitch and ever increasing attendances mean we are now looking to strengthen our matchday support team. In particular, we are looking to add to our matchday steward team, with the possibility of gaining nationally recognised qualifications (such as Level 2 or 3 NVQ in Spectator Safety) through our partners Total Hospitality Training.

You'll be contributing to the progress of your club and learning transferable skills in health and safety, security and customer services; while strengthening your CV at the same time.

It doesn't have to be every match, but it would be great if we could increase our pool of available people to ensure our spectators have an enjoyable matchday experience and enhance our club's growing reputation for professionalism.

If you're interested to learn more about what is involved and how you can benefit, please speak to me.

Steve Marshall, Matchday Operations Manager