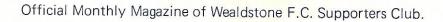
Wealdstone Whispers



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Today marks another milestone in the history of Wealdstone F.C. Supporters Club - publication day of the very first issue of our own magazine. The task of undertaking this ambitious venture has fallen on a small band of our Committee members, and to these people I would like to offer my sincere thanks.

As President of the Supporters Club, I would like to re-iterate our aims and ambitions. The uppermost thoughts in our minds is to provide our own Clubhouse, where we can meet and talk, and have a drink. We shall also be able to hold our own social events and dances, etc. but to do this successfully, we have first got to build up our membership in order to raise the necessary funds. To those of you who have not yet joined us, I urge you to do so NOW. After all, the annual subscription is only a modest 10p per year which I am sure will not break the bank of any of us. This entitles you to travel on the coaches to away matches, with full insurance cover to and from the match. Several clubs in our Division can boast of a membership far in excess of our own, and we at Wealdstone do not like to be second best, for the facilities and potential we have here at Lower Mead Stadium merits a booming membership.

I know that the team is groing through a trying period, but name me one club which does not have these bad parches? After all, the true meaning of the word 'Supporter' is to stick with the team at all times, good or bad, and that is what we know you are capable of doing. We're lucky in having a grand crowd to watch us - all we would like is, of course, more of you, and for you to join the Club. Although I have no doubt it has been commented on in other pages, I would just like to point out that the transitional period from an amateur club to a professional one is bound to present problems, and teething troubles, and it is unreasonable to expect otherwise. Naturally enough, being human, we all crave for quick successes on the pitch, but I am quite confident they will come. And of course, professionalism brings administrative problems for the parent Club's Committee, and we are all learning, and feeling our way. Give us a chance, and I am sure we shall present the goods and get the crowds flocking back. Especially as several very strong new clubs have been elected to our Division for next season, meaning still more unknown and fresh faces as opposition,

So sit back and enjoy this publication, and then join us in making Wealdstone F.C. Supporters Club the greatest in the land.

On behalf of all our officials, committee, and members, we wish you the Compliments of the Season, and good watching next year,

TOM VERRALL, PRESIDENT.

STOP BEING PUZZLED!!!

On the opposite page, (No. 5) you may wonder what on earth the two first words "WELL STONED" mean; frankly, so have we..No. seriously that is one of the famous 'teething' troubles one hears so much about these days. It happened thus, as they say in the better-class mags. At the meeting Peter Fuller talks about on a previous page, ideas for a title for this publication were being bandied about, and one of the quartette, obviously incensed at something one of them remarked, exclaimed "Well, stone me" (it was that sort of a meeting -common lot they are) and some bright spark thought "WELL STONED", a derivative of that catch-phrase, was the ready-made title, having wit and originality. Being, you will have gathered by now, a parady on Wealdstone. And so, without further ado, the red button was pressed, and the giant presses began to roll. As the run was completed, the Editorial Consultant (who shall be nameless) heartessly vetoed the title. But, being a club without the resources of the Aga Khan, we felt we could not afford to waste 1,000 sheets of costly paper, and hence, have included the page in today's edition.

Because we advanced the publication date to today, therefore catching the Christmas trade (crafty lot) the artist booked to design an eye-catching cover had insufficient time to complete the task, and so with literally only hours to go, we were left without a cover. Which is rather like staging a football match without the ball. However, Harry Luck, a Vice-President of the Football Club, and principal of J, N, and H. Lock and Co. the Harrow Press, came to our aid at drastically short notice and produced the most attractive front cover clothing this magazine. The artist-designed cover will appear next month. But our thanks to Harry and his firm for a wonderful job.

So for all references to "WELL STONED" read "WEALDSTONE WHISPERS", OK?

WIN A FREE CINEMA TICKET

As this is the season of goodwill to all men, we are making a munificent gesture! To the first two people who enrol 12 new members for the Supporters Club will go a free ticket each for the ABS Cinema, Harrow, for any evening of their choice. All you have to do is to write the names and addresses, and indicate if over 16, of the 12 people and send, with the 10p subscription, i.e. a total of £1.20 to the Club Secretary, Miss Barbara Robson, 30 Stanley Road, SOUTH HARROW. Don't ferget to add your own name and address so that your ticket can be forwarded to you. There is no closing date—the two tickets will go to the FIRST letter opened containing 12 new members.

GET SWINGING ...

On the back page, you will see we are holding a New Year Disco. in the Social Club on January 6th (Thursday) from 7-30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dancing to the Lively Lads Disco. and a great evening is assured for only 35p. There will be refreshments consisting of Christmas fare, and the bar will be open until 10-30 p.m. Tickets are on sale on the ground today, and will also be available next Tuesday, when we are at home to Hampton (7-30) in the Premier Midweek League. There are only 150 tickets available, so buy today to avoid disappointment.

WHY WE ARE HERE - OR, HOW IT ALL BEGAN...

"WELL STONED" began on recent Monday evening when four of the Supporters Club Committee, namely Sheila Pope, Ray Fuller, Ray Corner and Laurie Trott, met to discuss arrangements for a New Year Discotheque. If you think this NEWSLETTER does not look much like a Discotheque, please don't be alarmed; it's not meant to! We were talking in general terms of the need to pull our Supporters together by means of various social activities when Sheila suggested that perhaps the best way to do this was through a light-hearted magazine for, and about, our Supporters. So while we drank our way steadily through Sheila's excellent coffee (and, alas, stronger beverages), we all agreed that this was a great idea. We were'nt even daunted by the fact that such an operation can be most time-consuming, and so here we are!

The basic idea is to provide a monthly magazine for you, the Supporters. We hope to make a blend of interesting facts, articles and news about the Club, with plenty of gossip and idle chatter. You will find rary of these features in this first issue, but of course, we want subsequent issues to be bigger and better. And this is where you come in...For this is YOUR magazine, and it will not be a success unless YOU are involved. So we want every single chatty item you can come up with. For instance, would you like to send congratulations to a fellow 'Stones Supporter on his or her birthday; anniversary; new job; new car; happy event or anything of interest.People are news, no matter how trivial it may seem to you, so let us hear from you. We can all have a lot of fun together.

The address to write to is: Mr. Laurie Trott, Kingsfield Arms, Bessberough Road, Harrow, Middx.

It goes without saying that we want your comments, ideas, and suggestions. Despite Laurie's address, he is not an alcoholic (Athough he says unless the team improves rapidly he may become one) and all letters, etc. will receive the attention they deserve. SO IT IS LARGELY UP TOLYOU TO MAKE "WELL STONED" A SUCCESS.

Oh, yes. Incidentally, we DID arranage a New Year Discotheque as well! Read on for all the details.

PETER FULLER

THIS IS ABOUT US...YOUR EDITORIAL STAFF!!

There are four of us behind this NEWSLETTER, and so you know whom to complain to (or congratulate) we offer the following simple facts...

RAY CORNER.

Started supporting Wealdstone after seeing them defeat Stevenage 6-5 in 1965. Works as a dairyman at Express Dairies, Ruislip. Apart from watching Wealdstone, loves sea-fishing. Aged 31, married with three boys, and is undecided about having eight more to field his own team. (Feels Mrs. C. might think this is doing just too much for the 'Stones) ... Member of Lower Mead Social Club, and as been on Supporters Club Committee since the start of this season.

PETER FULLER. First watched Wealdstone at the age of 5 (rather more than five years ago despite what he says). Joined Supporters Club Committee in 1967 and is their Publicity Officer. Admits to having been a regular at the ground for six years and has lived in Harrow all his life. Employed at Kodak in the Promotion and Services Department. Very keen on photography. Complains that he has nt got many pictures of Wealdstone's goals. (Who has?). Perhaps they're Collectors items! Manages Underhill Athletic FC and has one of those toffee-nosed hobbies - railway preservation.

LAURIE TROTT. Lived at the Kingsfield Public House, Harrow, all his life, which explains why his bottle as a baby had funny brown stuff in instead of milk... Been a regular supporter since 1964, and joined the Committee exactly a year ago. Aged 17, is going in for Cost Accountancy at Winsor and Newton. Other hobbies listed as fishing and reading. Says he is one of life's big failure's as a driver, but time is on his side. Like Peter and Ray, is an indefatigable worker for Wealdstone, and neber known to miss a home or away match.

SHEILA POPE.

Probably the only Wealdstone supporter who has never seen a match! Became interested at start of this season, and serves in the Emslie end tea bar. Asked colleague Julie Verrall only recently which side was Wealdstone, and now confines her activities to serving tea and coke! Husband is PRO to the Football Club. Runs an Employment Agency in Kenton. Says her Office Manageress thinks it should be the CluB's office as all she hears about is Wealdstone: Was once a swimming champion until too many cigerettes, and the odd glass of the hard stuff made her wonder where the breath went... Joined Supporters Committee six weeks ago.

NO RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND WRITS FOR SLANDER, DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER, AND/OR LIBEL WILL DEFINITELY NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

FOOTBALL CLUB SAYS "WELL DONE!"

On behalf of the Football Club, we offer our sincere congratulations to our energetic Supporters Club on their initiative in bringing out this first issue of a regular monthly Newsletter. We feel that this is an extremely worthwhile enterprise, for without a doubt, this is the age of communication, and we wish it the success it richly deserves. Few football clubs can exist these days without an enthusiastic Supporters Club, and we at Lower Mead Stadium are lucky in having such a fine associated body, who give the parent club so much valued help in so many ways. Please don't ever feel that your work is going un-noticed. It is'nt, you know, even though you may be a behind-the-scenes worker. May your Newsletter flourish and prosper, for we are all, no matter to which body we belong, working for one common goal - the success of WEALDSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB. We shall watch the Newsletter's progress with interest...

FRANK HARBUD Acting Chairman WEALDSTONE F.C.

NO LIMIT TO OUR POTENTIAL, SAYS MANAGER

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Mr. Alan Humphries, the Club's team manager, writes: Football managers are frequently highly unpopular with the fans, and I have no doubt at all that there have been times this season when some of you would have liked to have done me a mischief! But we take it all in the right spirit, and obviously we all want to support a winning team. For me, Wealdstone FC is a great club, and it will not be for want of trying if we do not achieve the success it deserves. I am delighted to hear of the Supporters Club's new venture, and can assure you of the support of all the playing staff. You know, it makes a lot of difference to the boys to know there is a lively Supporters Club behind them, for they need you as much as you need them. As I have said in the past, I am only too pleased to talk to Supporters, and if this magazine serves to improve the link between us all, then nothing but could can come from it. We all like to feel involved with our job, or hobby as the case may be, and I really believe that WEALDSTONE FC is going to go places. Your Newsletter is another step in the right direction, for there is virtually no limit to the potential at Lower Mead Stadium. Good luck, and you can count on all of us in the dressing room for support!

This is going to be YOUR page (or two pages of necessary). This is where you can wish your friends 'Happy Birthday', or congratulate them on any notable achievement (such as escaped decorating the lounge to watch the 'Stones or giving up smoking). Anything which makes a personal gossip item will be welcome, so keep your ears to the ground (or terraces) and let Laurie Trott know at the Kingsfield Arms P.H. Bessborough Road, Harrow.

It is committeeman Joe Irvine's birthday on December 27th. Happy birthday, Joe, and long may you occupy the back seat on the coach to away games. Joe's been going for so long now, we ought to charge him rent for the seat, as well as his fare!

Another committeeman birthday. Vice-President Sam Burrows finally admitted that December 10th was his happy day, and although he is coy about it, there is no truth in the story that he watched the 'Stones win the Amateur Cup from his mother's arms...

Just to scotch another malicious story going the rounds: coach driver Norman did NOT get a speeding ticket when he took us to Barnet last month.

One recent Saturday, Dave Swain was observed carrying a Wealdstone FC Wembley 1966 holdall, but Mickey Brown and the boys insist Dave bought it cheap at a bric-a-brac shop.

Long-standing supporter Nick Bolton is currently confined to Maida Vale hospital. We understand that Nick may by now have been moved to Mount Vernon, Northwood to continue treatment. We, and all his many friends, wish him a speedy and complete recovery, and look forward to welcoming him to the ground again soon. GOOD LUCK, NICK!

STOP PRESS... Just heard that the Club's Publicity Officer Peter Fuller was 23 on December 14th. What a thing it is to be young!! If, as some say, Peter is round-shouldered it is because his scarf boasts more club badges than most shops have...

In the Addlestone match, Mickey Brown blasted twice in quick succession over the cinema end stand, and a group of supporters good-naturedly chided him. "If you don't want to watch me, why did'nt you stay home and watch Casanova on the box even though I'm better looking" quipped Mickey.

On a sober note, midfield man Dixie Hale has been playing under a handicap recently, for his young son has been ill. Hale junior often comes to watch Dad play, and we all wish that he gets better soon.

ARE YOU ON THE BALL??

Here is a fairly simple quiz to test your knowledge of Wealdstone and the football world in general. The prize for the first correct answer opened will be a Premier Bond worth £1. Please note that this competition can only be open to members of the Supporters Club, but of course, members of the committee are ineligible! The answers and prize winner will be announced in next month's issue.

- QUESTION 1. Who scored the first goal in the 1966 Amateur Cup Final. Player's name and team required.
- QUESTION 2. Which was the first team ever to win an Amateur Cup Final at Wembley in their first appearance in the competition?
- QUESTION 3. Who was Wealdstone's top scorer in the 1970/71 season?
- QUESTION 4. Name 13 players that were signed for Wealdstone at the beginning of THIS season.
- QUESTION 5. Who knocked Wealdstone out of the Middlesex Senior Cup LAST season; what was the score; and who scored Wealdstone's goals?

ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON THE ENTRY FORM BELOW, AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS JANUARY 7th, 1972. SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO:

MR. LAURIE TROTT, THE KINGSFIELD ARMS, BESSBOROUGH ROAD, HARROW, MIDDX.

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Send completed form to: Mr. Laurie Trott, The Kingsfield Arms, Bessborough Road, HARROW, MIDDX. CLOSING DATE JANUARY 7th, 1972.

JOTTINGS FROM HERE AND THERE...

Manager Alan Humphries is always willing to meet groups of supporters to hear their points of view. But, seeing that he is a typical blunt-speaking Yorkshireman (and proud of it) he will insist that you listen to his, too! a long session...

Hear that Ray Corner's youngest son is one year old on Christmas Day. He says he does'nt mind, as it means a double ration of presents. Ray must have had a choese sandwich lunch when his wife was otherwise engaged a year ago:

Football Club treasurer Harry Benjamin was a judge at a beauty contest the other day. Had he got any, Harry's hair would have stood up on end when they paraded the talent in front of him. His south voice whispler to a fellow judge that No. so-and-so had got legs like Dave Cockell brought the house down. Incidentally Harry, in his capacity as Sports Tour Organiser with Travelux (Kenton) Ltd, uses 'planes like most people use buses. Only this week, he hopped to Majorca for the day to settle a travel problem because he could'nt understand the Spanish telephone operator!

A reminder that the Supporters Club shop is now in full swing opposite the main stand. By the time your next visit to the ground comes round, we shall have a smart Club flag flying proudly alongside it. Among the goodies on sale there are club ties and scarves, and a host of other items. A scarf or tie would make an excellent Christmas present, would nt it?

If you have ever wondered why the seat each side of Football Club chairman Frank Harbud in the Directors' Box is invariably empty it is because our indefatigable chairman relives every single move out there on the pitch, and one is apt to catch a nasty one from flailing arms and legs.

Plenty of people have had a moan about the ground's loudspeaker system, and the terrible reproduction. We hear the installation firm have inspected it Live-wire Peter Fuller really was 'alive' when holding on how much work was required. became alive with 250 volts. Luckily the switch was 'off' and his expletive 'damn' was not heard all round the ground.

Did you know that Mickey Brown, Ray Whittaker and Eddie Presland were all members of the Colchester United side during 1970?

Just as this page went to press (oh. well, it SOUNDS professional) we heard that Alan Humphries had agreed to write an article for every issue, starting in January. Part of it will be devoted to answering supporters questions, so if you have any specific question to raise, send it to Laurie It in his next article. Don't pull any punches, but PLEASE, have the courage to attach your name and address to the question, as names make news, as they

PLAYERS' PROFILES NO.1: MICKEY BROWN (CAPTAIN)

Forthright Mickey Brown, who believes in speaking his mind, was quickly made club captain, is top goal scorer, and has endeared himself to us all by his wonderful ball control and shooting ability. 'Stones supporters were quick to recognise his undoubted ability. But equally important, is that Mickey regards Wealdstone, in his own words, as 'the best club I've ever played for. I have never been so happy with a club, and the potential here at Lower head Stadium is terrific' he says.

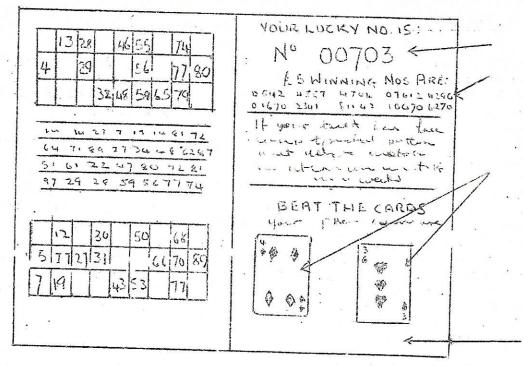
Mickey, a likable type with a very keen - and sometimes sardonic - sense of humour, despite the rather bland exterior he presents to the world, lives in North Harrow, and freely admits that he finds training a bind. 'Naturally I never miss a session - Alan would see to that - but I find it a chore, and I wished I could keep in form without it! But it's necessary and that's that" he says. Did you know, by the way, that Mickey excells at cricket and athletics? In 1960, at Shrewsbury, he was second in the final of the All-England Schools 110 yards sprint final, and in the two previous years reached the semi-final. He has also played county cricket for Berks and Bucks, and is pretty adept at most ball games.

Born on April 11th, 1944, Mickey Brown has made a magnificent recovery from a severe Achilles tendon injury which nearly cut short his career. He spent some time in hospital, and was out of the game for a year, and this, luckily for Wealdstone, obviously blighted a promising and lengthy League career. Apart from Eddie Presland, he has had more League experience than any of our first-team squad, and scored 13 goals for Millwall in their promotion season to the third division. He spent three seasons at the Den after nearly four years at Fulham, where he appeared in the League side at the age of 17. He was, in fact, only the second apprentice professional ever to be chosen for Millwall's first X1. After Fulham, he spent three season's with Colchester, where he scored many goals for the first team, and where he still was when his injury intervened. He recalls with a smile the time his side lost 14-1 to Fulham Juniors. The records show that M.Brown scored the lone goal!

How did he arrive at Lower Mead Stadium? He decided his injury had healed sufficiently for him to start seeking another club. He did actually spend a month at Romford, but found it not to his liking, and eventually ex-Spurs star Terry Medwin recommended him to Alan Humphries who, by the way, he had never previously met. And so he was among the first players to sign a professional contract with us last summer.

Mickey stresses to Supporters not to expect too much the first season. 'Hardly any of us had even met socially before last August, and when a club turns professional, it takes a good season to adjust, and to get the right blend. Naturally, we all want instant success, but that usually only happens in books. We shall well hold our own in the Southern League this season, and I'm confident next season will be different".

KNOW YOUR BINGO TICKETS



THIS IS YOUR LUCKY NO. TO CHECK IT YOU LOOK AP THESE NUMBERS

If these 2 cards
total more than 18
you have won a cash
prize. Claim from
your Agent. Picture
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If 'Free Comp.' is printed here write name/address on ticket and return

These Bingo tickets are issued weekly. There are 1,192 different ways of winning - not bad, and all for 5p! They are available from appointed Agents around the ground every Saturday. The left hand side of the ticket is where you actually play 'Bingo'. The two Bingo cards printed at the tap and bottom are checked from the numbers printed in the middle; for instance and the top card in this case the first number is 4. One locks along the lines until one finds the number 4. If it is not there one need not check any further, as to win one has to get a 'full house' on either card.

So please do your bit, and invest a 'bob' (or 5p) to support the Club and stand an excellent chance of winning a magnificent prize.

Regarding the above tickets, you will have read, perhaps, some adverse publicity in the 'PEOPLE' regarding what the paper alleges is 'fiddling' in some clubs' schemes. Wealdstone's promoter, Mr. Jack Howland, has written to the Editor of the 'People' urging him to send his investigators to Lower Mead so that they can see for themselves that there is no 'fiddle' in our scheme. It is representatives have also been invited to today's Free Draw, and available anything appertaining to the scheme that they would like to see. ACCEPT OUR INVITATION, says Mr. Howland. And, as we are sure you will agree, nothing can be fairer than that.

AMBITIOUS PROMOTIONAL SCHEMES PLANNED

COLIN POPE, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER TO THE FOOTBALL CLUB, WRITES:

I am grateful to the Editors of this magazine for giving me the chance of bringing to your early notice one or two important schemes now in the pine-line which will have a two-fold purpose: to boost the Football Club's finances and to achieve very valuable publicity.

Firstly, a Target Golf Competition on the ground is being discussed, and these have proved vastly successful for many varied sports clubs and plans to meet a commercial sponsor are now well in hand. We expect to have five International class golfers - including several Ryder Cup men - playing for a substantial cash prize, and all the action will take place in front of the main stand. This is one of the many schemes in the mind of team manager Alan Humphries, and both he and myself have seen these golf competitions at many different venues, and all have been highly successful, both as a spectacle for the onlookers, and as a method of raising substantial revenue. Details, as and when they become available, will be announced in the match programme.

Secondly, preliminary investigations have already been made with a view to holding a full-scale Pop Concert at Lower Mead Stadium during this coming close season. An internationally-renowned Group would appear as the main feature, with supporting music groups, and the whole show might well last eight hours. When I say that promotion costs could exceed £5,000 you will see that we hope to go into this in a big way, and it is a very reasonable hope that there would be Television and Radio coverage. But whether or not we are able to go ahead depends on many things; sufficient to say that if we are permitted to, then we shall...

On all sides, we are repeatedly told that Wealdstone FC has tremendous potential, owning, as it does, its own ground in such a prime spot and worth a King's Ransom. The Club is conscious of this, and never forgets that it is largely in this happy position because of the wisdom and foresight of those who have served before. Consequently, ways and means of adding to this rich potential are always in the forefront, but of course, we come back to the same old problem which has faced us all at one time or another - ready cash. But in any event, it is recognised that first and foremost must come a successful team. Success breeds success; gives everyone the urge to just do that little bit more for the Club and creates a tidal wave of enthusiasm which spreads like the ripples on a pond. And so I am not (I hope!) revealing any inner santum secrets by revealing that the New Year will not be very old beforea massive campaign gets under way to strengthen the team for next season. Already a lot of definite action has been taken to ensure that we shall have a very good side next season - and if we don't, then quote this page to me in 12 months time! Something tells me I shall not have to withdraw very much...

I was lucky enough to have a preview of this first issue, and I am sure you will agree that it is an excellent first attempt. I'm told future issues will be far newsier, and even bigger. It's a huge step forward, and I can only hope that the people responsible are repaid for their efforts by a really big circulation.

DOON'T FORGET THIS DATE!!!!

THURSDAY JANUARY 6TH, 1972.

SENSATIONAL SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEW YEAR DISCOTHEQUE
IN THE SOCIAL CLUB

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1972, 7-30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

DANCING TO "THE LIKELY LADS"

DISCO.

Licensed Bar.

Refreshments

ALL FOR 35 PENCE...

TICKETS ON SALE TODAY (DEC. 18) AT CLUB OFFICE, SHOP, SOCIAL CLUB, OR ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

LIMITED to 150 so HURRY! HURRY! HURRY;

Have a great night out, and support the Club ...