

# wealdstone football club

first winners of the non-league double



2008-2009  
season



## view from the vale



### BIG BEN STRIKES

Ben Alexander (left) and  
Chris O'Leary celebrate our  
2nd goal against Watford in  
the sparkling pre-season  
win here at Grosvenor Vale

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SATURDAY AUGUST 16th, 2008, KO 3PM  
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**WEALDSTONE v  
TONBRIDGE ANGELS**



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# TODAYS LINE-UP

## THE MATCH

### Wealdstone v Tonbridge Angels

Blue/White      Red

Sean <b>THOMAS</b> <b>1</b>	Lee <b>WORGAN</b>
Marvin <b>McCOY</b> <b>2</b>	Lewis <b>HAMILTON</b>
Alan <b>MASSEY</b> <b>3</b>	Simon <b>GLOVER</b>
James <b>GRAY</b> <b>4</b>	Tommy <b>TYNE</b>
Carl <b>MARTIN</b> <b>5</b>	Leon <b>LEGGE</b>
Ryan <b>ASHE</b> <b>6</b>	James <b>DONOVAN</b>
Kieron <b>FORBES</b> <b>7</b>	John <b>WESTCOTT</b>
Chris <b>O'LEARY</b> <b>8</b>	Jamie <b>CADE</b>
Ben <b>ALEXANDER</b> <b>9</b>	Ade <b>OLORUNDA</b>
Stephen <b>HUGHES</b> <b>10</b>	Carl <b>ROOK</b>
Graeme <b>MONTGOMERY</b> <b>11</b>	Fraser <b>LOGAN</b>
Lee <b>CHAPPELL</b> <b>12</b>	Tim <b>OLORUNDA</b>
Dean <b>PAPALI</b> <b>14</b>	Phil <b>STARKEY</b>
Derek <b>QUAYE</b> <b>15</b>	Luke <b>PISCINA</b>
Nick <b>SALAPATAS</b> <b>16</b>	Charlie <b>SHARMAN</b>
Luke <b>WOODS</b> <b>17</b>	Ashley <b>DANN</b>

Referee: Alf Field

Assistants: Michael Barnes & Michael O'Keefe

MATCH SPONSORS: Emma Bailey & Mike Kane

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MANAGEMENT: *First X1 Manager: Gordon Bartlett Assistant: Leo Morris Coach: Mark Gill, PHYSIO TEAM: James Smith, Gary Strudwick RESERVE TEAM MANAGEMENT: Phil Ralston, John Moran GOALKEEPER COACH: Tony Jones WFC and Pinnacle U18s: Mickey Johnson YOUTH & STANMORE COLLEGE COACHES: Steve Beeks, Tracy Kevins, Adrian Creamer, Andy Standford FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCOUT: John Moran*



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## Major Honours since 1950

- 1951-52**  
Athenian League  
Champions
- 1958-59, 1962-63,  
1964-65**  
Middlesex Senior Cup  
Winners
- 1965-66**  
FA Amateur Cup  
Winners
- 1967-68**  
Middlesex Senior Cup  
Winners
- 1973-74**  
Southern League  
Division One South  
Winners
- 1981-82**  
Southern League  
Champions and  
Southern League Cup  
Winners
- 1984-85**  
Football Conference  
Champions, FA  
Trophy Winners &  
Middlesex Senior Cup  
Winners
- 1996-97**  
Isthmian League  
Division 3 Winners
- 1997-98**  
Promoted from  
Isthmian League  
Division 2 (3rd)
- 2003-04**  
Middlesex Charity  
Cup Winners  
and promoted to  
Isthmian League  
Premier Division  
(via play-off)

# Let's seize the day with vision and hope

It's hard to believe today has finally come around.. after 17 years of nomadic wandering, our beloved Stones are finally playing a competitive match in a place we can call home. And doesn't it feel good! A huge vote of thanks is due, first of all, to the board for having the vision, just six months ago, to seize the opportunity of taking on the debts and lease of Ruislip Manor FC. And then of course, it was a herculean effort by the hardy band of fans (and officials) to transform the dilapidated Grosvenor Vale into the stadium you see today.

Okay, it's not the Emirates Stadium or the new Wembley, or even Lower Mead but you won't find anyone walking around without a big smile on their face since that magnificent opening night a few weeks ago. I'm one of those who was unable to help with the groundworks, painting and overhaul of the ground during the summer. All I had seen were updated photographs of the progress on the club's website... so you can imagine my joy at arriving at a sparkling Vale for the Watford friendly. I was bowled over at the change since the Field of Dreams game in early May.

Staggered at the amount of work that has gone on... new hardstanding laid; crush barriers installed; terrific new signage; state-of -the-art goals and nets; renovated changing and physio

rooms; everywhere benefitting from the sort of TLC that hasn't been lavished on this ground for decades.

It was a great bonus, of course, that the 800-odd crowd were treated to such an exhilarating game. Well, first half anyway as three goals rocketed into the Gun Turret End net to get the Wealdstone feelgood factor up and running. And great to see our new signing, former Spurs junior David Hicks, grabbing the historic first goal at the Vale with a tremendous 25-yard strike. Although it made me feel a bit ancient as my eldest daughter Charlotte was a classmate of his at Chace School in Enfield!

That goal was followed by an equally good swivel and smash by Ben Alexander before Watford's French defender Cedric Aveline completed the scoring with an own goal just before the break... and the new ground is already turning up a few strange statistics as we have yet to score in the Grosvenor Vale end net.

Yes, it's true... the Hampton friendly finished goalless and, against Hemel Hempstead last Saturday we were again unable to hit the target at that end. The Gun Turret goal was again seeing lots of action however, with Steve Hughes and Ryan Ashe both smashing in contenders for the Goal of the Season in the second half.

If you fancy seeing Ashley's goal, incidentally, our winger Nick Salapatas has his performances videoed and they can be watched on his own website. A bit of a first as far as I am aware... and you can also view the Sky Sports footage of the Watford game on YouTube. Splendid ironic commentary too! But that was then, and this is now...

Today is another huge occasion for Wealdstone Football Club as we welcome Tonbridge Angels, their officials and supporters for our first true home game since April 1991. The Kent side have been one-off rivals ever since we turned professional in 1971 and will be formidable opposition this afternoon. They completed the double over us last season and were one of the most impressive sides to visit Chestnut Avenue, beating us 3-1 when we in the middle of a decent spell.

Our journey to the Longmead Stadium had ended in bitter disappointment in November when Tonbridge snatched two late goals (the second after our keeper Sean Thomas had been carried off) to take all three points after Ben Alexander had put us in a

commanding position. This was also Alan Massey's last game of his loan spell... no doubt he and Sean will be out for revenge today.

The Stones have a really tough start, in fact, as we face three of the form sides in the opening week. After today we go to Short Lane, Ashford on Tuesday night—a ground where we were beaten with embarrassing ease last season—and then to Billericay Town next Saturday, another stadium where we have never won. But this is a new era! Hope spring eternal and we hope to see hundreds of blue & white-clad fans on our travels in the next few weeks as the Stones march on to glory.

A big welcome to today's Match Sponsors. Emma Bailey and Mike Kane will have the pleasure of the Directors attention for this special game, and I hope they enjoy the pampering this afternoon. Thanks also go to Howard Kraiss for sponsoring the Match ball. I hope you all bring us luck!

Enjoy the game today and see you back here on Bank Holiday Monday, August 25 (3pm) when we face Boreham Wood.

*Tim Parks*

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

A lot of things have happened over the last 17 years without a home to call our own and the saddest of these is the loss we have all shared with the many supporters who have passed on. Some were very old and some died along while before their time should have been up. I am not going to mention names as, is always the case, I will miss someone out, but you, on the terraces today, know who those fans were.

So at 2.59pm today the club ask you to celebrate those lives with a FULL minutes applause in recognition of those fans who cannot be here today or any day other than in our hearts. I am sure a few of them will be looking down on us with broad smiles!

After the game come and join us for a few jars in the clubhouse as we will be toasting to absent friends throughout the night,  
Up the Stones,

*El Presidente*



### WEALDSTONE FC Ground Regulations

People are only allowed entry to Grosvenor Vale on match days subject to the following rules and regulations. The club reserves the right to eject from the ground any person who is considered to have committed any of the following acts:

- Entering the ground by any means other than through the turnstiles or entrances.
- Entering the field of play before, during or after a game without prior authorisation.
- Being drunk, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Carrying items which may be considered a danger to others, including cans, bottles or drinking glasses containing alcoholic beverages.
- Throwing any article onto the field of play.
- Climbing floodlight pylons, fences, stands or any structure or building.
- Using obscene or offensive language like to cause offence to others.
- Using violence of any nature.

The consumption of alcoholic drinks is permitted **INSIDE** the social club bar and board room areas.

## CHAIRMAN HOW



# This is only the start of things...

A new season, a new home and a new era for Wealdstone Football Club and so I can say a warm welcome to everyone to Grosvenor Vale.

When writing these articles, it is very easy to provide the usual platitudes about all the work people have done over the summer and then to dive straight into the hopes and aspirations of a new season.

But this has been no ordinary summer. Sometimes I think it is important to take a moment or two and reflect on what we have achieved. Remember what the state of Grosvenor Vale was like? I had the somewhat dubious pleasure of being involved in the 'Field of Dreams' event in May and I know from first hand experience how poor the pitch was. The rest of the 'stadium' (if you could call it that) was not much better.

Just look around you to see the difference. Sure it

is still fairly basic, sure there is still plenty to do but perhaps most importantly of all it feels like home. And it has been a long time since we could say that.

So well done to everyone involved. I'm sure much of this programme will be reflecting on everything that has gone on. I'm not going to list names - but to all those who have been involved in whatever capacity...I hope that today is just reward for all your efforts.

Tonbridge are welcome visitors today and will provide a stern test with many tipping them to be there or thereabout this year. Good luck to them, I hope they enjoy the festivities while they are our guests.

We also welcome Alan Turvey, the Chairman of the Ryman League. We are grateful to the league for all their advice and guidance over the past few months.

It was a great moment when Roger Reed officially confirmed our C grading last Sunday, saying how impressed he was with what we have achieved.

The Ryman League has rightly put their full support behind the FA's Respect programme. Included in the changes we will need to get used to this season are the Respect handshake between the two sets of teams and the officials at the start of the game, the referee talking mainly to the captains and also (and it's about time too) a board held up at the 90 minute mark showing how much injury time will be played.

We have gone to great lengths this summer to start to win back a new generation of supporters, merging the Wealdstone Juniors with the old Ruislip Manor Juniors, and affiliating with Ruislip Rangers and Pinner United. You will hear more

## Chairman's Blog 'The Electric Chair'

[howiejk.wordpress.com/](http://howiejk.wordpress.com/)

## SPONSORSHIP & DONATIONS

### Matchday Sponsors: The package gives you...

4 Admission Tickets that also include seats in the Director's Area of the Main Stand.

4 Complimentary matchday programmes.

Nibbles and drinks prior, during (half time) and post the game in the Match Day Lounge with a Wealdstone FC host to look after you.

Your name, or the name of your organisation, will feature prominently in the programme as well as the Club website- especially in the lead up to the game, and will be announced over the PA system to the crowd. You will meet the Wealdstone FC manager before the game and nominate the 'Man of the Match' at full time. Ask for Pete Worby at the game.

A great thanks to all of whom came forward last season. They have every reason to feel proud in supporting their great club.

about these arrangements as the season progresses, but we hope to see a big upsurge in the number of kids who start attending our games, together with their parents.

As part of our new era we welcome West One as our new sponsors, as well as Macron our new kit suppliers. Among the people taking on new roles at the Club over the summer we welcome back Dennis Byatt who is working with Tracey Jones on the commercial

side, and also Phil Ralston and Lesley and Tony Jones, our new reserves management team. Also Gary and Deo in the physio department, and Andy Burrows who has agreed to become our new Operations Manager and Mark Lloyd our Juniors Liaison Manager.

As ever we still have some vacancies so if anyone is interested in getting involved in the Club particularly in the areas of company secretary or safety officer then I'd be delighted

to hear from you.

17 years have passed since we last played a proper home game. I imagine we will have a player playing this season who was born after that last game at Lower Mead. It has been too long. Whatever the result today, this is only the start. Let's hope for as big a season on the pitch as we have already enjoyed off it.

*Howard Kraiss*  
Chairman

### Matchball Donation

A traditional package for Individuals, businesses or friends that will give you the satisfaction of knowing you have paid for the ball that Wealdstone FC are banging into the net (or out of the ground).

This package gives you: 2 Admission Tickets to the Ground.

2 Complimentary programmes.

Nibbles and drinks prior, during (half time) and post the game in the Match Day Lounge with a Wealdstone FC host to look after you.

Your name will be inside the programme and you will receive a football signed by the Wealdstone FC team on the day to keep as a memento. Your name will also be featured on the Official Club Website leading up to the game. All this is possible for just £70.

If you or your organisation are interested in Donating the matchball for a Wealdstone FC Home Match then please contact Dennis Byatt (Commercial Manager) at [commercial.manager@wealdstone-fc.com](mailto:commercial.manager@wealdstone-fc.com) or by phone on 07811 04582

# Angels fly high

For the new season of 1948/49, the Southern League welcomed four new clubs, Chingford Town, Hastings United, Kidderminster Harriers and Tonbridge. This was a remarkable move for Tonbridge, as the idea of forming the club had only been raised ten months prior to the start of the 1948 season.

The founding of the club had been at the suggestion of local businessman Mr Herbert Portch and he became the club's first chairman. The club took out a lease on the Angel Ground, so named after an adjacent public house, which had previously been a home to Kent County Cricket Club, and being in the town centre, just two minutes walk from the railway station.

Fate threw together Tonbridge and Hastings United, both clubs making their Southern League debuts on August 21<sup>st</sup> 1948. Tonbridge netted first, a goal from Albert Robson, but the Sussex Club went on to win 2-1. Tonbridge's first season in the Southern League ended with an inauspicious third from bottom placing.

In the early seasons, The Angels, an obvious nickname did not blaze a trail in the League, but cup

competitions brought some cheer. In 1949/50 the club reached the Southern League Cup semi-finals, only to lose 3-2 to Colchester.

In three consecutive seasons, 1950/51, 1951/52, and 1952/53, Tonbridge advanced to the 1<sup>st</sup> Round Proper of the F.A. Cup, only to lose reach time in replays. Their opponents were Chelmsford City, Aldershot, and Norwich City respectively. The last match at Carrow Road, was settled by a late goal, which many thought should have been disallowed for off side. It was to be 14 years before the club again reached the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, where they lost 1-0 to Dagenham. Charlton Athletic, then in the old Division 3, were the F.A. Cup visitors to the Angel Ground in 1972, returning to The Valley as 5-0 victors.

Kent County competitions brought silverware to the Angel ground, by virtue of both the first and reserve teams, but in the wider based competitions, the club was fated to be "Cinderella". The Angel's Southern League Cup ambitions were snuffed out in two finals. 1954/55 by Yeovil, and 1956/57 by Hereford United.

The 60s and 70s were in the main, "run of the mill"

times, with occasional promotions matched by relegations. Some cup honours were attained, although nothing earth shattering, despite having some fine individual players and distinguished managers.

During 1975/1976 the club went into voluntary liquidation, Tonbridge Angels FC emerging from the chaos. Another major problem loomed soon after. The club's landlords, the local council, wanted the Angel ground for development. A battle in the High Courts ensued before the club was offered a new ground, its present home, at the north end of Tonbridge.

So what was begun by Albert Robson in 1948 was ended by Micky Angel, when he netted the last goal scored at the Angel Ground, during a 2-2 draw with Hounslow on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 1980. The remaining home fixtures for the season were played out on borrowed ground. Longmead Stadium staged its first game on August 18<sup>th</sup> 1980, a Southern League Cup match against Crawley Town watched by a crowd of 707.

Despite having a new home, finances proved a problem to the club. On field promise in the 80s

produced no real success apart from another Southern League Cup semi final appearance in 1987. Season 1988/89 proved to be a disaster. Finishing second from bottom, The Angels bade farewell to the Southern League after 40 years, and were relegated to the Kent League.

Despite being the best supported team in the Kent League, the championship, and with it a return to the Southern League, failed to materialise, although the Kent League Cup was lifted twice. 1992/93 was the year of the Angels. At last the title was won and the newly established reserves won the Kent League Division 2 Cup, and the Youth Team reached the Kent Youth Cup Final.

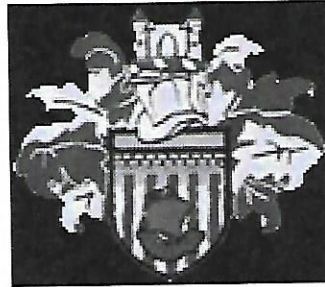
So in 1992/93, Tonbridge returned to the league which they had graced for so many years. Subsequent seasons have seen improvements both on and off the field. During the club's Kent League days, Longmead's record attendance for a competitive match was set when an F.A. Cup 4<sup>th</sup> Qualifying round match against Yeovil drew a crowd of 1,483. Season 1997/98 saw an attendance of 2,412 when the full Crystal Palace first team squad appeared for a charity match in aid of two local hospices, making March 30<sup>th</sup> 1998 a memorable evening in The Angels history.

During 2000/2001, new stands were erected behind each goal and plans are advanced for further ground

developments. Alan Walker was appointed manager at the start of season 2002/2003, and he left the club during season 2003/2004, being replaced by player manager Tony Dolby. The club then achieved a third place finish in the Southern League Eastern Division with a total of 88 points, being beaten for second place on goal difference by Histon. Mike Rutherford has joined the club as assistant manager. The club was relocated to the Isthmian League Premier Division at the start of season 2004/2005, but was relegated to the First Division at the end of the season.

At the start of season 2005/2006, Nick Sullivan was appointed as chairman of the club, which saw the club successfully promoted back to the Premier Division. The promotion was achieved via the play offs, with wins against Tooting & Mitcham, and Dover Athletic. The management team of Tommy Warrilow and Cliff Cant joined the club at the start of November, 2007, following the departure of Tony Dolby and Mike Rutherford.

A new ground record was set for the Longmead Stadium on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2008, when 2,281 attended our 2<sup>nd</sup> Round proper FA Trophy tie against AFC Wimbledon. During the summer of 2008, major development work has taken place at our Stadium, including the fitting of 720 new seats to our West Stand.



## The SQUAD

**JAMIE CADE (FORWARD)** – Joined to the club at the start of season 2008/09, having previously played for Lewes FC. Spent a month on loan with us during Season 2007/08.

**JAMES DONOVAN (DEFENDER)** – Joined the club at the start of season 2007/2008, having previously been with Margate.

**SIMON GLOVER (UTILITY)** – Joined the club towards the end of season 2007/08, having previously been with Bromley and Ashford Town (Kent).

**LEWIS HAMILTON (DEFENDER)** – Joined us at the start of season 2008/09, having previously been with Lewes FC. He can play in various defensive roles.

**LEON LEGGE (DEFENDER)** Again joined us at the start of season 2008/09, also having previously been with Lewes FC. Leon is a central defender.

**FRASER LOGAN (MIDFIELD)** – Fraser signed for us during the 2005-2006 season and immediately impressed with his crossing ability and pace. Can play wide, on the left or in an attacking role.

**TIM OLORUNDA (MIDFIELD)** – Joined us at the start of season 2008/09, having previously been with Hastings United.

**ADE OLORUNDA (FORWARD)**

# OPPOSITION

- Joined us at the same time as his brother Tim, he too have previously been with Hastings United.

**MICHAEL PHILLIPS (MIDFIELD)** - Joined the club during season 2007/08, have previously been with Ramsgate.

**LUKE PISCINA (FORWARD)** - Rejoined the club at the start of season 2008/09, having previously been with us for several seasons. He played for Sevonoaks Town and Dartford whilst away from the club.

**CARL ROOK (FORWARD)** - Joined the club during December, 2007, having previously been with Horsham.

**PHIL STARKEY (DEFENDER)** - Joined the club early in 2008 have previously been with Ebbsfleet United.

**ANTHONY STOREY (MIDFIELD)** - Originally joined the club on loan from Lewes during Season 2006/07, but signed on a permanent basis at the start of season 2007/08.

**TOMMY TYNE (FORWARD)** - Joined the club at the start of season 2007/08 having previously been with Dover Athletic.

**KIRK WATTS (FORWARD)** - Arrived at the club in the middle of season 2007/08, having previously been with Lewes FC.

**JOHN WESTCOTT (FORWARD)**. Joined the club in the middle of November, 2007, having previously been with Horsham.

**LEE WORGAN (GOALKEEPER)** - Signed for the club at the start of Season 2008/09, from Hastings United, having previously been with Wimbledon, Milton Keynes Dons Rushden & Diamonds and Cardiff City. Has represented Wales 5 times as an Under 21 International.

## WEALDSTONE'S RECORD

### V TONBRIDGE ANGELS

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#### Southern League

1972/73 (Div One Sth)	Home W1-0	Away L1-2
1974/75 (Prem Div)	Home W4-1	Away L0-1
1975/76 (Prem Div)	Home W2-1	Away D3-3
1981/82 (Sthn Div)	Home L1-2	Away W2-0
1993/94 (Sthn Div)	Home L1-2	Away L0-3
1994/95 (Sthn Div)	Home W3-2	Away W4-3

#### Isthmian League

2004/05 (Prem Div)	Home D1-1	Away W1-0
2007/08 (Prem Div)	Home L1-3	Away L1-2

#### F.A. Cup

1951/52 (4 <sup>th</sup> Qfy Rd)	Away L0-2
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#### Bryco Cup

2004/05 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Round)	Home W3-0
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## Soccer Line



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Please remember to call the Wealdstone FC Information Line on 09062 892011 this season—all calls cost 60p/minute at all times.

Exclusive updates and match feedback from Gordon Bartlett on line 3 (Managers section) remains a highly popular listen and we are grateful for GBs detailed and frank input after each match.

Wealdstone FC receives a regular and important income from calls via our provider so please keep calling and if you have any suggestions regarding this service, please call 01727 872675

## MATCH REPORT



# Stones see off the Hornet young guns

Aidy Boothroyd sent down a young and talented Watford side to help Wealdstone launch a new phase in their history with the first match to be played at their new permanent home at The

Wealdstone 3  
Watford XI 1

Vale, Ruislip. With the newly laid pitch looking like a billiard table, the surrounding stands and terracing neat and spruced up and the sun shining on a beautiful summer's evening, the stage was set perfectly for the occasion.

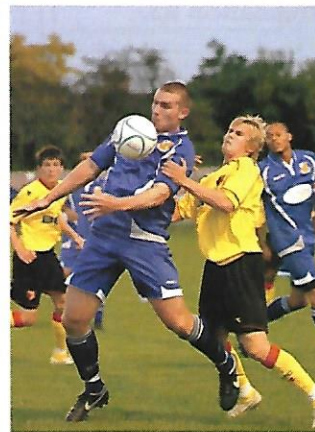
All the meaningful action occurred in the first half. The home side took the lead from a beautifully struck

shot from debutante, David Hicks. The Hornets came back strongly, playing some neat and attractive approach work, but were finding The Stones defenders James Gray and Alan



**Top: Dean Papali**  
**Left: Big Ben Alexander**  
**Right: Stephen Hughes**

**Photos by: Shane Dempsey**  
**of Harry O**



## MATCH REPORT

Massey in uncompromising mood. And when able to the Stones midfield broke quickly and effectively with the excellent Derek Quaye making some clever and incisive passes to forwards Ben Alexander and Dean Papali.

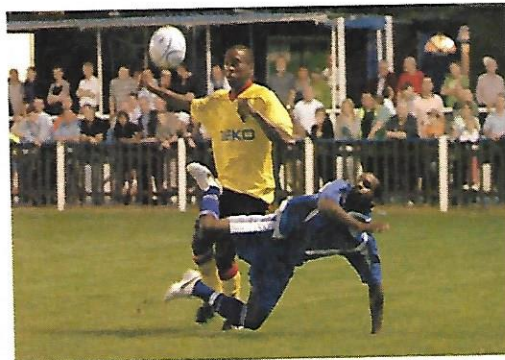
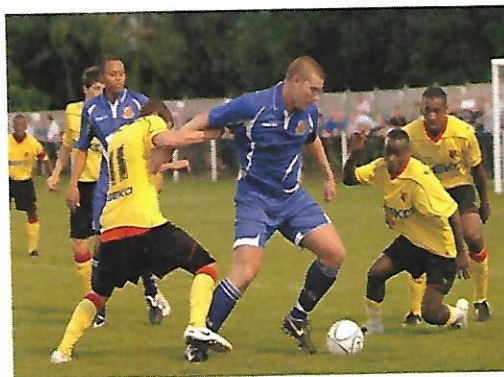
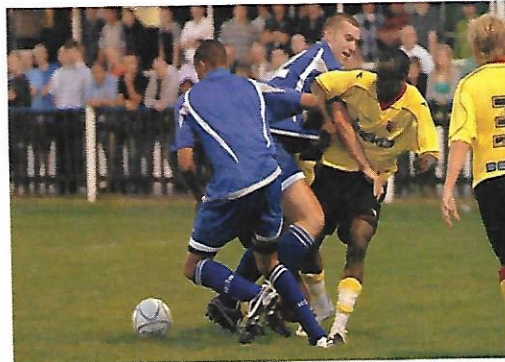
One such pass set up Alexander to send in a beautiful chip that beat keeper Scott Loach all ends up but just cleared the crossbar. Alexander was not to be denied and on 32 minutes a long throw from Lee Chappell was flicked on by Papali for Alexander to turn his defender and crash the ball into the net. This stung The Hornets into urgent action and Ashley Young's brother, Lewis, thumped in a bullet header from a left wing cross to get them back into the game. But in stoppage time The Stones fortuitously regained their two goal advantage when skipper Chris O'Leary skewed in a snap shot that crept into the corner of the net.

The second half saw the Championship side step up a gear and put the Stones under greater pressure, but apart from a couple of clever free kicks that just cleared the goal and a great header from Rob Kieran that almost shattered the post, Wealdstone held on for a hard earned win.

**Scorers: Wealdstone: David Hicks (7), Ben Alexander (32), Chris O'Leary (45)**  
**Watford: Lewis Young (58m)**  
**M.O.M: Derek Quaye (Wealdstone)**  
**Attendance: 837**

### Photos

**Top: O'Leary & Hughes.** You know it's association by the shape of the ball.  
**Middle: Hughes in the thick of it**  
**Bottom: First pic of Kieron Forbes,** with this acrobatic clearance



# Don't Forget — Golden Goals

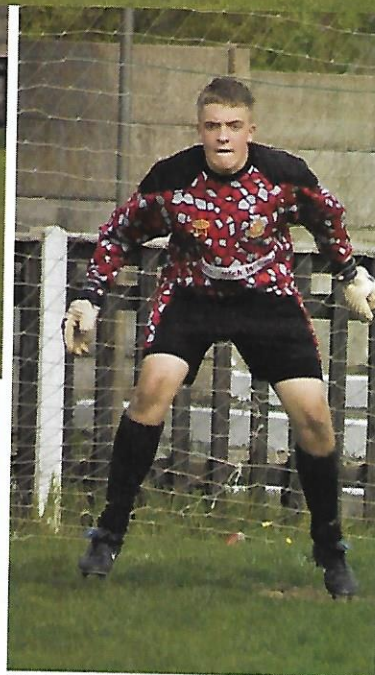
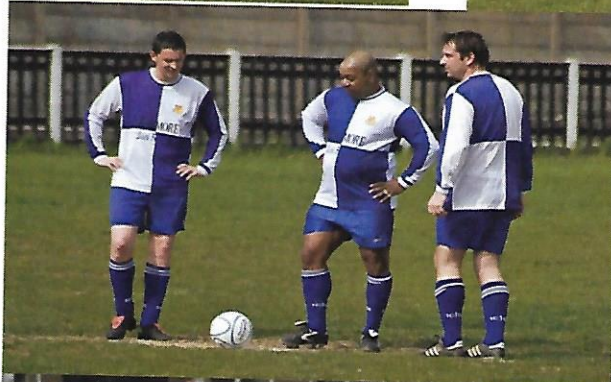
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## FIELD OF DREAMS

The last action at the 'old' Grosvenor Vale was the Field Of Dreams game on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May where a number of fans bid for their chance to play alongside a number of former Stones players. The smiles on faces made the day worthwhile – as the fans and players enjoyed a competitive 4-4 draw and a few beers afterwards in the bar.

Looking at the pictures on these two pages also shows what a transformation has taken place at The Vale in such a short time, which started with the pitch being dug up two days after the game and completely re-laid, as well as all the work carried out by the fans on the terraces, stands and general areas within the ground, so well done and thanks to all!



Thanks to Steve and Lee for the Pictures.....

Back Row; Byatt, Smith, Lloyd J, Bowgett, Rawal, Paull, Lamb, Ryan, Jones, Benning, Walker, Moore, Harrison,  
Parks, Lloyd D, Lynch, Kelly, Woolford, Strudwick, Khanna, Donellan, Cordice, Fox  
Front Row; Lindsay, Cross D, Kane, Elvery, Kraus, Schwartz, Evans, Barwick, Walton, Edwards, Cross R, Hill, Albert



# Montgomery on trial at Watford

Wealdstone FC Manager Gordon Bartlett has revealed this week that talented young winger **Graeme Montgomery** has been offered a trial with Watford FC following the friendly match staged between the two sides last week. Said Bartlett, 'Graeme has been invited over to Watford for a three day training stint and will then take part in a game with them. Aidy Boothroyd was impressed with Monty when we played them at the Vale and this is a great opportunity for him to make an impression and is a real confidence booster for Graeme at this stage of the season.'

Meanwhile Bartlett has confirmed that striker **Peter Dean** has been transferred to Bishops Stortford of the Blue Square South. 'Peter has had an offer to play at a higher level and he moves on with our thanks—he has done very well for us and deserves this opportunity to move up. The club also announced this week that Centre Back **Alan Massey** has signed a contract that will commit the popular and talented ex-Wycombe Wanderers player to Wealdstone for the coming season.

Wealdstone have signed two more players who have impressed in pre season

matches before the big Ryman Premier kick off on August 16 when Stones face Tonbridge Angels at the Vale.

Midfielder **Kieron Forbes** who celebrates his 18<sup>TH</sup> birthday later this month has joined the squad having been recently released by Championship side Watford FC. Forbes, who was part of the Hornets Academy set-up and reserves, made one first team appearance in the League Cup at Gillingham.

The Watford connection continues with the signing of pacy full back **Marvin McCoy**, 19, who was also a member of the Hornets Academy but was with Leyton last season following a short loan spell with Hereford United.

# Thumbs up from FA

**Wealdstone FC has Ryman ground grading confirmed.** Officials from the Ryman League Ground Grading Committee carried out a final inspection at Wealdstone's new home at the Vale last Sunday morning (10<sup>th</sup> August) and were able to confirm that requirements had been met to achieve the necessary 'C' grading for Ryman Football League Premier Division football.

Following the initial inspection carried out on 20 June, 2008, the club had been given a number of additional works that were required to be completed before the grading could be awarded. Major improvements at the Vale have included levelling and relaying the playing surface, significantly improving terracing and replacing large sections of perimeter fencing. The players dressing and treatment rooms and other facilities have been completely renovated and team dugouts replaced.


Stones Chairman Howard Kraiss said: 'This is a remarkable achievement by a totally dedicated group of supporters, officials and management who have worked tirelessly since January to upgrade and refurbish a previously dilapidated stadium into one that we can all be proud—and of course most importantly a facility that meets the required grading criteria to

play football at Ryman Premier Division level. The ground volunteer team have been led superbly by Don Cross and Mike Kane and on behalf of the directors I would like to pay tribute to everyone involved'

Upgrading works and improvements will continue at the Vale and plans are currently being formulated for additional spectator cover at the turnstile end of the ground.

## FRIENDLIES ROUNDUP

Mixed results, but Wealdstone playing well and creating, if not always taking, a lot of chances. Here is a run down of the team's endeavours so far.



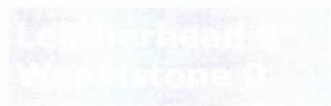
This friendly game at the Vale ended 0-0 in a tight, competitive and absorbing contest. The nearest Hampton came to a goal in the first half was when Alan Massey expertly hooked the ball off the goal line after Luke Woods had been beaten. For Wealdstone midfielder David Hicks had a shot heading for the top corner saved by the Hampton keeper.

After 32 minutes Stones defender Lee Chappell suffered a badly cut left leg and was replaced by Graeme Montgomery with Gary Burrell dropping back to the left back position. In the second half Hampton's goalie failed to hold a corner and a Stones goalbound effort was cleared from the goal line by a relieved defender.

Play was end to end throughout an entertaining match with Stones defence again playing well and looking very solid against a competitive and full strength Blue Square outfit.

**WEALDSTONE:** Luke Woods, Marvin McCoy, Lee Chappell, James Gray, Alan Massey, David Hicks, Derek

Quaye, Chris O'Leary, Dean Papali, Ben Alexander, Gary Burrell. Subs: Graeme Montgomery, Ben Clarke, Kieron Forbes, Billy Hawes, Stephen Hughes, Nick Salaptas, John Sonuga & Daniel Carr.




The Tanners had the best of the first half and Richard Barnard in the Stones goal was kept busier than his opposite number. He brought off several excellent saves but was beaten once when Will Jenkins saw his shot cannon back off the crossbar. At the other end the Leatherhead keeper made one good save from a sharp Stephen Hughes shot during this half.

Luke Woods took over in goal for the second half and wasn't involved as much as Barnard had been in the first period. Wealdstone did most of the attacking during this half with youngster Nick Salaptas a constant threat down the left wing. Near the end Stones hit the woodwork with a fierce shot.

Stones have now had two goalless draws in succession, albeit in friendly matches. The last time Stones achieved this was in April 1997 and by a strange

coincidence the second one was also at Leatherhead. We had drawn 0-0 at Kingsbury Town in a Ryman League (Division 3) match before going to Leatherhead in the semi-final of the Isthmian League Associate Members Cup and drawing 0-0 after extra time. We won the replay 3-1.

**WEALDSTONE:** Richard Barnard, Marvin McCoy, Billy Hawes, John Sonuga, Alan Massey, Kieron Forbes, Derek Quaye, Chris O'Leary, Stephen Hughes, Jerome Hall, Graeme Montgomery subs: Luke Woods, Richard Ashy, Gary Burrell, Nick Salaptas, Kyle Matthews



Two goals in each half gave Wealdstone a comfortable win over their Combined Counties League (Premier Division) opponents at their Berkeley Avenue ground. Early on a shot from Ben Clarke rebounded off a post as Wealdstone dominated the early stages with Graeme Montgomery a constant threat.

After 12 minutes Wealdstone took the lead when Stephen Hughes headed home following a corner.

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Stones were creating numerous chances but their final shots were going just wide of the home side's goal, Montgomery, Hughes and Alexander just off target. With 28 minutes gone Tony Hingerton equalised when he beat Luke Woods to a through ball and lobbed the ball over the advancing keeper. With just four minutes remaining in a half that had been dominated by the Stones, David Hicks scored from close range to make it 2-1 to the Stones.

The second half followed a similar pattern with more shots from the visitors just going wide of the home side's goal. With 65 minutes gone Wealdstone brought on their five substitutes replacing Billy Hawes, Chris O'Leary, Stephen Hughes, Ben Alexander and Graeme Montgomery. It was two of these substitutes who scored to make the final score 4-1 to the Stones. Both scored with well hit shots from the edge of the penalty area, Wayne Reid after 70 minutes and Derek Quaye on 77 minutes.

*WEALDSTONE: Luke Woods, Ben Clarke, Billy Hawes, James Gray, Alan Massey, David Hicks, Nick Salapatas, Chris O'Leary, Stephen Hughes, Ben Alexander, Graeme Montgomery, Marvin McCoy, Derek Quaye, Wayne Reid, Dominic Eden, Kyle Matthews*

A mixed Wealdstone side lost 2-3 to Burnham in this hastily arranged extra friendly match at the Gore. The match enabled Stones management to trial some youngsters and look again at some very promising reserve players. Midfielder Ryan Ashe, now returned from his summer break, was also given a valuable run out as was new defender Mark Boyce.

As for the match itself, Burnham scored first just before half time then Stones striker Wayne Reid evened up the score line on 55 minutes. Burnham came back and regained the lead soon after but Stones restored parity on 65 minutes when Stephen Hughes found the net for 2-2.

Burnham rapped up the scoring with a winner 11 minutes from the end of a match that proved another very useful work out for the Wealdstone squad.

*Wealdstone: Michael Parkin, Mark Boyce, Gary Jones, John Sonuga, Alan Massey, Kieron Forbes, Nic Salapatas, Chris O'Leary, Stephen Hughes, Kyle Matthews, Gary Burrell. Subs Steve Hale (GK), Derek Quaye, Dominic Eden, Wayne Reid, Darren Locke, Dan Lake, Ryan Ashe*  
Wealdstone's second friendly on successive nights ended in a 1-1 draw when they visited old rivals Enfield

Town. This was virtually a full strength line up for Stones with the talking point of the evening being the surprise but very welcome return of ex QPR goalkeeper Sean Thomas who played in the No 1 jersey for the full 90 minutes.

The first half was a tight affair with Stones' midfield - featuring the returning Carl Martin - and defence repelling Es attempts to get close to goal although Sean Thomas brought off two good saves when a full strength Enfield did briefly threaten. The half ended goalless.

With the rain pouring down incessantly in the second period it was Wealdstone that opened the scoring with a superbly crafted goal scored by David Hicks on 57 minutes—his third pre season goal. By the time Hicks had stroked the ball past a bemused Es keeper Stones had passed the ball at least 9 times with 7 players involved and is an indication of the quality of football that this squad is capable of delivering.

Stones management understandably changed the side around as the half progressed to test all their four substitutes and this affected the balance a little. Enfield drew level through a dubious penalty awarded after 72 minutes when ex Stone Rudi Hall slotted past Thomas.

## FRIENDLIES ROUNDUP

*Wealdstone: Thomas, McCoy, Massey, Hicks, Gray, Martin, Quaye, Forbes, Alexander, Ashe, Burrell. Subs all used: O'Leary, Clarke, Ashy, Tripp.*

Wealdstone played their penultimate pre-season match against a strong and well organised BGB Premier side, Hemel Hempstead Town, at the Vale on Saturday. In an absorbing and competitive game, played out in difficult rainy conditions, Stones eventually lost out by the odd goal in five.

Stones conceded after only five minutes play when the ball appeared to deflect off a Wealdstone defender and caught home keeper Luke Woods wrong footed; Hemel's Chris Dillon followed up to score. In a testing period of the match for the home side, striker Ben Alexander then had to leave the field with what appeared to be a knee injury and was replaced by substitute Stephen Hughes.

Stones upped their attacking play and created several excellent goal opportunities but were kept out by Hemel keeper Ricky Perks. When Perks was beaten by Derek Quaye's sliced shot the ball came back off an upright and was cleared to safety and Hemel were able to hold a one goal advantage at half time.

In the second period Stones brought on Sean

Thomas in goal and within nine minutes of the restart he was facing his second penalty in successive matches. This time he wasn't beaten, getting down low to fingertip Paul Edgeworth's spot kick onto his right hand post and away to safety.

Wealdstone equalised in the 56th minute with a cracking goal from big striker Stephen Hughes who held off three challenges before unleashing an unstoppable strike. However, Stones conceded again almost immediately with a disappointingly soft goal from an unmarked header. But midfielder Ryan Ashe brought Stones level with another great 20 yard strike from a sharp Nick Salapatas cross with 16 minutes to go.

But Hemel restored their lead several minutes later in controversial circumstances when Salapatas appeared to be clearly fouled. The referee strangely allowed play to continue and Hemel raced away to score with the young winger still lying motionless on the ground. So, some good attacking play from Stones, in another competitive work out, as they make preparations for the Ryman Premier opener.

*Wealdstone: Woods, McCoy, Chappell, Gray, Martin, Ashe, Quaye, O'Leary, Alexander, Forbes, Montgomery. Subs (all used): Thomas, Burrell,*

Wealdstone's final pre-season match resulted in another draw, this time against AFC Hayes on the artificial grass pitch at Rose-dale College.

The Stones line up was again changed to give some of the squad players an opportunity to play a full 90 minutes and some established players were understandably rested with this Saturday's Ryman Premier opener in mind. A somewhat disappointing performance in terms of frittered goal scoring opportunities but Stones did provide some enterprising approach play throughout. The management will no doubt be giving some priority to the art of finishing this week as the League season rapidly approaches.

AFC Hayes took the lead on the stroke of half-time with a well struck shot into the top right hand corner of the Stones net, following a period when the visitors ought to have held at least a two goal cushion.

In the second half, Nick Salapatas was particularly unlucky with a great cross shot that took the slightest of deflections for a corner in the second half. With 6 minutes left Stones drew level with a typical close range goal from striker Dean Pappali and he would have been pleased to get off the mark against his former club.

Two magnificent saves from keeper Sean Thomas in the closing stages ensured that Stones ended their warm up games with a result.

# FIXTURES / RESULTS 2008/9

OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16
<b>AUGUST</b>																		
16	TONBRIDGE ANGELS																	
19	Ashford Town MIDDX																	
23	Billericay Town																	
25	BOREHAMWOOD																	
30	Dartford																	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																		
2	SUTTON UNITED																	
6	RAMSGATE																	
9	AFC Hornchurch																	
13	BEDFORD TOWN	FAC1Q																
20	Hendon																	
23	TOOTING & MITCHAM																	
27		FAC2Q																
<b>OCTOBER</b>																		
4	Harlow Town																	
11	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC																	
14	CANVEY ISLAND																	
18	CROYDON ATHLETIC FAT1Q																	
25	Margate																	
28	STAINES TOWN																	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																		
1		FAT2Q																
8	Heybridge Swifts																	
15	MAIDSTONE UNITED																	
19	Horsham																	
22	DOVER ATHLETIC																	
29	Hastings United																	
<b>DECEMBER</b>																		
6	Tonbridge Angels																	
13	ASHFORD TOWN MIDDX																	
20	Sutton United																	
27	HARROW BOROUGH																	
<b>JANUARY</b>																		
3	Borehamwood																	
10	BILLERICAY TOWN																	
17	Ramsgate																	
24	HENDON																	
31	Tooting & Mitcham																	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																		
7	AFC HORNCHURCH																	
14	HARLOW TOWN																	
21	Carshalton Athletic																	
28	MARGATE																	
<b>MARCH</b>																		
7	Canvey Island																	
14	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS																	
21	Staines Town																	
28	HORSHAM																	
<b>APRIL</b>																		
4	Maidstone United																	
11	DARTFORD																	
13	Harrow Borough																	
18	Dover Athletic																	
25	HASTINGS UNITED																	

## Other Fixtures Today

### Ryman Premier Division

Canvey Island	vs.	Horsham
Carshalton Athletic	vs.	Margate
Dover Athletic	vs.	Harrow Borough
Harlow Town	vs.	Sutton United
Hastings United	vs.	Ashford Town (Middx)
Hendon	vs.	Dartford
Heybridge Swifts	vs.	Maidstone United
Ramsgate	vs.	AFC Hornchurch
Staines Town	vs.	Billericay Town
Tooting & Mitcham	vs.	Boreham Wood

### Pre-Season Results 2008-09 (First Team)

19 July	Windsor & Eton	L1-4	Burrell (pen)
23 July	WATFORD X1	W3-1	Hicks, Alexander, O.G
26 July	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	D0-0	
29 July	Leatherhead	D0-0	
02 Aug	North Greenford United	W4-1	Hughes, Hicks, Reid, Quaye
04 Aug	Burnham	L2-3	Reid, Hughes
05 Aug	Enfield Town	D1-1	Hicks
09 Aug	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN**	L2-3	Hughes, Ashe
11 Aug	AFC Hayes	D1-1	Papali

\*\* Brian Collins Memorial Trophy

### Pre-Season Results 2008-09 (Reserves)

24 Jul	Broadfields	W2-1	Reid, Awonusi
27 July	SAFCSA	W4-1	Reid 2, Kelanie, Martin
26 July	NORTH GREENFORD UNITED	D4-1	Agyeman, Kelani, Locke, Jones
29 July	Rayners Lane	D5-5	Logo, martin, Agyeman, Beltran, Ali
02 Aug	NORTHWOOD		

### RESERVES 2008/2009 UPCOMING FIXTURES

#### Suburban League—Premier Division

Aug 16th	Corinthian Casuals
Aug 20th	UXBRIDGE
Aug 23rd	TONBRIDGE ANGELS
Aug 26th	Ashford Town MIDDX
Aug 30th	SUTTON UNITED

Wealdstone have been drawn at home against Cove in the first round of the Suburban League Challenge Cup. The winners will be at home to Croydon Athletic.

## RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE STATISTICAL REVIEW - SEASON 2007/08

The eleventh edition of "The Statistical Review of the Ryman Football League" – 2007/08 season is now available. It includes all the results, goalscorers and attendances of League, League Cup, Youth League, Youth Cup, Veterans Cup, Womens Cup, FA Cup, FA Trophy and County Senior Cups of each member club with listed player appearances for League matches including regular playing position. An index of players in alphabetical format is also included.

Also included is an index of players in alphabetical format of each player used in the Ryman League and their regular playing position.

The book costs £5.50 + 78p (1<sup>st</sup> class) or 67p (2<sup>nd</sup> class) to cover postage.

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