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I've been wondering how on earth I can start without using the same old weary cliches! I can't—and give up, so once again a most sincere welcome return to Lower Mead Stadium for our second campaign in the Premier Division of the Southern League!! We hope you have all enjoyed this terrific summer weather and have brought along some of your friends to help swell our gates even more this coming season.

As you all will know, this close season has been fairly quiet inasmuch as we have no galaxy of new faces on parade but do indeed accord a sincere welcome to the one newcomer to our ranks, midfielder man John Lewis from Romford. John, a player of massive endeavour and no little skill, has already impressed in the three pre-season games and without pre-judging the issue, it seems certain that manager Eddie Presland will feel his month's trial a big success, and sign him for the season, Eddie did, in fact, want John last season but Romford got in first. He is an ex-Orient player, by the way, and already knew several of our boys.

Unhappily we start the season with an injury, striker Bobby Moss damaging a groin muscle and not being available for another week or so. On the brighter side, we really give a big welcome return from injury to sweeper Paul Fairclough, now fully restored to health, and we look forward to him taking up where he left off—in superb form. Adriaan Eglite, that great Dutch character, is another now fully fit, and we are looking to Adriaan for big things this season, for that he has loads of talent is beyond question.

So from a playing point of view, it is very much a question of 'as you were'. Except, of course, that Mr. Presland has a tricky task deciding on whom to leave out, and to finalise his actual playing 12. Competition for places is tight, which can only be good and engender a healthy spirit of competition in the squad. I understand training has been particularly vigorous this week and that the signs have been highly promising.

I don't have to tell you that inflation has hit us no less hard than anyone else, and I am sure you will not begrudge paying one extra penny (6p) for your programme. I personally wished everything only went up by 1p!

You will notice that the Stadium is looking quite smart, the repainted perimeter railings being most effective. The Supporters Club HQ has also been luxuriously appointed and thanks to one and all for their efforts this summer. While being too many to name individually, the Board of Directors really do appreciate your efforts, and you are the lifeblood of every Club. Incidentally, our grateful thanks to Mr. Les Scott, another stalwart, who most generously has donated a new match ball for today's game, and the one against Maidstone United on Tuesday (7.30). Thank you, Mr. Scott, and we hope your action leads to other following suit, for balls are a most expensive item. All will be acknowledged in this programme, so can't you persuade your firm to donate one and get a free plug?

An innovation this season is the re-opening of the shop located on the High mead terraces, and facing the main stand. This is run by young and enthusiastic supporter Toby Jackson, and on sale there will be today's

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Don't forget—see you next Tuesday, when we receive old opponents Maidstone United in the Southern League.

COLIN POPE

Supporters Club Notes

Well, here we go again on yet another soccer season and for today's opening Southern League fixture we extend a very warm welcome to the supporters of Stourbridge from the Midlands.

As usual the Supporters club coach service will operate this season starting next Saturday, 23rd August, away to Dunstable Town leaving the ground at 1.30 p.m. SHARP. On Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August, we visit Stevenage in the Southern League Cup, departing from Lower Mead at 5.45 p.m. SHARP. Bookings can be made at the club office or by phone to Barbara Robson on 422 0799.

A lot of work has been done on the Club Office, Tea Bars and ground during the Summer and on behalf of the committee I wish to thank all the willing volunteers who rallied round.

Membership forms are available today and you are all urged to join. It only costs 20p for adults and 10p for Juniors or Senior Citizens or you could take out a Life Membership, for £2.00.

It is hoped to have the first edition of the 'Newsletter' out by the early part of October and the committee will be advising you of other functions as they are planned.

We all wish Eddie and the boys in blue all the best for the season and we will be all cheering them on.

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Bill Emerson a Life Member

Assistant secretary Bill Emerson, a 'Stones stalwart for more than 20 years, has this week been honoured by being elected to be the fourth Life Member of the Club. An honour richly deserved, for nobody asks Bill to do anything in vain. He is also assistant secretary of the Lower Mead Social Club; runs the Bingo every Wednesday and is generally a tower of strength. He is, of course, a leading light behind Wealdstone's new Youth team in the Chiltern Premier League and no-one will forget Bill's part in the all-conquering Youth side we had in the 50's. Let us hope history repeats itself . . .

Have a Shareholder's Say . . .

Have a say in the running of your Club! If you have not yet purchased any shares, why not have a chat with Mr. Ken Jones, our Shares Administrator, who will be delighted to give you all the information you want. Sales of shares have gone tremendously well, but they are still available, so don't delay . . .

Let's Keep it Clean, Says Supporters Secretary . . .

Language, good bad and indifferent, and now unhappily obscene. Why is it that a section of our Supporters find it necessary to use bad language at matches, usually against opposing players and supporters! We all get upset at things that happen or do not happen on the pitch, and we like to air our feelings, but why in this manner? In past seasons the Supporters of Wealdstone have always been welcomed up and down the country; the name of Wealdstone has been untarnished, but now we find a tiny element of Supporters doing their best to alter this.

Some of you are going to say why should we stand there and take it from other people. Well, two wrongs don't make a right, so let us remain aloof and set a good example. I'm asking you, our Supporters, to make OUR club something we can be proud of, and the best behaved.

Come on now, let's give our team the support it needs, but in a civilised manner; remember WEALDSTONE Supporters, not material for the 'sin bin' advocated in national and local newspapers . . .

Barbara Robson (Wealdstone F.C. Supporters Club secretary)

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Stourbridge Line-Up

Geoff Green, (Player/Manager). Now in his 10th year with the Club, over 500 appearances, appointed Player/Manager in April.

Mick Moore (Goalkeeper). Now in his sixth season with the "Glassboys". Rated one of the best goalkeepers in the Southern League, over 300 games.

Tony Moore (Defender). Signed during close season after trials with Shrewsbury Town. A tremendous amount of skill for a 17 year old.

Bobby Taylor (Defender). Long established player, now in his 9th year with the "Glassboys", over 400 appearances.

John Barton (Defender/Midfield). Very skilful player, had a great season last time out.

Pat McGrath (Midfield). Now in his 9th year at Amblecote, some 400 first games. Very skilful.

Pat Lynch (Midfield). Signed in close season. Played for Middlesbrough in Second Division 2 years ago.

Steve Wood (Midfield). Signed during close season from Coventry City. England Schoolboy International. Age 17 years.

Joey Owen (Striker). Signed during close season from Nuneaton. Very experienced. Played at Wembley for Telford in "Trophy" final 1971.

Bryan Booth (Striker). Now in his 4th year at the Club, over 200 first games. Very fast and skilful.

Steve Cooper (Striker). Signed in June 1975 from Dover. Previous Club Brighton and Hove Albion. Youth International. Age 19.

David Green (Midfield/Striker). Now in his 3rd year at Stourbridge. Very skilful and hard working player. Former Club Birmingham City. Age 19.

John Dyer (Striker). Signed in June 1975. Tremendous amount of experience in "Premier" with Atherstone Town. Spent a short time in Holland. Age 25.

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