

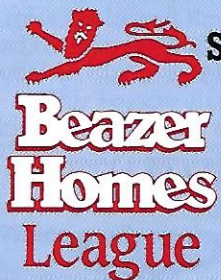
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**WEALDSTONE**  
**F.C.**

Summit

Official Club  
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SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 1988  
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

**v MOOR GREEN**  
KICK OFF 3.00PM

50p

## WEALDSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB

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### EDITORS NOTES

Good afternoon everybody! Welcome back for an exciting campaign which we are all looking forward to.

It makes a refreshing change to have the opportunity to meet new faces, and where better to start than with Moor Green?

A very warm welcome to today's visitors and it will be interesting to see how many people here today were present when the teams last met back in December 1952. Moor Green play at "The Moorlands" in Hall Green, a southern suburb of Birmingham on the line to Stratford Upon Avon. They were runners up in the Midland Division to Merthyr last season, so an interesting encounter is certainly in prospect today.

Many supporters expect a repeat of our wonderful campaign in 1981-2. Think again! The equivalent division in 1981 did not include teams of the calibre of Merthyr Tydfil, Dartford, Worcester and Cambridge City. Chelmsford City were considered one of the favourites last season and they were relegated, as Paul Wilkins will know. Paul, a strapping forward from City is one of our close season signings. A warm welcome to him and to the following players who have arrived at Lower Mead: Darren Williams, Goalkeeper from Dagenham; Kirk Corbin, a defender from Wycombe Wanderers; Lance O'Brien, a defender from West Ham Utd; Paul Morris, Midfield from Harrow Borough (Who!); Corey Browne, a forward from Harringey Borough; Steve Browne (no relation) a midfield/defender from Charlton Athletic; Mark Lawrence midfield/defender from Dagenham; Chris Wright, midfield from Walthamstow Avenue and Solomon Eriemo, a defender from Leyton Wingate. Phew! Tony and Norman have been exceptionally busy as you can see, so give our new recruits every encouragement. It is essential they settle in quickly, so your help is vital.

Paul Davis is currently suffering from chicken pox, Danny Bailey is temporarily unavailable, and Kevin Foster is recovering from a back operation. Kevin's absence when Darren Williams was injured led to the appearance of a familiar figure in goal in our pre-season friendlies — John Jacobs, the former Enfield Keeper.

This season also sees a revamped Capital League where the 13 participating clubs will play on a home and away basis. Our first fixture will be at Aylesbury United, now a Conference side, on Wednesday August 31. With 24 Capital League Fixtures in addition to our Beazer Homes programme and various cups we are in for a lot of good football.

Welcome Back, and here's to a successful season!

Steve Marshall



## A Message from the Chairman



As you are all well aware the past three seasons has seen a dramatic decline in the club's fortunes, due undoubtedly to the absence of expertise and commitment from certain quarters in our past administration. This resulted sadly in a downward spiral and inevitably relegation. It has been said "that we should learn from our mistakes" and certainly that message came through loud and clear, for without the expertise and the commitment we only provide the ingredients for a recipe for disaster.

However enough of gloom, we have now restructured our organisation and at last have an administration that is truly representative of the club with the necessary skills to progress. We have new managerial and coaching staff, and of course our team has been virtually rebuilt over the past few months. I know that we can look forward confidently towards a brighter new future.

It would be remiss of me not to mention you, our great supporters, who have given me so much encouragement during what has probably been one of the most traumatic periods in our club's history. Let us now *all support each other "AND GO FOR IT"*.

**Alan Clifton** *Chairman*

## Introducing Moor Green....

Moor Green has a long and varied history, beginning in 1901 when a group of cricketers decided to form a football club. The Name Moor Green was chosen because the first ground, rented from a local farmer, was in the Birmingham district of that name.

The club moved to the Central Amateur League in 1936 and won the League Title 3 years running until War closed down all football. After the war, Moor Green joined the Birmingham Combination, one of the most powerful semi-pro leagues in the Country. When this league folded, moors along with the other clubs transferred to the Birmingham League, now known as the Banks Brewery League.

The Moors remained an Amateur club all this time and struggled in such strong company but they twice reached the last 8 of the F.A. Amateur Cup, a competition that drew large crowds to the Moorlands. The record stands at 5,000 for the tie v Romford in 1951. This was a draw and over 11,000 saw the replay, a record equalled during a visit to Bishop Auckland the following season.

The struggles in a strong league were draining the club, and so they moved again to the Midland Combination in search of success, but despite a healthier league position the club went into a slow decline and crowds drifted away until support became very poor. But in 1979/80 they reached the first round of the F.A. Cup for the first time, and this revived interest all round, and progress since then has been steadily upward. The following season, 80/81 The Midland Comb League and cup double was won, the league by a record margin of 12 points.

Moor Green were accepted into the Southern League in 83/84, and after finishing 6th, 4th, 19th and 4th, they won runners up spot in 87/88 after a breathtaking climax to gain a cherished promotion place into the Premier Division.

To add to the club's pleasure, the reserve and youth sides have also won a cabinet full of trophies over the last few years.

**BOB FAULKNER** — Manager. Appointed Boxing Day 1985, after having created a highly successful reserve side. Was previously manager of Sunday side Springfield Social and was assistant to Bobby Hope at Bromsgrove Rovers.

**DEREK ALLEN** — Goalkeeper. Signed Summer 1987 after almost drifting out of the game, and he played a significant part in the promotion campaign.

**SHANE ABELL** — Defender. Signed from Northfield Town Summer 86 and missed only a handful of games during the first two seasons.

**GRAHAM CLEGG** — One of the most stylish defenders in the league. Gave up a first team spot at Blackpool to go to college and concentrate on a teaching career.

**DAVID HUGHES** — Defender. Signed Summer 87 from Worcester City after 5 highly successful years there. Made instant impact at Moor Green and was voted supporters player of the year.

**PAUL ALDRIDGE** — Defender. Tall commanding player in 4th season at the Moorlands. Came through reserve side to establish a regular first team spot. Cool and competitive.

**DAVID FEARON** — Midfield. Club captain signed from Bromsgrove Rovers Summer 86.

**BRIAN McGARRY** — Midfield. Longest serving player having joined from Alvechurch in 83/84. Spent 3 seasons at Sheffield United.

**MARK JONES** — Midfield. Hard tackling player signed from Coventry Sporting March 1988 after two seasons at that club.

**IAN TAYLOR** — Midfield. Talented youngster spotted in Sunday Football during 86/87. Impressed in reserves and won a first team spot latter half of 87/88.

**CHRIS DOWNES** — Forward. Signed Summer 86 from Bedworth United and has been Moors top scorer for the last two seasons.

**PHIL DAVIES** — Forward. Goal scoring winger signed March 86 from Henley Forest of Arden. Soon excited the fans with his strong running and skillful ball play, and was voted player of the year 86/87.

**KEVIN BANTON** — Forward. Close season signings from Coventry Sporting. Was two years at Leicester City also Gresley Rovers.





Neale Harveys "Sidelines" column continues this season and if you've ever wondered where he obtains his material... perhaps this is the answer!!  
 (Photo courtesy of 'Finger' Fruin)

### Harrow Show 1988

This years Harrow Show will take place on 28/29 August and the supporters club will once again be taking a stall there. In the past it is only the great support and help by yourselves that have made this such a success and we therefore ask anybody who can spare any time at all to contact LAYNE PATTERSON who is co-ordinating this years event on 01-863 8521 days or 01-423 3105 evenings.  
 THANKS and heres to a quick return to the G.M.V.C.

Layne.

General admission charges this season will be £2.20. (Concessions £1.20). Enclosure and Stand will remain at 50p. There are different types of membership shown below, each giving substantial discounts for the season. Remember that being a member gives you a say in the affairs of the Club.

Call into the Club Office for an application form.

A. Full Membership (With access to Grandstand & Enclosure)	£45.00
B. Full Membership (To ground only)	£38.00
C. Senior Citizen (With access to Grandstand & Enclosure Full Membership)	£30.00
D. Senior Citizen (to ground only Full Membership)	£21.00
E. Vice-Presidents Membership (Including full Membership "A")	£75.00
F. Vice-Presidents Membership (Senior Citizen (Including full Membership "C").	£45.00
'A' Share Holders should deduct £1.00. from the above amounts.	
G. Junior (Associated) Membership (Open between 14 to 16 years of age).	£21.00

## **SUPPORTERS' CLUB VIEW**

Here we go again!! After what to me has seemed to be a "start-stop" close season, what with the European Championships following the "play-offs", etc. Those Championships, for the follower of football should have been the highlight of the summer - but I'm sure you've forgotten they even took place!! The reason, of course, was England's poor showing and the whole thing was a terrible anti-climax to those of us that look forward to such events. Perhaps I'm too nationalistic!!

Closer to home, we have as usual during close seasons' been busy mucking out, etc, and generally attempting to get the Old Place ready for the big kick-off. (ie, today!) It may seem inappropriate to start the Season with a MOAN but really the amount of voluntary "unsolicited" help we've received during the close season has been at an all time low. Apart from a small nucleus of helpers off the committee it has been a race against time from start to finish. Perhaps its our fault for not "advertising" but should that really be necessary? We must all start to get involved - it can even be fun sometimes!!

Enough of that - positive news is that we have refurbished the Top Tea Bar so that it is now cleaner, safer and brighter and should have a new water heater fitted by today. It's been unfortunately necessary to close, permanently, the Cinema-End Tea bar as it was going to cost an unrealistic sum of money to bring it up to the new safety regulations. In the event of segregation being necessary or larger crowds being anticipated we will make special arrangements for catering at that end of the ground.

Positive news also is that Junior Stones is under new management and Sudhir Ruval and Dave Albert have already put in a tremendous amount of work during the close season. Read about Junior Stones elsewhere in this programme.

Probably the largest amount of work being done, quietly and efficiently behind the scenes, is that for Harrow Show and our stand. The show takes place next Bank Holiday weekend - Sunday 28th August and Monday 29th. The man we must thank this year is Layne Patterson who has put in a great deal of work - lets make sure he has sufficient helpers next week - PLEASE SEE ANYONE IN THE CLUB SHOP TODAY FOR DETAILS of how you can help us and the club for this special club event.

Supporters Club Membership Cards for 1988/89 Season will be available today - no charge in subscriptions - so join up as soon as you can. Remember you must be a member to be eligible for away travel.

Cheers for now, enjoy the game and lets get our first win under our belts!!

**Nick Dubard**

### **Goalkeepers (Harrow Show)**

Goalkeepers are required for our "Beat the Goalie" penalty competition. Here's your chance to make a name for yourself! Layne will be very pleased to hear from you.



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## Stones sever the Morrirt Connection

DAVID Morrirt's ties with Wealdstone Football Club have finally been severed after new chairman Alan Clifton won a High Court victory over the millionaire former supremo on Friday.

And late on Tuesday night, a jubilant Mr Clifton announced exclusively to the Observer that he had won the battle of Lower Mead.

As part of the deal that returned the Lower Mead car park and all the former board of directors' shares to the club, Wealdstone bought the chest clinic site and two properties in nearby Hinces Road from Morrirt.

The cost, around £2 million, was recouped immediately when Alan Clifton negotiated its sale once again. This time the buyers were Harrow property company Harrovian Estates, who already own many properties in Hinces Road.

Now Wealdstone's ground has been freed of the £200,000 charge Morrirt had on it and the club car park belongs to Wealdstone again for the first time since 1935.

This dramatically strengthens Wealdstone's chances of achieving their avowed aim to sell the site and move to a new ground, elsewhere in the borough of Harrow.

They will be able to sell Lower Mead and the car park as one lot to a supermarket chain for around £7million. And Mr Clifton says that will be done within the next year as soon as a new site is acquired.

Friday was the third time this month that the case had been in court. And after three months of complex legal meetings, Alan Clifton was finally able to say: "David Morrirt no longer has any part to play in this club."

Morrirt's controversial seven-year reign as chairman



BY AARON  
GRANSBY

came to a sensational end in March when he resigned after being challenged for his position by Alan Clifton, at the time his deputy.

But in 1984 he had bought the lease of the Lower Mead car park from EMI Cinemas for £50,000. He said it was on behalf of the club, but bought it in the name of Leveloak Developments, one of his building companies. He refused to hand it back to the club when he left. Clifton issued a writ requesting its return and offered to settle all Morrirt's financial dealings on behalf of the club in return.

He will now repay Morrirt all the money he put into Wealdstone, around £200,000, another £200,000 charge he had on the ground, £75,000, including interest, for the car park, and release him from guarantees to Barclays Bank and Charringtons Brewery. Together with money Clifton has put into the club himself recently, the total comes to £800,000, which will be repaid to him, interest free, when the club sells Lower Mead and relocates.

The chest clinic, which fronts Hinces Road and Station Road, was bought by Morrirt for £1,375,000 earlier this year. He also owned 9, Hinces Road and land at the back of 5, Hinces Road. Now Wealdstone have sold them on to Harrovian Estates, who will look to redevelop the top end of Hinces Road.

Former Wealdstone directors Frances Morrirt, David Clarke and Michael Macario have all returned their shares at face value, along with those

of David Morrirt, to Wealdstone. Alan Clifton will redistribute them among the new board of directors.

An exuberant Mr Clifton said: "Friday was a great day for the club and our loyal fans whose encouragement gave me the strength to carry through this most difficult and and trying task."

Of the settlement that finally won the day, he said: "Our offer to acquire the chest clinic and other properties was an incentive for Morrirt to settle the other outstanding issues, in order for us to secure Wealdstone FC's perimeters and freehold."

## Departures

A number of players were released during the close season.

The two most notable departures were unquestionably PAUL BOWGETT and ROBIN WAINWRIGHT. Both players were so instrumental in our successes throughout this decade, and they shall never be forgotten. Paul made 422 appearances scoring 43 goals, and Robin who came to Lower Mead one year before 'BOWG', in 1979 made 427 appearances and scored 43. Such experience will be so useful to Baldock Town of the Beazer Homes Southern Division where Paul has become Player Manager and Robin as a player. If both Wealdstone and Baldock are successful in their qualifying rounds of the FA Cup, the two teams will meet at Lower Mead in the second qualifying round on October 1. Now that would be interesting!



PAUL BOWGETT



ROBIN WAINWRIGHT

The remaining departures are:

Paddy McCarthy	63 appearances	4 goals to Weymouth
Alex Welsh	48 appearances	0 goals
Mike Pittaway	41 appearances	1 goal
Martin Hirst	52 appearances	1 goal
Francisco Rivers	33 appearances	3 goals
Tom English	31 appearances	17 goals to Bishops Stortford
Greg Zacharia	12 appearances	1 goal to Kingsbury Town

Wealdstone FC thanks all of the above players for their services and wishes them well for the future.



# FIXTURES RESULTS



Date	Opponents	Ven	Comp
AUG Sat 20	Moor Green	H	BHFL
Tue 23	Gosport Borough	A	BHFL
Sat 27	Bedworth United	A	BHFL
SEP Sat 3	Redditch United	H	BHFL
Tue 6	Dartford	H	BHFL
Sat 10	Worcester City	A	BHFL
Sat 17	Vauxhall Motors	H	FA Cup
Sat 24	Bromsgrove Rovers	H	BHFL
OCT Sat 1	Dover Athletic	A	BHFL
Sat 8	Leicester United	H	BHFL
Tue 11	Ruislip	A	W Cup
Sat 15	Corby Town	A	BHFL
Tue 18	Ruislip	H	W Cup
Sat 22	Burton Albion	H	BHFL
Sat 29	Waterlooville	H	BHFL
NOV Sat 5	Fareham Town	A	BHFL
Sat 12	Waterlooville	A	BHFL
Sat 19	Alvechurch	H	BHFL
Sat 26	VS Rugby	A	BHFL
DEC Sat 3	Dorchester Town	H	BHFL
Tue 6	Gosport Borough	H	BHFL
Sat 10	Moor Green	A	BHFL
Sat 17	Bromsgrove Rovers	A	BHFL
Mon 26	Cambridge City	H	BHFL
Sat 31	Bath City	H	BHFL
JAN Mon 2	Ashford Town	A	BHFL
Sat 7	Bedworth Town	H	BHFL
Sat 14	Redditch United	A	BHFL
Sat 21	Dover Athletic	H	BHFL
Sat 28	Merthyr Tydfil	A	BHFL
FEB Sat 4	VS Rugby	H	BHFL
Sat 11	Leicester United	A	BHFL
Sat 18	Crawley Town	A	BHFL
Sat 25	Corby Town	H	BHFL
MAR Sat 4	Burton Albion	A	BHFL
Sat 11	Worcester City	H	BHFL
Sat 18	Bath City	A	BHFL
Sat 25	Ashford Town	H	BHFL
Mon 27	Cambridge City	A	BHFL
APR Sat 1	Dorchester Town	A	BHFL
Sat 8	Crawley Town	H	BHFL
Sat 15	Fareham Town	H	BHFL
Sat 22	Alvechurch	A	BHFL
Sat 29	Merthyr Tydfil	H	BHFL
MAY Mon 1	Dartford	A	BHFL

BHFL - Beazer Homes Football League  
W. Cup - Westgate Cup

## Our Record Against Moor Green

Played 2 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 0 Goals for 7 Goals against 2

Saturday 13th December 1952 F.A. Amateur Cup, First Round

Wealdstone (1) 1  
Wegryzk

Moor Green (0) 1  
Bodfish

Wealdstone: Wiltshire, Ward, Gadsden, Comben, Edmonds, Wastell, White, Wegryzk, Mikrut, Wall, Bennett.

Saturday 20th December 1952 F.A. Amateur Cup, First Round Replay

Moor Green (1) 1  
Hubbard

Wealdstone (2) 6  
Comben, White(3), Mikrut, Hussey

Wealdstone: Wiltshire, Ward, Gadsden, Comben, Edmonds, Wastell, White, Wegryzk, Mikrut, Hussey, Bennett.

## Today's Other Fixtures

Alvechurch	V	Dover Athletic
Bath	V	Corby
Bromsgrove	V	Ashford
Cambridge City	V	Gosport
Dartford	V	Redditch
Dorchester	V	Burton
Fareham	V	Worcester
Leicester Utd	V	Merthyr
VS Rugby	V	Crawley
Waterlooville	V	Bedworth



### GMVC RESULTS 1987 - 1988

HOME \ AWAY	ALTRINGHAM	BARNET	BATH CITY	BOSTON UTD	CHELTENHAM T	DAGENHAM	ENFIELD	FISHER ATHLETIC	KETTERING	KIDDERMINSTER H	LINCOLN CITY	MACCLESFIELD	MAIDSTONE	NORTHWICH VIC	RUNCORN	STAFFORD R	SUTTON UTD	TELFORD UTD	WEALDSTONE	WELLING UTD	WEYMOUTH	WYCOMBE W
ALTRINGHAM		1-1	2-0	4-1	1-1	6-0	5-1	2-3	2-2	2-3	0-0	1-3	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-3	1-0	1-0	3-0	4-2
BARNET	3-1		4-0	1-0	1-1	3-2	3-0	2-0	4-0	1-1	4-2	2-1	2-0	4-1	1-2	2-2	6-2	0-2	5-1	5-2	3-2	1-1
BATH CITY	2-0	0-1		2-1	1-1	4-2	0-1	1-3	2-0	3-3	2-1	3-4	1-3	0-0	0-1	0-3	0-4	1-2	0-0	0-0	3-1	2-1
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CHELTENHAM TOWN	1-0	0-2	3-3	1-5		5-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-2	3-3	1-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	2-3	1-1	3-0	1-1	2-2	2-1	2-2
DAGENHAM	3-2	0-0	1-1	4-2	1-3		1-2	1-5	0-5	1-2	0-3	0-0	0-3	1-0	1-4	2-4	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-2	0-3	2-1
ENFIELD	1-1	2-0	1-3	3-2	0-1	2-2		0-0	2-0	5-2	0-0	1-2	2-4	0-1	1-3	0-0	2-3	1-4	5-2	1-0	3-2	3-2
FISHER ATHLETIC	3-2	2-2	2-0	0-0	1-0	5-1	2-3		1-1	3-1	1-1	1-2	0-3	0-0	0-2	1-2	1-1	0-1	3-1	1-0	1-0	0-0
KETTERING	1-2	1-1	1-1	3-0	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-1		1-1	2-0	3-2	0-2	3-1	0-3	1-0	2-2	1-0	3-2	1-0	3-0	3-0
KIDDERMINSTER H	4-1	1-1	3-2	1-0	3-2	1-1	4-0	1-1	2-1		3-3	3-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	2-2	2-4	2-1	5-2	1-0	0-2
LINCOLN CITY	5-0	2-1	3-0	5-1	5-1	3-0	4-0	3-0	0-1	5-3		3-0	1-1	3-2	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	3-0	2-1	0-0	2-0
MACCLESFIELD	1-0	2-2	0-2	2-1	1-0	3-1	0-3	2-4	0-0	1-2	2-0		1-0	5-0	4-0	2-3	1-1	1-1	3-2	3-2	1-2	1-1
MAIDSTONE	2-2	2-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-0	3-2	2-2	2-3	1-2	1-2	2-0		1-1	3-0	4-2	2-4	2-4	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-1
NORTHWICH VIC	1-2	2-1	2-1	6-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	0-1	1-1	2-3	2-1	2-3		2-0	1-1	1-4	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1
RUNCORN	1-1	0-1	2-1	3-0	2-2	2-1	2-2	5-1	1-0	2-0	4-1	1-2	3-2	2-1		1-1	1-0	2-1	1-0	4-0	2-1	1-2
STAFFORD RANGERS	3-0	1-1	1-0	3-4	2-2	4-0	3-1	3-2	2-1	0-2	1-4	0-1	2-3	3-0	2-1		2-0	1-1	5-2	2-0	0-0	3-0
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WEALDSTONE	0-0	0-6	1-1	1-1	1-4	2-3	1-0	2-1	0-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-3	2-2	0-1	4-2	0-0	2-2		1-1	0-2	0-0
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## MATCHES FROM THE PAST by Roy Couch

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Saturday 20th August 1983

Alliance Premier League

Gateshead (0) 1 Wealdstone (1) 1

Wealdstone: Iles, Waddock, Pearce, Price, Bowgett, Barwick, Johnson, Morris, A. Cordice, Graves, Donnellan (subs. Waites, Richardson).

Our opening league fixture saw us make the long trek North-East to meet the league's newcomers. We got off to a flying start when Gary Donnellan, making his Alliance debut for us, stabbed the ball home in the 4th minute after the keeper failed to hold a Stuart Pearce free kick. In pouring rain Gateshead notched a second half equaliser.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Saturday 19th August 1978

Southern League Cup

1st Round 1st Leg

Hillingdon Borough (0) 2 Wealdstone (1) 1

Wealdstone: Cranstone, McVeigh, Fursdon, Watson, Parratt, Barwick, Doyle, Moss, Briscoe, Duck, Thomas (sub Boyle).

Jimmy McVeigh put us ahead after 11 minutes but late goals by Cotton (73) and Graham Pearce (87) gave Hillingdon a first leg lead. We won the 2nd leg 3-0 to go through 4-2 on aggregate.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Tuesday 21st August 1973

Southern League Cup

Preliminary Round 1st Leg

Wealdstone (1) 4 Bletchley (1) 1

Wealdstone: Brodie, Presland, Kinnear, Fairclough, McCormick, Godfrey, Henderson, Fulton, Byrne, Duck, Dyson.

George Duck with 3 goals, one a penalty, and Terry Dyson gave us a commanding 1st leg advantage. In the 2nd leg match we won again by the same score.

### "Junior Stones Column" by David Albert

Well here we are back again for the start of a new football season and a warm welcome not only to our own Junior Stones, but to any Junior supporters of Moor Green who are here today. We hope you enjoy your first ever visit to Lower Mead.

Will all Junior Stones note that Sudhir Rawal and Myself have taken over the running of the Junior Stones this season. All members of Junior Stones from last season should now have received a letter and an application form. We are very pleased to have already received almost 100 returned application forms and those who have returned them should all now have received their Junior Stones Cards which entitles you to entry to all home Beazer League Matches.

If you are not a Junior Stone as yet and have never been one please come into the club shop today and fill out an application form and you will receive a club scarf, Tee-shirt and badge, and your Junior Stones card to which you must affix a passport photo of yourself.

Special thanks go to club chairman Alan Clifton for the donation of £500 to pay for the new top quality Wealdstone F.C. ski-hats which are now on sale in the shop for £2.50. Many of these will be used specifically for the Junior Stones.

This season will see the introduction of an incentive scheme. At each home Beazer League Game, try and get the back of your J.S. card stamped in the club shop, once you have 7 stamps on the back of your card (meaning you have seen 7 home league games) you will receive free of charge a Wealdstone F.C. ski-hat. We hope that all of you will take advantage of this special offer.

Special thanks to the Harrow Observer for supporting the Junior Stones Scheme by printing an advert in future programmes we plan to have special competitions which will be printed in this column so watch out for this.

Well thats all lads & lasses heres to a successful season both on and off the pitch.  
P.S. Keep the application forms rolling in and lets see you all at the Harrow Show.

**DAVID ALBERT**



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## Pyramid Patter by Sudhir Rawal

Welcome back to Lower Mead for another season of fun and frolics - surely it will be better than last season! I hope you had an enjoyable summer, England and Great Britain did not seem to win much over the summer, what's new I hear you say? Well we must have won something or other - tiddlywinks, maybe!

Let's start with what has been going on around the leagues over the summer. At the top, Lincoln City, who won the GMVC championship at the first attempt, returned to the Football League. This sets same sort of record for Lincoln, as in the past they also failed to retain their league place in 1908, 1911 and 1920, but on each occasion returned after one season. Such a record must be noted by Newport county, who play in GMVC this season after the disasters of '87-88'; they too have failed re-election in the past, in 1931, returning to the field a year later.

On that occasion Newport only finished sixth in their division, won by Yeovil, while the overall league title was won by Dartford. Yeovil, and the ex-wealdstone squad, will again be challenging Newport, as by winning the VOL after three years of trying they regain a place in the GMVC. Newport will also have to visit Dartford, as Maidstone will be playing their home games there next season. The other new boys in the GMVC are Aylesbury United, and Chatley, champions of the Beazer Homes, and Northern Premier Leagues. The relegated sides as if you need reminding - are Dagenham (Vauxhall Opel), with Bath City and guess who (both to the BHL). This means of course that a team has to move across from the Beazer Homes League to the Northern Premier, and though Burton Albion are the most northerly team it fell to Shepshed Charterhouse to move to pastures new.

The BHL have only given places to three of the fourteen applicants to join the league, even though there were five places available. The clubs allowed to join were our old friends the Banks, West Midlands Champions Tamworth - returning memories of our F A Cup clash (!) last October! Nene Group VOL champions Spalding United and midland combination side Ashtree Highfield. Of the other applicants, Oldbury United and Cresley Rovers could not be considered as they finished behind Tamworth while Stratford Town, Evesham United (Mid Comb), Sittingborne (Kent) and Shoreham (Sussex) did not achieve the necessary top three placing. A change in the emphasis placed by the league means that Braintree Town, Sudbury Town (Building Scene Eastern), Mangotsfield United (areet Mills Western), Yate Town (Halls' Hellenic) and Greenwich Borough (Kent) could not get in due to ground gradings, and promises on work to be done were not acceptable (as has previously been the case). This seems particularly hard on Mangotsfield and the Eastern League pair, but means a reprieve for Stourbridge and Canterbury City from relegation. Chatham Town will drop back to the Kent League and Paget Rangers will join the Midland Combination. Internally, Methyr Tydfil, Dover Athletic, today's opponents Moor Green and Waterlooville gain Premier status. Chelmsford City and Witney Town will drop to the Southern Division, with Willenhall Town and Nuneaton Borough going to the Midland section. With all three new clubs joining the Midland Division, Buckingham Town and Trowbridge Town switch to the Southern Division.

In the Vauxhall-Opel league, the main interest is the latest twists in the long running Leytonstone/Ilford - Walthamstow Avenue saga and the problems with the proposed merger of the two clubs as West Essex United Avenue have now apparently withdrawn from the league, leaving Leytonstone/Ilford to carry on under their current name at Green Pond Road, while a new ground is found, after which the new name will be taken up. Basingstoke Town and Hitchin Town are both relegated from the Premier to Division One, with Marlow and Grays Athletic coming up into the vacated places, while Bracknell Town are saved from relegation back to Division Two, by Walthamstow, leaving Wolverton Town, Stevenage Borough and Billericay Town all dropping into the Northern section of Division Two. Wivenhoe, Chalfont St Peter, Collier Row and Metropolitan Police are promoted. Purfleet have been accepted into the UOL, as should have Edgware, who once again have sadly been refused entry even though the ground appears to be good enough for the UOL. Petersfield United have thus been saved from relegation into the Dan Air/Combined Counties League.



## **Toby Jackson Writes**

A big welcome back to Lower Mead for this afternoon's opening League fixture of the season. We are all setting out on a new adventure today together with a new Chairman, a new Board of Directors drawn from our own people, and a squad of players, half of whom are also new to Lower Mead. If plans proceed as we envisage, a new stadium and location will be added to the melting pot and it will then be up to all of us to add the essential ingredients of support and enthusiasm to take us back to the top and beyond. Some of you will have already seen our new players in our Friendly games, and I ask you all to give each one every encouragement so that they all fit into the Lower Mead set-up as smoothly as possible.

We welcome today Moor Green, promoted from the Beazer Homes Midland Division at the end of last season along with Merthyr Tydfil. This season will give us the chance to meet several old friends again and to make some new ones. Personally speaking a break from trips to Runcorn and Northwich for a while will not upset me, and there are some most enjoyable trips in prospect.

The Club Tea Bars have had a face-lift and the Club Shop's gaping wall has been filled in, so it's all systems go for 1988/89. Let's see what is in stock at present:

**CLUB SKI-HATS:** Yes, with all the hot weather in recent weeks, we've come up with a real winner! Our new woollen blue and white ski-hats come complete with club name and crest, and will really make you stand out in the crowd! Cutting holes in both ends immediately converts the hats into Club tea-cosies. More adaptable than Mike Pittaway! On sale today at just £2.50 each (the hats, not Mike Pittaway).

**CLUB TIES:** Wealdstone FC Club Ties are in stock and available at £6 to Supporters Club members only. The ties come in four colours: Royal Blue, Maroon, Grey and Brown. Smarten yourself up today!

**READING MATERIAL:** The June edition of "When Saturday Comes" is on sale at 40p, once again providing an hilarious look at our National game and including a letter of tribute to our own Dennis Byatt. The latest issue of the "Chelsea Independent" sell at 20p for those who like to keep in touch with the tempestuous happenings at Stamford Bridge. The August "Programme Monthly" has 60 pages of interest to collectors for £1. "The Elmslie Ender" has offended the GMVC Management Committee and will not be on sale in the ground this season.

**F.A. NO-LEAGUE DIRECTORIES:** There remain three unsold copies of the 1988 Directories which are available on a first-come basis today reduced from £8.95 to just £6.95. The soft-back volume has 738 pages of reference and interest to Non-League fans including six pages devoted to Conference clubs. An order has already been placed for the 1989 Directory which is due out at the end of next month optimistically, and supporters may reserve their copy today with a £5 deposit. I hope to have more details of the new Directory shortly.

**LAPEL BADGES:** New August lists of our selection of 150 Non-League and 80 or so League and Scottish badges are available on request. Badge trays in three different varieties are on sale to house badges of differing sizes beneath a transparent sliding lid. Ideal to show off your collection at its best! There are several new badges on sale that I have produced during the summer, and various Beazer Homes club badges including those of our visitors today.

**PROGRAMMES:** We have an excellent selection of Big Match programmes from the end of last season (Internationals, Cup Finals & Semis, etc.) on show today to accompany the normal wide range of past issues. The Football Programme Advertiser is free with every purchase. Sheets from our friendly games with Witton Albion and Edgware Town are available, none being issued at Leyton-Wingate. Programme binders are in stock to provide space for your new season's issues.



## Sidelines by Neale Harvey

About six months ago I, and many other concerned Wealdstone supporters attended a meeting with David Morritt in the back bar of what was then called The Morritt Arms. Following the takeover bid David Morritt had made for Watford and his proposal that Wealdstone would play at Vicarage Road the fertiliser had as they say 'hit the fan'. Chairman Morritt had previously presided over three of the most successful years in the club's history and then, having satisfied his ego, had let the club wither and rot for the next three; Wealdstone must have been the first club in history to win a double and then order the manager to cut the wage bill. Brian Hall, one of the best managers in non league football was starved of cash and hope and then allowed to leave for ambitious Yeovil Town. I should not need to remind anyone how Yeovil did last season. Meldrum then followed (say no more!!), then Terry Burton and Tommy Coleman came, saw, decided they'd seen enough and left a battered relegation outfit.

During that meeting Morritt declared, "Wealdstone is my club and I will be chairman until the day I die". Now when I hear football chairman uttering things like 'my club' I get particularly angry because at the end of the day Chairman, Managers, board members and players come and go. Supporters don't though, they follow 'their' club and that is the essence of the game at our level.

Alan Clifton then revealed his winning hand and following a long, intelligently thought out and passionate speech forced an almost total vote of no confidence in the chairman. Morritt received only one vote in his favour and forty odd against. From then on Alan Clifton, motivated by the tremendous encouragement from the club's fans, engaged Morritt in a courtroom battle which culminated in the total dissolution of the old board, the return of the freehold of the ground and its surroundings to the club for the first time since 1935 and most importantly the complete severance of any connection David Morritt had with Wealdstone FC. We start the 1988/89 season afresh with a new board comprising of people who have a genuine love of football in general, a relatively new manager who with resources available has the opportunity to build a squad and prove his managerial prowess and importantly renewed hope for our loyal supporters.

Up to this point I haven't really mentioned the man who has mainly been responsible for our upturn in fortune and I don't really know how to express suitable gratitude to Alan Clifton. It is possible of course that things might not improve and that we could go down, go out of business and die but for Alans sake I hope that most pessimistic of thoughts remains that-a-thought. Alan has sweated blood during the closed season (I cant call it a summer!). He has had courtroom battles, battles with solicitors, paid hundreds of thousands of pounds out of his own pocket and at the end of it all secured a future for the club. When you think of all the internal strife many clubs go through in similar circumstances its great for once to report on a chairman like Alan who has handled things with such professional dignity and come up with goods for the benefit of the supporters, a generally forgotten group these days.

Professionalism was what this club was all about from 1981 to 1985 and the results proved just how vital that was. The slate is now clean and we now have the opportunity to rebuild - starting today

Amongst our band of new board members is Toby Jackson, of club shop fame. I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating him on his marriage recently. Like all true football supporters I'm pleased to see that you got married during the closed season Toby!

I would also like to congratulate Jeremy Albert on his recent 'happy events' and wish him all the best for his forthcoming nose operation!

In Scotland, Rangers boss Graeme Souness is still the butt of many jokes. Hibernian fanzine The Hibeas Glasgow Gossip is the latest to join in with a couple of anagrams of Souness's name. "Sour games seen" seems to sum up the nature of Rangers' play whilst "See Ra Smug Nose" makes reference to the boss's fiery nature. Meanwhile the Hibeas also poked fun at Wayne Foster, their local rivals (Hearts) forward, who they rather uncharitably anagrammed as "Nosy wee fart!" Charming

A question I keep asking myself in this time of ridiculous transfer fees is how can Terry Venables pay £1.7 million for an unproven forward like Paul Stewart when John Lyall can buy David Kelly, a far superior player in every way, from Wallsall for £600,000? I may have read things the wrong way but I am willing to bet that the Republic of Ireland striker finishes well ahead of Stewart in this seasons goalscoring stakes

**GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE  
(UP TO AND INCLUDING MONDAY 2ND MAY 1988)**

	HOME GOALS					AWAY GOALS					Pts	Waldstone Results		
	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F		Home	Away	
Lincoln City	42	16	4	1	53	13	8	6	7	33	35	82	00-0	L0-3
Barnet	42	15	4	2	57	23	8	7	6	36	22	80	L0-6	L1-5
Kettering Town	41	13	5	3	37	20	9	4	7	31	27	75	L0-2	L2-3
Runcorn	41	13	4	3	41	20	7	7	7	26	27	71	L0-1	L0-1
Telford United	42	11	5	5	33	23	9	5	7	32	27	70	02-2	D1-1
Stafford Rangers	42	12	4	5	43	25	8	5	8	36	33	69	W4-2	L2-5
Kidderminster Harriers	42	11	8	2	42	28	7	7	7	33	38	69	D1-1	L1-2
Sutton United	42	9	8	4	41	25	7	10	4	36	29	66	00-0	D1-1
Weymouth	42	13	7	1	33	13	5	2	14	20	30	63	L0-2	L1-2
Macclesfield Town	42	10	5	6	36	27	8	4	9	28	35	63	D1-1	L2-3
Maidstone United	41	8	5	8	38	33	9	4	7	38	30	60		D1-1
Enfield	42	8	5	8	35	34	7	5	9	33	44	55	W1-0	L2-5
Cheltenham Town	42	6	11	4	36	32	5	9	7	28	35	53	L1-4	D1-1
Altrincham	42	11	5	5	41	21	3	5	13	18	38	52	00-0	L0-1
Fisher Athletic	42	8	7	6	28	23	5	6	10	30	38	52	W2-1	L1-3
Boston United	41	9	5	7	33	25	5	2	13	27	44	49	D1-1	W1-0
Wycombe Wanderers	42	8	5	8	32	43	3	8	10	18	33	46	00-0	L0-1
Northwich Victoria	41	7	6	7	24	25	2	11	8	16	32	44	D2-2	00-0
Welling United	42	8	4	9	33	32	3	5	13	17	40	42	D1-1	L0-4
Bath City	42	7	5	9	27	32	2	5	14	21	44	37	D1-1	00-0
Waldstone	41	3	11	6	19	30	2	6	13	19	43	32		
Dagenham	42	4	3	14	20	46	1	3	17	17	58	21	L2-3	W2-1

**Premier Division**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aylesbury United	42	27	8	7	79	35	89
Dartford	42	27	8	7	79	39	87
Cambridge City	42	24	8	10	84	43	8
Bromsgrove Rovers	42	22	11	9	65	39	77
Worcester City	42	22	6	14	58	48	72
Crawley Town	42	17	14	11	73	63	65
Alvechurch	42	17	13	12	54	52	64
Leicester United	42	15	14	13	68	59	59
Fareham Town	42	16	11	15	51	59	59
Corby Town	42	16	8	18	61	64	56
Dorchester Town	42	14	14	14	51	57	56
Ashford Town	42	12	16	14	45	54	52
Shepshed Chaterhouse	42	13	11	18	53	62	50
Bedworth United	42	12	14	16	49	64	50
Gosport Borough	42	10	17	15	39	49	47
Burton Albion	42	11	14	17	62	74	47
V.S. Rugby	42	10	16	16	52	57	46
Redditch United	42	10	13	19	55	63	43
Chelmsford City	42	11	10	21	60	75	43
Willenhall Town	42	9	12	21	39	76	39
Nuneaton Borough	42	8	13	21	58	77	37
Witney Town	42	8	11	23	45	71	35

**Midland Division**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Merthyr Tydfil	42	30	4	8	102	40	94
Moor Green	42	26	8	8	91	49	86
Grantham Town	42	27	4	11	97	53	85
Atherstone United	42	22	10	10	93	56	76
Sutton Coldfield Town	42	22	6	14	71	47	72
Halesowen Town	42	18	15	9	75	59	69
Gloucester City	42	18	14	10	86	62	68
Dudley Town	42	20	5	17	64	55	65
Forest Green Rovers	42	14	16	12	67	54	58
Banbury United	42	17	7	18	48	46	58
Bridgnorth Town	42	16	7	19	59	75	55
Buckingham Town	42	15	9	18	74	75	54
King's Lynn	42	16	6	20	53	63	54
Wellingborough Town	42	14	10	18	67	70	52
Rushden Town	42	14	9	19	69	85	51
Trowbridge Town	42	14	3	25	53	82	45
Bilston Town	42	12	8	22	52	87	44
Hednesford Town	42	11	10	21	50	81	43
Mile Oak Rovers	42	9	14	19	43	65	41
Coventry Sporting	42	11	8	23	46	83	41
Stourbridge	42	10	10	22	46	79	40
Paget Rangers	42	10	9	23	49	89	39

**Southern Division**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dover Athletic	40	28	10	2	81	28	94
Waterlooville	40	27	10	3	88	33	91
Salisbury	40	24	11	5	71	33	83
Gravesend & Northfleet	40	20	12	8	60	32	72
Thanet United	40	17	13	10	60	38	64
Andover	40	17	13	10	64	58	64
Dunstable	40	17	12	11	78	56	63
Burnham	40	17	10	13	61	45	61
Bury Town	40	17	7	16	80	67	58
Erith & Belvedere	40	16	9	15	52	56	57
Sheppey United	40	14	10	16	58	52	52
Hastings Town	40	14	10	16	62	70	52
Tonbridge A.F.C.	40	14	8	18	51	56	50
Poole Town	40	13	10	17	69	70	49
Baldock Town	40	12	12	16	44	53	48
Hounslow	40	11	8	21	41	76	41
Folkestone	40	9	11	20	47	76	38
Corinthian	40	9	10	21	49	67	37
Ruislip	40	5	13	22	33	80	28
Canterbury City	40	7	6	27	33	87	27
Chatham Town	40	7	5	28	39	88	26





# TEAMS

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## Wealdstone

(Blue)

## Moor Green

(Yellow)

CHANGES	TEAM	SCORER	SCORER	TEAM	CHANGES
	DARREN WILLIAMS	1		DEREK ALLEN	
	KIRK CORBIN	2		SHANE ABELL	
	MARK HARRISON	3		GRAHAM CLEGG	
	DENNIS BYATT	4		DAVID HUGHES	
	LANCE O'BRIEN	5		PAUL ALDBRIDGE	
	PAUL MORRIS	6		MARK JONES	
	EVERALD LA RONDE	7		PHIL DAVIES	
	ALAN CORDICE	8		BRIAN McGARRY	
	PAUL WILKINS	9		CHRIS DOWNES	
	SAMSON OLALEYE	10		DAVID FEARON	
	TONY LYNCH	11		KEVIN BANTON	
	COREY BROWNE	12		IAN TAYLOR	
	MARK LAWRENCE	14		BOB PHILPOTT	

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