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#### WEALDSTONE 2020-21

### Written in Stone



G ood afternoon all and welcome to our much anticipated home league game against Barnet.

The politics around this season like last continue but as you would expect our number one priority has, and always will be Wealdstone FC. The Board provided the following update earlier this week so please keep an eye on our social media platforms for EGM details.

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n advance of the 31st March deadline, the club are very pleased to announce that after our recent inspection we believe the Vale has met all the criteria in order to be awarded an 'A' grading. This allows us to continue to play at National League level and we expect this to be confirmed by the FA in the next few days.

This is the culmination of many years of hard work however the incredible efforts over the past 12 months, led by Nick Symmons have moved our facilities to this next level. This financial investment of £150,000 now means that as a club we now benefit from:

\* A new stand behind the goal that will hold 230 fans. \* Additional terracing and paved areas around the ground. \*3 new toilet blocks including a dedicated disabled facility. \*Improved changing room facilities for both teams and referees. \*A new block for that includes management, treatment, and hospitality options. \* A supporters first aid point. \* 2 further turnstiles at the top end of the ground. \*Multiple segregation points that will allow us to safely allow away fans access whilst maximising attendances. \*A new tea bar behind the Holywell stand.

\* A host of further smaller improvements.

Our approved maximum capacity now stands at 4085

This achievement has only been made possible due to the incredible commitment of our supporters both as volunteers and financial contributors along with our sponsorship partners. The transformation of the facilities from when we arrived at The Vale to the current day should make everyone associated with the club immensely proud.

We can also announce that we have been advised by the Sport England that we are eligible for a loan on the basis of the application made under the Sport Winter Survival Package. This loan will play a critical role in ensuring that the club can continue to operate through the remainder of this season and next season whilst the external environment normalises and we can build our revenue streams at National League level. The loan has a 20-year term on a 2% interest rate with repayments commencing in year-5 after an initial payment holiday.

Whilst the Board have shared their views on the appropriateness of loan funding and the circumstances in which this means of financial support has been arrived at, it is clear from our dialogue with various parties that grant funding will not be made available at the current time. Therefore the Board are recommending that the loan offered is accepted to alleviate both short term and medium term funding challenges. The Board remain committed to ensuring the financial stability of the club and will continue to manage the club's finances prudently as we seek to build the club's footprint and revenue streams to ensure both the repayment of this loan but also continued progress on and off the pitch.

The club's articles limit the borrowing capacity of the club and therefore we will be calling an E.G.M. to seek the approval of the company's shareholder via the passing of a special resolution, details of which will be sent to shareholders as soon as the details are finalised. If we are to continue our incredible journey, it is critical that shareholders approve this loan.

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People are only allowed entry to The Vale on match days subject to the following rules and regulations: 1) The club reserves the right to eject from the ground any person who is considered to have committed any of the following acts:

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Wealdstone FC Board of Directors

## WEALDSTONE 2020-21 From the Gaffer



nother behind closed doors game at The Vale this afternoonand this one is particularly frustrating as we all know how long we have waited for today and what the atmosphere would be like if you our fans were allowed in. However we have got to put our disappointment to one side and make sure we as a team are focused on the job in hand.

We are entering the last 6 or 7 weeks of the season now and there is a lot going on behind the scenes to prepare for next season. However we need to make sure we remain competitive in every remaining game this season as we are looking to pick up points and finish strongly.

# Hard work and strong foundations

We have worked hard to put a lot of the foundations in place defensively that will carry over into next season and now need to start adding that attacking flair back into our game that will make us a real force. It's been hard to put into action everything we have planned as a management team as we have only actually had 6 training sessions since we have been in charge and three of those have been recovery sessions. Performance levels have been good in all but one league game in that period so that is what we're focusing on currently. It's difficult to guarantee results at the moment with all that we are fighting against but we feel we should be able to guarantee performances and make sure we're competitive. We are not far away at the moment, so once we're back to full resources we will be able to add the bits of quality we need to turn tight games in our favour.

Finally I want to highlight and thank all the volunteers that have worked tirelessly to get the stand finished and to make sure that we met the ground grading requirements. We've seen their efforts first hand and it's much appreciated. The fans are the heartbeat of this club and we're lucky to have you.

Hopefully we can put in another good display today and keep progressing and keep developing as a National League team.

back on people's faces. We are here to win, and we will demand everything from the players and from ourselves to make sure that happens.

Stuart

BY SUDHIR RAWAL

### The Elmslie Ender



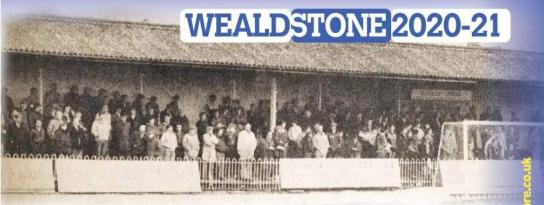
### Despite claims of writers block a quiet Saturday morning results in EE rediscovering his Mojo

wasn't going to write an article for today's programme. To be honest, I have barely watched a game this season, after over four decades of going home and away most weeks, as I just can't get my head around watching Wealdstone on a stream and there's only so much you can write about non on field footballing matters, but then came along punishment for not fulfilling games by a number of clubs and I couldn't resist.

It is important to state that the judications were handed down by an independent panel commissioned by the National League rather than the League itself and it seems that they were concerned about the activities or lack of in February rather than before or after. In short Dover Áthletic have been handed a fine of £40,000 and will start next season on minus twelve points, but crucially have not been relegated from the top division. At step 2. sixteen clubs have been handed fines ranging

Coming up 30 years.. Tony Kelly scores the final goal in front of the Elmslie fans





The famous Elmslie End at Lower Mead, which would have been 100 years old this summer... a new book to commemorate the iconic stadium is now available through the WFC Megastore

'Many consider Dover's

from £1,400 to £8,000 and a suspended points deduction for failing to fulfil fixtures, whilst lastly there were Covid protocol fines issued to two other clubs.

Interestingly, the general impression around the non-league footballing world has been contrary as many consider Dover's punishment to be too lenient, whilst others have felt that the punishments handed out to the step 2 clubs has been too harsh for a season that was ultimately null and void in any case.

In respect of Dover, it does seem strange that their punishment seems limited to the month of February and not for the period before and

after. Whilst a £40,000 fine seems hefty, in reality it is a drop in the ocean in terms of the monies not spent by them by their refusal to carrying on playing compared to what they would have spent overall over the course of the season. Dover will be appealing as you'd expect and there will be no surprise if the punishment wasn't reduced further. If other clubs had known that at

worst the punishment for not completing the season with minus 12 points (three points for every game missed in February) and a fine considerably less than their overall spend, would they have made similar decisions? If you had offered Rory and the board that choice, I wonder whether they'd have taken it? Dover fans on various forums, together with the general NL footballing fraternity, expected at least a demotion to the southern division if not the step below that. It does feel like that they have essentially got away with it with a

punishment that doesn't fit the crime, so to speak.

Sutton United continue to romp away at the top of the National League, out pacing their BELT rivals. It seems incredible that less than five years ago, their average attendance was less than ours and they finished below Wealdstone in the NLS. As I have said before. Sutton United are the template for traditional non-league clubs to follow to not only survive at this level but indeed thrive. Their promotion to the Football League and the BELT meltdown will be hilarious to say the least and keeps alive the dream that the old Wimbledon set in

motion in the seventies that a club could rise through the footballing ranks without a sugar daddy or moneyman turbocharging that elevation.

Lastly onto today's first home league fixture against our near neighbours from Edgware, HA8 in thirty-two years. For those of us who started supporting Wealdstone in the seventies, the side now based in Canons Park, were our fiercest rivals.

In the eighties they were joined by Enfield. no longer in existence, in the APL and maybe both club's greater ire was focused on those from Southbury Road. Whilst the black and ambers may see their rivals now as Stevenage or even Leyton Orient, the truth is that they are a non-league side at heart. As much as it was shame that 600 or so Stones weren't at PEPF in December, it is a misfortune that our first league outing in over three decades isn't in front of a full house at the Vale.

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### Unlucky with injuries, but young George has ability and the pedigree to make a real mark in the game

s if he hadn't had enough injury disappointment in his young life, 18-year-old George Langston was just 75 minutes into an enjoyable National League debut for the Stones when it came to a shattering end.

"We were 1-0 up at Torquay and keeping a good, solid shape when I over-stretched for a ball down the channel and felt my hamstring go... I just said 'Cawley, I can't run' and that was that".

Watford loanee George was only 16, in his first year as a scholar with the Hornets, when he suffered a nasty anterior cruciate ligament injury while pre-season training - surgeons took a bit of his hamstring to help rebuild the muscle behind his knee and he feels that it's linked to his latest setback.

"My rehabilitation had a bit of a setback when it flared up again a few weeks ago just after I'd restarted training... I've been given a target of April 5 or April 10 for a youth team game, and then hopefully I can link up again with Wealdstone the following week. I really want to get back playing before the end of the season, when the loan comes to an end".

The 6ft 3in centre-back had only been with the club 24 hours when he was thrown into action at Darlington for the calamitous 4-1 FA Trophy last-16 defeat at the end of January.

"The lads were all really welcoming and we had a good overnight stay before the game... but Darlington came out all guns blazing" he said. "We could have been Man City and I think they'd have approached the game the same way. For some reason we couldn't match their energy levels and were well beaten, which was gutting as we all thought we had a chance of getting to

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Wembley". George was nevertheless one of the few bright spots on a gloomy afternoon. "We were told that it was a fresh slate at Torquay, just a few days later, and that we had a 0-0 at

the beginning and that we should believe we could make it stay that way. And when Mendy scored the confidence just flooded back. I wish I could have stayed on longer as we were were standing up to their attacks really well".

The loss of Langston came at a critical stage as Torquay turned the screw, throwing bodies forward to claim an equaliser - which finally came in injury time.

"It was really cold night with a gale-force wind.. and I spent the journey back with ice on my knee. It didn't get any better as I had to stand up on the bus and sing for my initiation - a bit of Usher, it was - and it's just sad that was my last appearance for the club, so far.

"Getting the experience of playing in games that matter is why I'm at Wealdstone. I'd much rather do this than play under-23s football because that's all about style rather than about the discipline needed to win

points. And I'm hoping I can get back to playing in time to see crowds this season

because I've heard the Stones fans can be quite something. Very loud and passionate!"

eorge was brought up in Nash Mills, near Hemel Hempstead with his family before moving to Kings Langley. His dad, Matthew, was himself a scholar at Watford FC 30 years ago, before going on to play lower league football with Stevenage and Histon - who were then in the Blue Square Conference National. Matt achieved a bit of fame in 2008 when his goal knocked Leeds United out of the FA Cup in a famous 1-0 win for the Cambridgeshir

tamous 1-0 win for the Cambridgeshire village side (pictured right). "I was there!" says George. "I was only about

six, and it was cold and wet but I remember my dad's friend getting very excited and shouting out: 'Your dad's scored!'. He didn't get many goals, as he was a centre-back too, but that was one we'll never forget".

George points out that the technology and

science behind football makes it a different game to the one his dad played. "I've seen the facilities at some of the Premier League clubs like Tottenham and Leicester and it's so technical these days, whereas in my dad's day it was just football, football, football. No analysis to speak of".

George started his youth career with Hemel Comets. "We had some really good players and I started off as a No.10, central midfield, then as I got taller I moved to a No.8, then a holding midfielder... and then I got put at centre-back, from Year 8 really when I was 12 or 13. I had a spell with Spurs, then Watford called me over and signed me up!"

He reckons his highlight in the Hornets youth system was the under-18s run to the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup two years ago - the same year the first team got to the FA Cup Final only to lose to Manchester City.

"I was 16 and still at school, supposed to be revising for my GCSEs but instead I was playing at our home ground (Wingate & Finchley) against Jude Bellingham in the Birmingham City side. We won that one 1-0; then beat Southampton 2-1; then Ipswich 4-1; then won

2-1 after extra time against Leicester in the quarter-finals. So it was up to Anfield to play Liverpool in the semi-finals. To be honest we spent a lot of the tie on the back foot in every one of those games, but we had a good defence and Dantay Baptiste in goal who was inspired. At the other end, Ryan Cassidy was scoring for fun. In the end we lost 2-1 to Liverpool (and they won the Cup, beating Man City in the

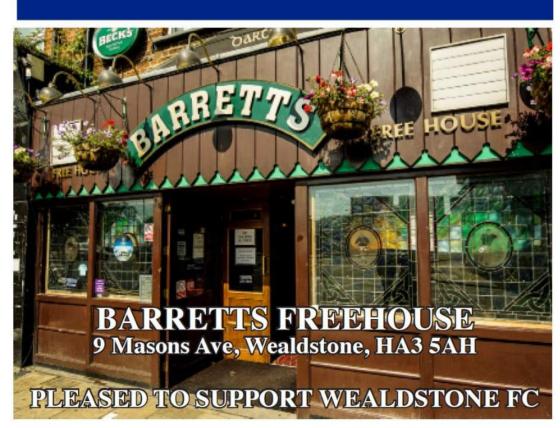
final) but it was a brilliant experience."

George's performances earned him the chance to train with the first team over Christmas that year, and then make his breakthrough into the under-23s.

And now the chance to impress in men's football. "It's only been two games in a Wealdstone shirt but I've learned such a lot" he says. "The National League is a tough division but we've definitely got the quality and creativity to score goals, as well as be sound at the back. I'm hoping to continue the loan next season when I might be even taller... I think I might still be growing!

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### Clives A-Z of Football for the lockdown

There was a time before he became a Twitter sensation as a social commentator when Clive ... @chelskireject was a humble contributor to these very pages. Thanks to exhaustive behind the scenes negotiations we are now in a position to serialise his latest musings.



PROGRAMME. Has to be an award winning one and purchased from those lovely people pre match in the club house. What were they called again? Pop in bar crew I think. Anyway they were great. Really great.



QUEUING. 5 minutes to kick off they should have all turnstiles clicking away quickly to get the crowd in. Do not suggest leaving the bar before thus time. Are you radio rental?

Is For....

**RESULTS**. We're in a results based industry they'll say. True enough but watching dull turgid football doesn't do it for me. I'll take a 9 goal thriller every day if we sometimes are on the wrong end of it obviously I'll hurt but better than an awful match. Entertain me!



A graphical representation of Clives age related stereotyping



REPUTATION. Can be for a variety of reasons. Glad that the Stones have one for gentlemanly sporting professional conduct at all times. Players, fans all have this code. That's right innit?

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SUPERSTITIONS. Even men of science will be careful not to upset the footballing gods by incurring their rage by walking under a ladder for example when on the way to the match. Lose, it's down to you. Jinx

SWEAR WORDS. As a child who wouldn't want to be in the company of foul mouthed kidults whose every utterance is liberally laced with industrial language? My missus doesn't fully agree with this statement but then again she is a laydee.

To be continued you next Issue...

Is that a Walford To

# It's 'Megaphone' Mike

ove him or loathe him, you can't ignore Mike "Megaphone' Vincent.... scourge of linesmen and goalkeepers the length and breadth of the Ryman League. Mega is also a hard-working member of the Supporters Club committee and the first to volunteer for a Wealdstone cause. And he also sponsors match balls!

This is his chance to explain his devotion to the Stones, in his own auiet words...

Why Wealdstone?
I HAVE to thank my four brothers really.
They are all older than me. One was a Chelsea fan, another followed Spurs, and the other two liked football without going regularly to see a particular team. However, the four of them would get together to go and see England, Brentford

and also Wealdstone, and when I was old enough I joined them. Considering we lived in South Harrow, and a ten minute walk from an inauspicious darts/ pool venue, I am quite grateful for their good sense! I still look out for Brentford results and am also pleased my brothers didn't choose to go to a closer league club just over the border in Hertfordshire!

#### My First Stones Game

To be honest I am not entirely sure (not great for this type of article I must admit!) I reckon I was taken to Lower Mead when I was just four or five years old in the early 1970's, and if my memory isn't playing tricks our opponents were wearing red and black striped shirts and black shorts, though I would not have any idea who they might have been. The next game, though, was definitely a home match against Dartford in September 1977, though until Roge's book came out I thought we had won 2-0... but it appears that we actually lost by this margin that day! After that I was taken to the FA Cup 1st Round game against Hereford and stood at the front of the High Mead terrace in a large crowd as we battled out a 0-0 draw. My first favourite Wealdstone players were George Duck and Keith Furphy. What happened then?

Though still making occasional visits to Lower Mead, Griffin Park and even White Hart Lane I

had decided by around the age of 10 that my main team was going to be Chelsea. The fact that the team at that time was rubbish didn't deter me, and in fact I revelled in the farce that included such players at the Bridge as Graham Wilkins, Micky Nutton and Petar Borota. So from around 1981-'94 most of my time was spent in SW6. In later years I would go to every game, home and away which obviously limited my visits to see the Stones. I was however able to attend both the FA Trophy Semi Final 2nd leg at Lower Mead and of course the Final at Wembley, together with a handful of matches around that period, though in hindsight I wish I had made more visits during those glory

Warwick

Why come back in the Yeading years? A good question! After the last league game at Lower Mead I gave Vicarage Road a wide berth. In '93-94 I went to the 2-2 FA Trophy draw and 3-0 defeat in the replay away against, well, you know who ..... The following season, with Fred Callaghan as boss I went with my friend Andy Burke to the 3-0 FA Trophy victory against Bromley. The next evening I was at a Metal Mode band rehearsal and mentioned this my pal Keif.

Unknown to me, he had been a Stones fan in the early 1980's but had stopped going. I had known him for about 6 years and didn't even know he liked football! We arranged to go to the next

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ell, it seems we started something when highlighting Nick Woolford's appearance as the 'Fan in the Stand' 17 years ago. None of

the 'victims' could even remember taking part, including the quiet and unassuming Michael Vincent who this week updates his thoughts from way back in 2004. Read on overpage.....



expectation and were up against a side unbeaten at home for absolutely against a side unbeaten at home for absolutely against to Dennis Greene though, we came away with an unforgetable 1-0 victory. The 2nd half seemed to last for about 2 years, and a stunning save from Noel Imber helped seal our victory. The sea of smilling Stones faces in the pub afterwards told their own

story, fantastic!

My worst Stones game

14/10/2001 v Belper Town home FA Cup -

Absolute misery. 2-0 up and cruising, we lost 3-2

on the same day we learned we had lost out on

Undoubtedly the fans. Without them this club would have died a long time ago. I have made many good friends here (and the odd enemy I am sure!) What other team in the country has so many songs about various supporters? There are so many characters here, all completely different, all maybe a little bit mad, but together that eclectic mix is what coming to see the Stones is all about!

• If you (or a group of friends) would like to be a ball donor, £50 will see you receive two complimentary tickets to the game, a free programme and hospitality in the boardroom.. PLUS you now get your chance to tell Stones Magazine all about your devotion to the club..

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#### **CLASSIC FIS: MIKE VINCENT CONTD**

Did you ever think Stones would climb back up to the National League? Yes of course. Ever since we won the Isthmian Division Three on that amazing day at Chestnut Avenue in 1997, it was always a case for me of when we would get back to

the top table. Including that, and also the penalty shoot out at Champion Hill, that is five promotions, and you could argue we should have had six after the Turveyinspired ground grading debacle of 1999.

Would any of the players since break into that 'all-time' Stones team you chose 16 years ago? Quite possibly. Aston Oxborough has a shout for goal-keeper, Marvin McCoy for right back, Alan Massey would be fighting for a centre half berth. In midfield Glen Little, Tom Pett, Luke O'Nien and Godfrey Poku would be in the frame, while up front both Richard Jolly and Jermaine Beckford would be under consideration too.

I would also like to add that sometimes it isn't just about the best players. Fan favourites play a huge part in a club's identity. Those that come to Wealdstone and "get" what the club is about. So they may not make a best XI side, but during their stay have played a part in getting us to where we are today. Over the last 17 or so years the likes of Chris O'Leary, Lee Chappell, Peter Dean, Sean Cronin and Ross Lafeyette come into this category.



How would you compare today's National League with the Conference we exited in 1988? And the style of play? It is impossible to compare different eras. The pitches are generally far better now than in 1985, and our style of football back

then was, well, shall we say effective.

A lot more football is played on the deck now, sometimes arguably too much in and around a team's own penalty area.

As for the standard of the league it is undoubtedly higher, with a large proportion of ex football league teams. This makes it an uneven playing field, but as clubs like Sutton United and Maidenhead United have shown, it isn't always about who throws the most money at it. Even if we don't turn full time I would like to see a day in the near future when we are training three days a week.

How are you surviving on a diet of live-streamed football? The streaming is very good, the only problem self caused as I am not tech savvy and watch games on my phone which isn't ideal. The co-commentators have generally been very knowledgeable and add to the experience. Also we are probably the least biased in the whole league. I'll be having words with Fergus Moore for suggesting Boreham Wood "float one to the far post" in the last minute of added time...... By the way the half time tunes by Kaney are top notch too.



camera angles behind the goal which will probably cost, it is fine as it is.

How do you think we have coped since the summer? Even without Covid and empty grounds it has been a bizarre season. We had some good results at the start, though some cracks were being covered up. We then had a spell where it seemed we wouldn't win again all season, but since Stuart and Matt have taken over the structure and balance of the side is more compact and players seem to have defined roles. Also we have been blighted by injuries which hasn't helped.

This year is all about survival and building to ensure we have the personnel to compete toe-to-toe with our opponents next season.

Have you missed the Wealdstone away trips? The away trips aren't just about the 90 minutes, they are about friendships forged over 25 to 40 years, and about

exploring new parts of the country. Of course I miss it, but at least it has coincided with the micropubs and breweries being closed.

Who are the club's main local rivals now we've rejoined Barnet in the top division? The mob from the Darts club have never been a main rival. Perhaps more like an annoying kid brother who you clip across the ear (metaphorically speaking) every now and then but not a rival. Whether the club who reside

at Prince Edward Playing Fields become a main rival again time will tell. If it wasn't for the National League South being null and voided they wouldn't have been in this division next season anyway...

Can you see having a long-term future at The Vale? Sadly no. Unless we can get a 25 year lease then we have to look elsewhere for the long term future of the football club. Where that will be I have no idea, but the club is in good hands with Rory and he knows what he is doing.

Finally... where do you see the club in five years? I see no reason why we shouldn't be in the National League in five years time, but the most important thing for me is securing a permanent home for the first time in 30 years. What this club has achieved in that time WITHOUT a long-term home ground is phenomenal, so imagine what it can do when the future is finally secured?



Below: The Vale in full rocking mood as Ricky Wellard's header beats Hereford in the Trophy three years ago. Who needs a shiny orange ground, even with trains?

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### We continue to be busy in these difficult times



ood Afternoon everybody and I would particularly like to say hello to the Barnet fans who will be reading these notes post-match rather than during the game. Since my last programme notes in the New Year, I am still undertaking an audit of our membership and would like to thank the 166 people who, at the time of writing in mid-March, have responded to my emails so far. (Up from 38 at Christmas) If you are one of the 31 members I have not heard from, can you please check your inbox, junk and spam. A big thank you to the many fans who have put members in touch via Facebook and the Stonesnet Forum. It is very much appreciated I can assure you. All membership enquiries can be directed to wealdstonescmembership@gmail.com.

The Supporters Club Executive Committee continue to be busy whether via zoom meetings or the website. Our own Facebook group has now grown to 167 members which is great. Please note that membership of the Supporters Club is not a pre-requisite to join. My partner Samantha and I have been visiting the club shop regularly to clear the floor of the large collection of donated programmes that had arisen in lockdown. In many cases, complete bundles of all home competitive programmes for seasons 1980-81 to 2013-14 are now available. Local delivery can be arranged too. If you have any specific wants, just ask as lots of new stock is on the shelves and graffitied programmes are now in the Borough's recycling process! It was good to see so many people online recently for the late Miriam Goodman's headstone dedication in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, A lady who is still

missed in so many ways. It is planned to have an 'In Memoriam' section of the Supporters Club website, so watch this space for developments.

If you know any of the following, the Supporters Club would like to make contact with them: David Burgess-Allen, Christine Fletcher, James Johnson, Martin Kaiser, Denis McCarthy, Marilyn McDonald and Paul Oates.

In my last set of programme notes, I gave a big welcome to "Gianluca from Soragna, Patma in Italy". This should have read: Gianluca Sardi from Teramo in Italy, my apologies. The Executive Committee would like to formally welcome the following who have joined as Life Members since I last wrote: Dan Fox, Phil Jackson, Phil Jeffreson, Tony Platt, David Thomas and Michael O'Gorman, Plus 'welcome back' to Steve Hobbs who I recently discovered became a Life Member as long ago as 1990. Plus a Happy Birthday to Craig Whitehead and former Committee member Bob DuGard.

Finally, a task I have taken on in lockdown is photographing all the Supporters Club Notes appearing in the programmes since year dot. In the programme for the MSC Semi-Final versus Enfield on the 8th March 1980 Johnny Johns, Commercial Manager, made an interesting point: "For the economists amongst you the cost of 300 programmes is £84. Sale of 300 x 20p (cover price) = £60. How about making sure your mate buys his own programme? There'll be 700 on sale today and we make a profit after 600." What would today's figures look like?



### BARNET FC - WHO'S WHO?



#### 1. SCOTT LOACH - GOALKEEPER

Scott arrived in 2019 following his contract expiring at Hartlepool United. His career began with Lincoln City, before joining Watford where he would stay for six years. In 2012, Loach joined lpswich Town before brief spells with Rotherham United and Notts County before signing for Hartlepool in 2017.

#### 12. JAMES CALLAN - GOALKEEPER

A young goalkeeper who has been developed through the Barnet FC Academy system, James is certainly one to keep an eye on in the future.

#### 24. AYMEN AZAZE - GOALKEEPER

Young Belgian shot stopper, Aymen Azaze is a first team player after he signed his professional contract in December 2018 whilst a scholar with the Bees.

#### 2. DWIGHT PASCAL - DEFENCE

The 19-year-old rose through the ranks at The Hive London as a scholar, where he went onto to make his First Team debut, aged just 15 when we took on Peterborough United in the EFL Trophy before departing in 2019 but returned a year later a after a spell at Potters Bar Town.

#### 3. JACK CONNORS - DEFENCE

The former Ebbsfleet full-back trained with Beadle's side throughout the latter parts of the summer before joining in October 2020. Connors joined the Bees with plenty of experience at non-league level, having featured for the likes of Hampton and Richmond, Dagenham and Redbridge and Dover Athletic

#### 5 MATT PRESTON - DEFENCE

Matt started his playing days as a youth player at Walsall, where he captained their under-18 side before signing a professional deal in 2014. He went on to make 41 senior appearances for the Saddlers before making a move to Swindon Town in 2017. Preston moved closer to home when he joined his former club Mansfield Town in 2018. He spent two seasons with Mansfield, where he made 68 appearances during his time with the Club.

#### 7. ALEX MCQUEEN - DEFENCE

Alexander joined in 2020 following a successful trial period with the Club. McQueen most recently featured for fellow National League side Dagenham and Redbridge. The 25-year-old started his career as a youth player at Tottenham, before moving to Carlisle United where he made 25 senior appearances in his 18-month stay. A move abroad soon followed when he went joined Finnish side Vaasan Palloseura.

#### 15. THEMIS KEFALAS - DEFENCE

Themis is currently on loan from Championship side QPR on a deal until the end of the season. The defender joined the Super Hoops in 2018 and has since spent time on loan at Billericay Town of the National League South.

#### 16. HARRY TAYLOR - DEFENCE

Harry's career started as part of the Chelsea youth system in 2005, where he left in 2012 to join Barnet along with his brother Jack. After graduating from Barnet's academy in 2014, the defender has since gone on to make 75 appearances in all competitions. The young right-back has had loan, making 21 appearances across two loan spells for Hampton and Richmond Borough and Staines Town.

#### 17. BEN RICHARDS-EVERTON -DEFENCE

Ben joined in January 2020 on a free transfer from League Two side Bradford City. Richards-Everton moved to The Hive London with a vast amount of experience in the EFL, where he made close to 100 appearances between spells with Bradford City and Accrington Stanley.

#### 26. JEROME BINNOM-WILLIAMS - DEFENCE

Jerome joined the Bees having most recently played for fellow National League side FC Halifax Town. Jerome played for Crystal Palace as a youth player and spent time on loan at Football League clubs including Southend United, Burton Albion and Leyton Orient. A move to Peterborough United followed, before a move to Chesterfield. Binnom-Williams has represented England at u18, u19 and England 'C' level.

#### 31. BEN NUGENT - DEFENCE

Ben came to the Club with Football League pedigree, having made 222 senior career appearances to date for the likes of Cardiff City, Brentford, Peterborough United, Gillingham and Stevenage.

#### 35 LOIC HERNANDEZ - DEFENCE

Hernandez, another product of the youth academy, signed his first professional deal the The Hive in the summer of 2018.

#### 38. LIAM DALY - DEFENCE

Liam joined the Bees in January in 2021 from National League North side Gloucester City. The powerful defender who stands at 6 feet 6 inches tall, brings a vast amount of experience to the Bees backline.

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#### 4. TYRONE DUFFUS - MIDFIELD

Duffus is primarily a midfield player but also has the ability to play in defensive positions too. The 23-year-old rose through the ranks of Premier League side Everton as a youngster, before making a switch to continue his development with Cardiff City.

#### 6. JAMES DUNNE - MIDFIELD

James' career began in North London with Arsenal's Academy setup, however, in search of first-team football, he signed for Exeter City. Stevenage came next before moves to Portsmouth and Cambridge United ensured James became an established player in the Football League. Dunne has represented Swindon Town before making the switch to Barnet in July 2019.

#### 8. ELÍOT RICHARDS - MIDFIÉLD

Eliot has racked up over 150 Football League appearances playing for the likes of Bristol Rovers, Exeter City and Tranmere Rovers. He has represented Wales at both under 19 and under 21. Has also represented Tampa, Merthyr Town & Hereford.

#### 10. MICHAEL PETRASSO - MIDFIELD

Canadian international winger Michael Petrasso joined the Bees on a season long loan deal from Canadian Premier League side York9 FC.

#### 18. WES FONGUCK - MIDFIELD

Wesley was a youth talent picked up by Barnet from local side Croydon. Wes has enjoying loan spells at Hendon and Hampton and Richmond Borough. Wes has also featured for the England 'C' team.

#### 19. XANDER MCBURNIE- MIDFIELD

Xander joined the Bees in 2020 after a long spell playing abroad. He came through the ranks at Bradford City before moving abroad to ply his trade in Sweden. He most recently played for Ytterhogdals IK (YIK).

#### 27. EPHRON MASON-CLARK- MIDFIELD

Ephron signed his first professional deal with Barnet in July 2016 after graduating from the youth academy.

#### 32. JACK TOMPKINS - MIDFIELD

Jack signed his first professional deal in December 2018, following a successful progression through the Bees Academy system. He spent the 2019/20 season on loan with Staines Town

#### 33. ANTONIS VASILIOU - MIDFIELD

Vasiliou signed his first professional deal with the Bees in the summer of 2019

#### 40. ANTHONY WORDSWORTH- MIDFIELD

Anthony has vast experience at League One and Championship level and joined from AFC Wimbledon. Wordsworth made 56 appearances during his time with The Dons in a two year period before his contract ran out at the close of last season.

#### 9. ALFIE PAVEY - FORWARD

Alfie joined from Dover and has played for a number of clubs at Football League and National League level, representing the likes of Millwall, Havant and Waterlooville, & Dartford.

#### 11. JJ HOOPER - FORWARD

JJ's early career saw him develop through the youth academy Newcastle before joining Havant and Waterlooville. He then joined Port Vale and after a brief stint on loan at Northampton Town, a move to Grimsby Town followed.

#### 14. MUHAMMADU FAAL - FORWARD

Muhammadu joined on Ioan in 2020. Faal was snapped up by then League One side Bolton Wanderers from Enfield Town.

#### 21. TOMI ADELOYE - FORWARD

Tomi Adeloye joined the Bees in March and comes with experience playing for the likes of Hartlepool United, Dagenham and Redbridge and Ebbsfleet United.

#### 22. JOSH WALKER - FORWARD

The 21-year-old started off in the youth set-up at Tottenham before joining fellow London side Fulham where he progressed right through to Under 23 level. Josh then joined Wealdstone during his final year at Fulham before making a permanent switch to Hendon in September 2017 after being released by the Cottagers.

#### 20. COURTNEY BAKER-RICHARDSON - FORWARD

Baker-Richardson is currently on loan from League Two side Barrow AFC. The tall and powerful striker is using this spell at The Hive to regain fitness following an injury during preseason last year.

#### CARETAKER MANAGER

#### GARY ANDERSON

Gary takes charge following the sackings of Peter Beadle and his successor Tim Flowers this season.





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The World of Ball
Local derby alert! - welcome back to the amber & black

Just one member of Wealdstone's current squad was alive the last time we hosted Barnet. Nevertheless, the Hertfordshire club remains one of our biggest local rivals

Can you take a second to imagine for me that you're an Arsenal fan? Ah, go on, just for a minute, this won't take long. OK? Ready? So now I want you to also imagine that, over time, your fiercest rivals have changed. It's no longer Tottenham, it's Orient. What's more, while you've been trash-talking the inhabitants of Brisbane Road, you've not played Tottenham for more than thirty years. Ludicrous, right?

Unbelievably, that's pretty much what has happened between us and Barnet over the past 32 years. Where once we eagerly awaited the fixtures to see when Barnet were due in town, we've instead had to make do with, pfft, Harrow Borough. Sure, we've always had that most local of connections with Borough - but as bitter league rivals? Hardly ever. Today marks our 98th league game against Barnet, a club we've played in four different leagues over the years. Borough? Just 18 games in one league.

Chances are you'll think none of this matters if you're relatively new to our supporter base. Fans joining us from our days in Edgware, Northwood or now Ruislip may be dumbfounded at the animosity shown to those in amber by a bunch of angry old blokes. And that's fair enough. But in the 32 years prior to 1988 we played Barnet no fewer than 54 times. In the 32 years since, it's been just the once - and that was only four months ago in the reverse of today's league fixture. There really is quite a history between us.

Kicking Barnet into touch as our main rivals, and affording Borough that status instead, came about only once we'd left Lower Mead. To an extent, it's another function of our self-inflicted yet life-saving relegation down the divisions in 1995. The road back to playing in the same league as Barnet has taken 32 long years during which,

let's be fair, they've enjoyed some rather more positive experiences.

Of course, both clubs controversially leaving long established old homes have stirred the pot somewhat. Remarkable quirks of fate have led to Barnet residing in Harrow while we, ostensibly a Harrow side, now "ply our trade" in Hillingdon. The difference appears to be that we actually quite like where we are now. From what I read and hear, the typical Barnet fan is perhaps not quite so content.

Obviously there's been a long history of results between us, with some being quite remarkable. The Boxing Day Massacre of 1982 - 6-0 at Lower Mead - is a personal highlight, but Barnet can point to the time they took their revenge by the same score in 1988, also at Lower Mead, in our last meeting before that 32 year break. And over the years the fixture has come up with some other dramatic score lines, too...

Seven nil to Barnet? Oh yes, that happened alright, albeit in the most sublime of circumstances. Days after we'd won the National League (then dubbed 'Gola League'), we were due to finish our league campaign at Underhill. With the FA Trophy the following weekend, no one wanted to be injured, and thus was played out the weirdest of drubbings.

#### To play bees or not play bees

In the grand scheme of things, it's Barnet who have notched up more wins. These include a 12-2 in 1927, a 9-1 in the Herts & Middlesex League in 1942 and a 9-0 in the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round in 1961, all at Barnet's former Underhill home. For us, we can point to a 7-1 in 1948, a 6-1 in both 1936 and 1958, and a madas-anything 9-7 in 1943.



Action from the London Borough of Harrow as Barnet host the Stones in our first encounter for 32 years back in December – picture courtesy of Adam Williams

Not that past form should be any guide to future clashes, of course - I'm sure we'll all be expecting today's Stones have as much of a chance of victory as Barnet, the effects of furloughing notwithstanding. In this strangest of seasons, I expect a competitive match today.

The time, then, is surely right to re-evaluate who our local rivals really are in 2021. Maidenhead? Too far away. We could, I suppose, focus on Hayes & Yeading, while Hampton & Richmond are reasonably close by. But because we have 'form' with them - and with either Enfield unavailable - Barnet surely fit the bill.

Here's where we should probably offer up some credit where credit is due. Before we reassign 'Bitterest Rival' status to Barnet, we must acknowledge how, in the course of that 32 year Stones-Barnet fixture hiatus, the Bees managed to become a Football League club, on the way employing a cluster of high profile players (Edgar Davids!) and managers (Tim Flowers!).

Every footballing rivalry is prone to changes in circumstance, of course. Historically, we've played more competitive games against Hendon and Enfield, the latter arguably stoking a more potent rivalry during the 1980s. But for Stones fans coming to the club in the 1970s or 1980s, Barnet continually vied with Enfield for the status of our true nemesis.

Now, how should one go about marking the long-awaited rekindling of Stones-Barnet hostilities? What with lockdown keeping us away from The Vale, I guess it's a matter of individual choice. As it's Easter, I'll be watching the stream (naturally) and downing some kind of 'amber' nectar. Got to be the way, right?

Exactly 100 years have elapsed since we first played Barnet competitively (19th February 1921, Underhill, 0-2, Middlesex Senior Cup). It's fitting that we're recommencing our rivalry by marking the passing of an entire century of competition between us. Oh, and one more thing - Barnet vs Wealdstone was the first football match ever televised live. Straight up! 1946, Athenian League, BBC1. Naturally, they cut away to see Murray the famous Australian escapologist "escape from a strait-jacket while suspended upside-down from the roof of Alexandra Palace", but they returned to Underhill afterwards. (I swear, all of this actually happened...)

So, will this season prove the first in a fresh run of competitive league campaigns between our two clubs? Will we again see the kind of outlandish scores that characterised our clashes in the past? Will we ever again be physically present to offer effusive praise and best wishes to the opposition for their on-field endeavours?

Time will tell on all fronts. But I for one am just happy with the simple fact we're playing Barnet again, if for no better reason than it's further evidence of our recent advancement as a club. The National League's pandemic response seems to have assured us of another two Barnet league games in 2021/22, so here's to more blue on amber battles – this time with fans present to give the games the extra spice they deserve.



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### How we've missed facing the Bees! Long-time rivals and now, thanks to THAT stadium, pantomime villains

Monday September 10 1973, London Challenge Cup 1st round: Wealdstone 4 Barnet 1

midst the maelstrom of the Stones facing The Bees this afternoon, for the first time competitively for 33 years, this little-remembered clash at Lower Mead 48

years ago sprung to mind.

Blimey yes! Everybody was talking about when Weald-

stone were promoted to the Southern League Prem in 1974 and thus faced the Underhill mob for the first time on a professional stage, overlooking this extraordinary game a year earlier. The sides had played out many a feisty clash in their amateur days - 60 in the Athenian League between 1929 and 1964 when the Stones were surprisingly invited into the closed ranks of the elitist Isthmian League while Barnet (with a much better record of winning

that league) were surprisingly ignored. It rankled

so much that the Bees applied to join the paid ranks of the Southern League, were invited, and were quickly elevated to the top division where we were to join them (having turned semi-pro ourselves) ten years later

Yet in fact the first meeting of the sides in the 'professional era' came on a wet Monday night in September 1973 in the London Challenge Cup. The Stones were being moulded into the winners of the Southern League's Southern Division while Barnet were a very decent Southern League Prem outfit that had appeared at Wembley in the FA Trophy Final (losing to Stafford Rangers) 15 months earlier. The London

Challenge Cup, in case you're wondering, was a very popular competition



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in those days with the capital's semi-pro clubs given the chance of winning some notable Football League 'scalps' with some big crowds thrown in. In our first pro season, 1971-72, we were drawn at home to Arsenal and 3,000 saw a mix of 1st XI and reserves beat the plucky Stones 3-0.

The carrot for the winners of the Wealdstone-Barnet clash meanwhile was a trip to White Hart Lane to face Tottenham in the Second Round... which must have been mouth-watering for our ace striker George Duck (an ex-Spurs youngster) and our veteran winger Terry Dyson who was of course a member of Tottenham's Double-winning side a decade earlier.

Could we beat the experienced Barnet side, odds-on favourites? Hopefully the print of the match report (right) is not too small for you to wallow in the memories of that great night. We had beaten the Bees 3-1 in a pre-season friendly a month earlier but surely this would be tougher?

Legends like David Court (ex Arsenal), Les Eason, Billy Meadows and Ricky George (scorer in Hereford's famous 2-1 win over Newcastle in the FA Cup the previous year) made Barnet formidable opposition.. but we had George Duck, who

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### Duck's three too much for Barnet — now it's a visit to Spurs

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 4, Barnet 1

WEALDSTONE qualified for a visit to 'Spurs in the second round of the London Challenge Cup with a magnificent victory over Southern Premier League side Barnet on Monday evening — and at the same time partly erased memories of that catastrophic defeat at Canterbury two days earlier.

George Duck took his season's goals total to 13 with his second hat-trick, and Barnet must be now hate the sight of the tall striker, for he netted twice against them in a pre-season friendly. Neither can the Hertfordshire club be too fond of Eddie Presland, for the burly full-back produced a carbon copy of the 35 yards goal he scored in the same friendly to complete the scoring.

scored in the same friendly to complete the scoring.

If the score-line makes it sound easy, it wasn't. Throughout this was a tremendous battle with both sides playing cultured football up front, the middlemen often clashing

in bitter battles and defenders constantly under pressure.

After Stones had taken a two goals lead threequarters through the game Barnet hit back to reduce the leeway and only four magnificent saves by McKenzie kept the home side ahead.

Such confidence did McKenzie inspire that 'Stones came again in the last ten minutes and added two more to finally crush the spirit of a brave, if rugged Barnet side.

rugged Barnet side.
With Presland resuming in
the back four, Burgess moved
into the middle with Godfrey
and Dyson and Brown replaced
the suspended Henderson up
front

Although everyone worked hard for this victory, obviously intent on showing a good crowd that Saturday's result meant nothing, no one did better than young Brown, whose speed and dazzling footwork had the Barnet defence so bemusd that one or two questionable tactics were used against him late in the name.

Fulton's name went into the book for a second time in a fortnight for a late and overtough tackle and this terrior of a defender would be well advised to curb his occasional over-enthusiasm.

#### **CUT AND THRUST**

Overall, Wealdstone played at their best and some of their cleverly thought out moves were a joy to watch. Continuation of this form must surely bring success.

It was cut and thrust from the start with McCormick clearing off the line from Turley. Byrne hitting a powerful drive and Duck nodding over all in the first two minutes.

McKenzie saved superbly from a Meadows blast and then clutched a header under the barfrom the same player. Brown finished a jinking run

Brown finished a jinking run with a lob inches wide and McCornick's header looked certain to go in until Tom appeared on the line to clear.

Three minutes after the break Wealdstone went ahead. Ferry handled a Presland lob and Duck converted his fifthpenalty of the season.

Barnet hit back and McKenzzie produced the save of the match, diving to his left to another Meadows cannonball drive. Then the home side countered by going further ahead.

Brown made the running, a Fulton shot was cleared but Duck rammed home with great power.

Plume went off with a knee injury to be replaced by the veteran Eason and at once Barnet pulled one back.

Meadows clearly won a tussle with Kinnear and ran on to hit a strong shot past McKenzie.

With five minutes to go Fairclough replaced a limping and rather out of touch Byrne and then came two quick goals to seal the victory.

#### NO CHANCE

From 35 yards Presland picked his spot and let fly and Barnet's competent 'keeper Edgson had no chance as the shot flew in off an upright.

Fulton, always willing to go forward, created the final score with a minute or so to go, crossing to the far post where the ever reliable Duck nearly flicked in with his head.

Wealdstone: McKenzie; Presland, Fulton, Kinnear, McCormick: Burgess. Godfreys Brown: Byrne, Duck Dyson, Sub: Fairclough.

Barnet: Edgson; Lye, Tom, Ferry, Embery; Plume, Turley, Court; Meadows, George, Bib by, Sub: Eason.

Phil Sudgen at his cantankerous best in the Harry O's excellent report on the night of many thrills

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64 goals that season including a hat-trick that sunk Barnet in a rip-roaring second half. It was goalless at the break despite chances at both ends. Duck opened the scoring from the penalty spot (one of 22 he netted that season, only missing once) and the rest is a bit of a blur but I do remember how the game fizzed and crackled as these two fine teams swept from one end of the pitch to the other.

The best moment is laughably ignored - or at least, poorly observed by reporter Phil Sugden

> who was often seen in the Press box with a tumbler of whiskey in his hand. He states "from 35 yards Presland picked his spot and let fly, the ball beating Barnet's competent keeper Derek Edgson as it flew in off the upright".

Well, behind the Cinema End goal we were hugging ourselves with mirth about what REALLY happened. Eddie Presland, our tall, ex-Palace and West Ham fullback (who actually went on on become player-manager when Sid Prosser left for Chelmsford just six months later) decided to have a pop from 35 yards from a free kick which was plainly indirect.

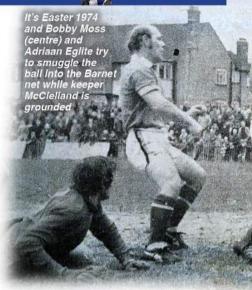
And his team-mates were remonstrating with him even as the ball left his foot and travelled like an exocet towards poor Mr Edgson's left-hand post.

The keeper, making a very rare appearance standing in for the ex-Arsenal gloveman Jack McClelland, flew across his goal in an attempt to save and the ball whacked against the post, smacked him full in the face and rebounded into the net!

So not a Presland goal at all, but an own goal for Edgson - and in my teenage scribblings in the programme on the previous page you can see that Eddie is not credited with it.

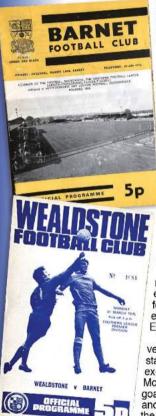
#### WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Well, the Stones were duly promoted but the



Barnet side was clearly growing old together. and were relegated the following (1974-75) season along with Romford, Dartford and Guilford & Dorking United. Yet both league meetings (with their programmes shown left) resulted in 1-1 draws, the first at Underhill on Boxing Day morning in front of their biggest gate of the season, 1,115, and the second at Lower Mead on Easter Monday when a 1,600





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crowd saw former Barnet striker Bobby Moss put the Stones ahead only for the Bees to equalise in injury time. These were the days of rampant hoooliganism and both games had an undercurrent of 'aggro' with the Stones possessing some hardcore fans while Barnet boasted the eccentric-looking 'Clockwork Orange', Steve Percy, who prowled the terraces with his mates looking for confrontation. Years later it was amusing to find Mr Percy working as a clerk at Barnet

Magistrates Court!

The Bees' crew took it as a personal affront to be relegated and yet, just like Wealdstone half a dozen years later, it proved to be the making of Barnet as they regrouped in the Div One South and then stormed to the Div One North title (after making the switch) the following season. They certainly appeared a side re-born when they next turned up at Lower Mead in August 1976 for a Southern League Cup (first leg) tie, the first game of the new season.

The Stones hadn't recruited well in the summer, causing the caustic Sugden to trill "Twinkle twinkle little Southern League star" as we captured deadbeats from Romford and

as we captured dead Tonbridge, while Barnet had on display the former Chelsea star Marvin Hinton, aided by ex-Arsenal Terry Tapping and ex-Hornet Walter Lees. And up front John Fairbrother and Ray Aggio were fast, powerful and confident.

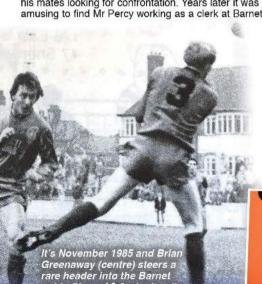
But what really got on our t\*\*\*s was the way Barnet paraded themselves before kick-off, marching across to the centre-circle (in the Leeds United style that goaded the away fans and delighted

and delighted
their own) in a set of cool
orange Adidas teeshirts (apparently their new
kit hadnt yet arrived) before turning and
waving to all four corners of the ground.

Lower Mead had never seen anything like it. Arrogance or just supreme confidence? When Barnet won the game 2-0 with a goal apiece for Messrs Aggio and Fairbrother

(and then repeated that 2-0 scoreline at Underhill a few days later in the second leg) it seemed like the latter... and we weren't happy!

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net in Stones' 2-0 win despite



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v BARNET ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE MONDAY 27 DECEMBER

30p

Christmas 1982... Enfield beaten 1-0, Barnet beaten 6-0 and life as a **Stones fan has** never felt better

Monday December 27th, 1982, Alllance Premier League: Wealdstone 6 Barnet 0

That a time to be a Wealdstone fan! Newly promoted and riding high at the top of the APL, devastating football with the Cordices brothers and Mark Graves running riot ... and this crushing defeat of Barry Fry's side came four days before Allen Batsford took his boys to table-toppers Enfield and won 1-0!

We look back on wonderment at those days and recall how mid-table teams like Barnet were left reeling by the fast, incisive attacks that saw FIVE second half goals rip past Bees' keeper Gary Lewin. The whole season hinged, in my eyes, at the savage foul on Neil Cordice by Maidstone United's Thompson in the crunch Easter clash - Stones won 3-0 but the loss of Neil saw us weakened in midfield and the Stones ended up third behind champions Enfield and Maidstone. Barnet finished 15th.



# Holiday wins for 'Stones

WEALDSTONE made Barnet's Christmas a misery with an outstanding performance in the derby clash at Lower Mead.

They hammered their local rivals 6-0 in the Alliance Premier League clash, no less than five of the goals coming in the second half.

In front of a crowd of 1,242 - easily their best of the season — 'Stones took the lead after 18 minutes when Nigel Johnson scored from close range following good work from Perkins and

Barnet enjoyed their best spell late in the first half but they were unable to equalise before half time and in the second half Allen Batsford's side ran riot.

Two bad blunders by keeper Gary Lewin opened the floodgates for buoyant 'Stones, In the 49th minute he fumbled a back pass to let in Mark Graves, and then six minutes later mishandled an Alan Cordice cross and again it was Graves

## Holiday round up

who pounced to make it

Wealdstone had to wait until the 79th minute before scoring again. It came via their first Alliance penalty of the season after Alan Cordice had been upended by the hapless Lewin, skipper Paul Bowgett making no mistake with the spot kick.

The rout was completed with goals in the 84th and 86th minutes.

First Neil Cordice was on target at the far post to score from brother Alan's cross, and then the latter joyfully volleyed into the roof of the net for 'Stones sixth.

Wealdstone will be out for three more Alliance Premier League points when they travel to mighty Enfield on Satur-

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#### It's Boxing Day 1982 and Mark Graves celebrates his second goal in the 6-0 mauling of the Bees at Lower Mead with Alan Cordice

# ...and then the flip side, as the high flying Bees wallop doomed Stones



# Sad Wealdstone are hit for six

Wealdstone 0 Barnet 6

IF evidence was required as to why high flying Barnet are Barclays League bound while Wealdstone are making similarly rapid progress in the opposite direction, there was ample on view at Lower Mead on Saturday.

Wealdstone's biggest crowd of the season (1556) saw the champions elect Barnet hand out a footballing lesson to Tony Jennings hapless outfit and at the same time hammer another nail in Stones' relegation coffin.

Even the introduction of two more new players - Wealdstone have now used 39 in Conference fixtures this season - did nothing to halt the slide. Danny Bailey and Greg Zacharia. both signed from Kingsbury, made promising debuts but Wealdstone now need more than mere maybes if they are to survive the drop.

They opened brightly enough with the effervescent Tony Lynch a constant threat but although Tom English and Samson Olaleye both had good efforts clawed away by keeper Lomas, they were unable to make any breakthrough.

And somewhat inevitably they were made to pay in the 20th minute when Abbot forced home Codner's cross to put Barnet ahead in their first serious attack of the game.

of the game.
Wealdstone wobbled visibly as
Rarnet suddenly snarked into life

John Comfort

and a second goal came as no surprise as Abbott was given the freedom of the park to head home Stein's cross a minute from the break.

A third goal just one and a half minutes into the second half erased any wild thoughts of a Wealdstone recovery and effectively ended the game as a contest. Stein again supplied the cross and Evans scored with a fine glancing header.

32 minutes and a stack of chances later it was 4-0. Stones defence failed to clear a corner, and the ball was laid back to substitute Smith who drove home a low shot from 20 yards.

Three minutes later Smith struck again, smashing home Barnet's fifth after Parsons had crashed the ball against an unright

the ball against an upright.
Evans, looking suspiciously offside from Brown's through ball,
rounded Welsh and shot home off
the retreating Bowgett to make it
6-0 two minutes from time and
Wealdstone's small consolation
was that at least this drubbing
was not Barnet's biggest win of
the season. They hammered Wycombe 7-0 at Loakes Park earlier
in the season.

Wealdstone: Welsh, Harrison, La Ronde, Byatt, (Hirst), Bowgett, McCarthy (Zacharia), Davis, Bailey, English, Olaleye, Lynch. Saturday March 19th 1988, Football Conference:

Wealdstone 0 Barnet 6

IX years later the turn-around in fortunes was complete. Barnet hailed the return of boss Barry Fry from Maidstone by suddenly competing at the top end of the Conference (as the APL was now known), thanks to new investment from owner Stan Flashman.. and suddenly the local populace responded by filling Underhill on a weekly basis. I remember seeing one brilliant midweek 5-2 win over Wycombe in front of a 3,500 crowd and was blown away!

They were runners-up to Scarborough in the first season of auotomatic promotion to the league (1987) and after they had crushed our relegation-bound side in this game at Lower Mead (before a 1,550 crowd) they were again agonisingly pipped to the title by Lincoln. Fry's side finally made it into the EFL in 1991.. but after 30 years of yo-yoing Barnet are back where the Wealdstone rivalry all started. Bring it on!

BY STEVE DUCKER



# 50-year flashback

To mark the 50th anniversary of our step up to professionalism, we're 'live blogging' our final season as an amateur club through a programme from each Football League club from 1970/71. Herewith progs 69 to 72.

Saturday 20 March, 3pm, Division 1

West Bromwich Albion 2 (George McVitie, Tony Brown)

Wolves 4 (Hugh Curran 2, Mike Bailey, Bobby Gould)

Ref D Nippard, Bournemouth | Att 35,716

Summary: The 100th league meeting between these old rivals and Albion produce easily the best single programme of the season, though it's comprehensively Wolves' day on the pitch.

Programme highlight: The detail in John Harman and Tony Matthews' 'Centenary Statistics' page, even down to the results of the 20 games played between the two sides during the Second World War, and the score, scorers and attendance at every Black Country derby since 1949.

Programme lowlight: A struggle to find one, but the interview with Albion defender John Kaye after the previous Saturday's defeat at Southampton ('a disappointing result for us and I thought we were worth a point') is a touch pedestrian.

Programme bingo: Photos of Tony Brown scoring for West Brom, in this case a hat-trick against Man Utd two weeks earlier. He got 28 in the league and two in the FA Cup that season. ②

Ahead of their time: The photo of the WBA squad arriving for the 1931 FA Cup final against Birmingham could easily have given the writers of TV series Peaky Blinders a few ideas.

Any other business: Despite 'Bomber' Brown's goals - by May 1971 he had 111 in 253 league games - he won just a single England cap, against Wales. When you think how mediocre English international football was in the 1970s, it's amazing that a 30-goal a season man was only considered good enough for a bit part in a glorified friendly.

What about the Stones? A 2-1 Isthmian League win at home to the red & white hoops of Kingstonian.

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Tuesday 23 March, 7.30pm, Division 3

Bristol Rovers 1 (John Sleeuwenhoek og)
Torquay United 1 (Alan Welsh)

Ref G Jones, Lancaster | Att 11,476

**Summary:** Point dropped for Rovers as they try to stay in touch with the promotion race.

Programme highlight: Manager Bill Dodgin recognising the role of the travelling fans in the win at Reading the previous Saturday.

Programme lowlight: Photo coverage of Rovers in stripes against Reading in hoops doesn't make for comfortable viewing, aesthetically speaking.

**Programme bingo:** The introduction to Torquay suggesting they 'would be anxious to make amends for the point they dropped at home to Rovers in November'. You don't say.

Ahead of their time: Rovers keeper Dick Sheppard, who had established a nice little sideline drawing caricatures of his team mates for the match programme. For a third division footballer in 1971, that was practically punditry.

Any other business: After leaving Eastville, which doubled as a greyhound stadium, Rovers moved in with non-league Bath City and then in 1996 to the Memorial Ground which was also Bristol Rugby Club's home until 2014. As far as I'm aware no other league team has shared long term homes with three sports.

What about the Stones? AWe're trounced 0-3 at home to visitors St.Albans City in an Isthmian League encounter.







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Friday 26 March, 7.30pm, Division 3

Doncaster Rovers 2 (Peter Kitchen, Stuart Robertson)
Aston Villa 1 (Harry Gregory)

Ref F Nicholson, Manchester | Att 7,879

**Summary:** Another wheels to wagon interface shortfall at the top as relegation-haunted Rovers derail their aristocratic visitors. 6

Programme highlight: Detailed appearance and goals totals for all the Doncaster squad, both first team and reserves.

Programme lowlight: Predictable rumblings in 'Notes and News' that the defeat at Preston the week before was unlucky, despite ending 0-4 with the home sidehaving it up by half time.

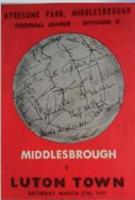
**Programme bingo:** Notice on the centre pages that 'Spectators are requested not to cross the playing pitch at any time'. Clubs had a real hang up about this sort of thing back then.

Ahead of their time: Whoever chose a 6.30pm kick off for the next home game v Bradford City. A Covid-era start time 50 years before Covid.

Any other business: Doncaster's old Belle Vue ground was across the road from the racecourse, so home games moving to Friday nights on big meeting weekends was a regular feature.

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Saturday 27 March, 3pm, Division 2 Middlesbrough 2 (Hugh McIlmoyle 2) Luton Town 1 (Malcolm MacDonald)

Ref J Finney, Hereford | Att 19,579

**Summary:** The theme of faltering promotion challengers transfers to Luton while Boro's home win puts them back in the frame.

Programme highlight: The autographed football on the cover is a nice touch and a reminder of more innocent times.

Programme lowlight: Despite advance ticket bookings being available for four parts of the ground, no price reductions for kids seemed a bit short-sighted.

Programme bingo: The upcoming fixtures page, which showed five first team and reserve games at Ayresome Park in just over two weeks, with a local schools match thrown in. A regular occurrence throughout the league at this point of the season and a reasonable clue as to why some of those end-of-season pitches you see on 'The Big Match Revisited' looked like they did.

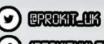
Ahead of their time: The 'Ayresome Airs' writer stating his confidence that there'd be no repeat of Luton going back to fourth division any time soon. Luton were promoted to the old first division, along with Middlesbrough, in 1974 (though the early 21st century was another story).

Any other business: Referee Finney had been in the middle for the 1966 World Cup, sending off two Uruguayans in an infamous quarter final against West Germany at Hillsborough.

What about the Stones? 400 are at Lower Mead to see us play out a goalless draw against Corinthian Casuals in the Isthmian League.







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A traditional package for businesses (from £195+ vat) or fans (£180) for two people 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!). As the match ball donor you will enjoy:

- 2 x Match tickets
- Prime seats in the main stand if required

#### Publicity over the PA system and via the official club website and social media Captains Lounge hospitality with refreshments & snacks. MATCH **SPONSORS** HAYES & YEADING UTD Mike and Val Weston Saturday, 24th October FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round ...... ALTRINCHAM Wealdstone Rifles Saturday, 7th November Vanarama National League ...... TOROUAY UNITED Alan Couch Tuesday, 1st December Vanarama National League WEYMOUTH Peter Jones Saturday, 12th December Vanarama National League ...... EASTLEIGH LGM Construction Saturday, 19th December FA Trophy 3rd Round ...... BOREHAM WOOD Graham Clark & Mike Pullen Monday, 28th December Vanarama National League ALDERSHOT TOWN Saturday, 23rd January Vanarama National League WOKING In Memory of Markie Barton Saturday, 6th February Vanarama National League



EASTLEIGH

Tuesday, 23rd February Vanarama National League James & Victor Klarfeld



FC HALIFAX TOWN Saturday, 6th March Vanarama National League

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Your Name Here?



KING'S LYNN TOWN

Tuesday, 9th March Vanarama National League Your Name Here? Your Name Here? Your Name Here?



NOTTS COUNTY Saturday, 13th March Vanarama National League

Ray Corner and Peter Carter

# WEALDSTONE 2020-21

2 x Match-day programmes

A fabulous autographed team ball If you or your organisation are interested in donating the match ball for a home match then please contact Club President, Paul Rumens on

07710 929692 or at paulrumens59@gmail.com

\*All above subject to current COVID restrictions



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#### Graham Clark and Mike Pullen

#### Vanarama National League

## HARTLEPOOL UNITED

Saturday, 17th April Vanarama National League

#### Neale Harvey

Peter

**Smallwood** 

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Mick Fishman



#### MAIDENHEAD UNITED Tuesday, 20th April Vanarama National League

YEOVIL TOWN Saturday, 1st May Vanarama National League

# All the President's Men

our Name



#### DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

Saturday, 8th May Vanarama National League

#### 'In memory of fans no longer with us' Ron Moore, Tony, Steve & Peter Drew and David Edwards



#### BROMLEY

Tuesday, 11th May Vanarama National League

#### Alan Couch

#### our Name

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#### SOLIHULL MOORS

Saturday, 22nd May Vanarama National League

#### In memory of **Roy Couch**

our Name



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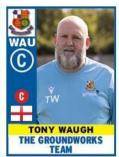


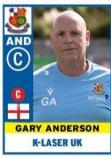
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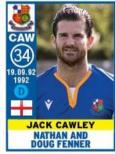


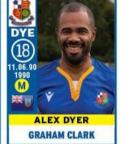




























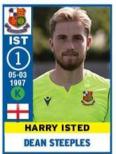
# player by sponsoring their kit for every game of 2020/2021. The cost is £150 for either home or away kit, and as well as your mention here and on the web site, you'll get your name published on the club website and on player interviews which will be published on Twitter.

To sponsor your favourite, just head on over to wealdstonefc.ktckts.com

# WEALDSTONE 2020-21





























Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

# UPCOMING FIXTURES

## WEALDSTONE 2020-21

#### HERE AT THE VALE:

#### HARTLEPOOL UNITED

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday, 17th April, 3:00pm Support the Stones, watch the stream - £9.99

#### **MAIDENHEAD UNITED**

**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE** 

Tuesday, 20th April, 7:45pm Support the Stones, watch the stream - £9.99

#### **YEOVIL TOWN**

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday, 1st May, 3:00pm Support the Stones, watch the stream - £9.99

#### **DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE**

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday, 8th May, 3:00pm
Support the Stones, watch the stream - £9.99

#### STONES ACROSS ENGLAND:

#### **Boreham Wood**

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday, 10th April, 3:00pm www.borehamwoodfootballclub.co.uk

#### **Aldershot Town**

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday, 24th April, 3:00pm www.theshots.co.uk |@OfficialShots

#### Stockport County

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday, 3rd May, 3:00pm www.stockportcounty.com | @StockportCounty

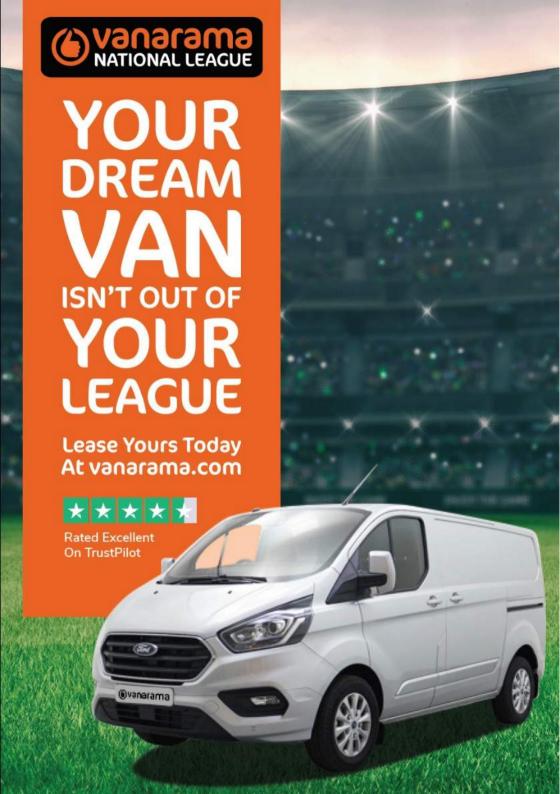
#### Chesterfield

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday, 15th May, 3:00pm www.chesterfield-fc.co.uk | @Chesterfield-fC

# Vanarama National League 2020/2021 - at Tuesday 30/03/2021

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# THE LINE-UPS

#### WEALDSTONE



#### BARNET

Royal Blue/White \$

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Ashlev Charles 4 Connor Stevens 5

Jerome Okimo © 6

Michael Phillips 7

Connor Smith 8 Ross Lafavette 9

Danny Green 10

Dennon Lewis 11

Charlee Hughes 12

Daniel Wishart 13 Danny Parish 14

Rilev-Jav Harbottle 15

Daniel Bowry 16

**Jacob Mendy Mendy 17** 

Alex Dver 18 Moses Emmanuel 19

Jorome Slew 20

Nikola Tavares 21

Joseph Olowu 22

Rvan Gondoh 23

Josh Meekings 24

G Jake Askew 25

Craig Fasanmade 26

Elijah Hearn 30 Matthew Lench 28

George Langston 31

**Jack Cawley 34** 

REFEREE Adrian Quelch ASSISTANTS Jamie Pope and Declan O'Shea

Luke Scott OBSERVER

To be announced COACH Raiph Bone Amber/Black

1 Scott Loach G

2 Dwight Pascal

3 Jack Connors 4 Tyrone Duffus

5 Matt Preston

6 James Dunne

7 Alex McQueen

8 Eliot Richards

9 Alfie Pavev

10 Michael Petrasso

11 JJ Hooper

12 James Callan G

14 Muhammadu Faal

15 Themis Kefalas

16 Harry Taylor

17 Ben Richards-Everton

18 Wes Fonguck

19 Xander McBurnie

20 Courtney Baker-Richardson

21 Tom Adeloya

22 Josh Walker

24 Avmen Azaze G

26 Jerome Binnom-Williams

27 Ephron Mason-Clark

30 Lee Vaughan

31 Ben Nugent

32 Jack Tompkins

33 Antonis Vasilous 35 Loic Hernandez

37 Richard Tylor

38 Liam Daley

**40** Anthony Wordsworth

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