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Danny Parish celebrates his goal against Torquay United here ten days ago against the brilliant backdrop of fans at the Vale's Holywell Stand end

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BY MARK HYDE



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Written in Stone

WELCOME BACK!

Firstly welcome this afternoon to Brian Stock, his staff and the players and officials from Weymouth FC. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us and have a safe journey back to Dorset after the game.

Welcome also on this long awaited day to you. Our last home league game here at Grosvenor Vale with us the supporters present, was way back on the 7th of March. I think it's fair to say it's been a rather eventful nine months both on and off the pitch since then. That early spring afternoon against Dulwich Hamlet was full of excitement as we neared the end of a long and highly entertaining campaign. The hardy amongst us made the trip to Chippenham the following Saturday. Most of the talk at Hardenhuish Park that afternoon was trying to predict what the future held, as it was already fairly obvious by then that

this was the last game we were going to see for a while. I am fairly certain that none of us predicted what was to follow with the cancellation of the season and the will we won't be crowned National League South Champions. If anything, some may have predicted a typical Wealdstone scenario of our greatest season in decades being wiped from the history books.

Here we stand in mid December almost a quarter of the way through our first season back at the highest level of Non League football in a very respectable position in the table, once again playing in front of our loyal and generous supporters. Please enjoy your day but remember we will be observed by our local authority this afternoon and failure to adhere to specified guidelines could result in reduced crowds or the banning of crowds altogether for future matches. Please follow the guidance of the stewards and the code of conduct printed over the page.

Enjoy your day

Mark

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BY TIM PARKS



Johnny Ashworth

TWO weeks ago came the sad news that John Ashworth, centre-back and skipper of the Stones' 1966 Amateur Cup-winning team had passed away after a long illness. It was particularly poignant as John and his wife Ann live very close to me in Harpenden, and we had met in Sainsburys only a year ago when they both revelled in the reception the club had given all the members of that team - and their families - at Grosvenor Vale in 2016 to mark the 50th anniversary of that glorious day.

Coincidentally, John's fellow defender in the 3-1 win over Hendon at Wembley Mickey Doyle also lives only half a mile away in the same town. Here I recount the conversation we had when we met up for a couple of pints and a bag of crisps at the White Horse in Harpenden, just weeks before the Vale reception...

You know, if that man had not been around we wouldn't have got anywhere near the Amateur Cup Final in 1966, let alone winning it!

Mickey Doyle, Wealdstone's right back that marvellous day at Wembley, leaned in conspiratorially. His fellow defender, team captain Johnny Ashworth, had gone up to the bar to get the drinks in.

I don't mind admitting it, John was a bit of a hero to me at the time. The way he carried himself, the way he got the whole team behind

R.I.P Big John, the man 'who made it all possible' in 1966

him, the way he played, absolutely dominating games from his centre-back position. And especially on the day of the Final itself.

"We all met up at Lower Mead that morning and you just had to look around - everyone was a bit nervous. Not surprising really - the club had never played at Wembley in an Amateur Cup Final before, never got near the place.

"But then John came in. He was as cool as he was before any old game. "Come on lads, let's get at this lot today", he said, something along those lines. "This is our day, we're going to do it!" There was a lot of effing and



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Old pals: John (left) and Mickey Doyle are pictured outside the White Horse, Harpenden, four and half years ago

blinding as well of course! But that set the tone for the whole day."

Johnny Ashworth then returned from the bar, still the tall and commanding figure he'd been half a century ago.

"So did you really feel that confident, John?" I asked him. "Or was it all a show to get the others up and pumping?"

He laughed. "Oh yes. Yes, there was a bit of bravado but if you looked around that group.. well, we had some magnificent players. It all revolved around Hughie and Charlie really (Lindsay and Townsend) - they were our 'go-to' men. We mixed it up a bit, sometimes playing the ball long to clever lads like Bernie Bremer and Bobby Childs, or the hold-up players like Jim Cooley, but often we'd just play it in to the feet of Charlie and Hughie. They could make space where it didn't exist".

Mickey looked fondly across at his captain. "You know, Hughie and Charlie were absolutely brilliant but this man was the glue in that team. Held us all together in good times and bad." "You weren't bad yourself!" laughed Johnny. And indeed our energetic, attacking full-back Doyle won rave reviews right through his initial three year spell before 1964 and 67, and again when he returned to the club in 1969 for another 30-odd games.

John is from Nottingham, so how did they end up in Wealdstone blue? "Well, my story is a long one" said John "but basically, I grew up in Nottingham in the Tommy Lawton era - he was playing for Notts County - but I was a junior at

Forest until I went into the Royal Navy. It was the days of National Service, just after the Second World War and I played a lot for football for the RN. Portsmouth spotted me and I signed on as a professional, in the days of the maximum wage... I only played once for Pompey, at Fratton Park against Sunderland in the old Division Two ... we won 2-1 but the professional life wasn't for me.

"I'd met Ann, my wife (they had recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary) and we wanted to settle down. There was a lad I'd played with in the Navy, Jimmy Coates, who was skipper of Kingstonian in the Isthmian League so I signed for them in 1959ish, and had three good years there."

"Did you play in the 1960 Amateur Cup Final for the Ks then, John?" I asked him.

"Yes, I did. And so did Hughie Lindsay, who joined Wealdstone a year before me, in '62. But that day wasn't a happy memory. Hendon beat us 2-1 in the final that year and that was definitely a motivating factor for me, when we found ourselves in the Final again in '66. I didn't want to experience losing a final again."

Mickey Doyle chimed in. "You know, we were all a bit nervous before the the big game, as I've already said, and it seems funny but the moment I just knew we were going to win the game was when we went 1-0 down after just two minutes!

"There I was, picking the ball out of our net after Geoff Riddy had put Hendon into the lead and I knew in my guts that we were the sort of team that thrived on a knock-back, especially so early in the game. We were all up for it. The skipper went around our team, motivating everyone and we played so well that day. It took a long time to get the goals were deserved but 3-1 was a fair result in the end.

"I loved Wealdstone the first time I walked in. It wasn't easy establishing myself as they had some terrific players but this man (he said, gesturing across to John) let me in that team. He really did. He saw something in me and that led to the best years of my football life".

John, who was 83 when he died, retired in 1999 at the age of 62, after a career in the pharmaceuticals business. All our thoughts are with his family, and of a man who made history for this proud football club.

There will be a minute's applause in memory of Johnny Ashworth before the kick-off today

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



The Elmslie Ender



The continued observations and ramblings of EE

We are back. By we, I mean fans, who are finally returning to the Vale for the first time in nine months. It should make today a wholly different experience for all of us that are in the stadium and the players too. No more shouting at a stream of dubious quality, about a minute behind Flashscores. No more Whatsapping people about the game, discussing whereof of the match unfolding in front of us. It's back and it's live, to paraphrase SKY TV.

The last game I saw was Dulwich Hamlet at home. I missed Chippenham as I had a cough and thought in the circumstances, discretion was the way forward. Two hundred and eight two days after we beat Dulwich at the Vale, a proper live game at last. Ok I did see the friendlies at Bedford and Northwood, so not entirely true, but they don't count as proper matches, do they?

When the news came through that fans were back in, initially it looked like two thousand would be allowed in or in our case around eighteen hundred, but then came the sting in the tail that clubs had to adhere to Covid rules and the capacity at the Vale was limited to some 873. For today, as it is the first game, it may well be lower still, nearer to six hundred and just above our

season ticket numbers. I know most of us have found watching a stream a rather detached experience but being back in the ground will be rather different as well. Social distancing rules will apply, and it is likely that the bar will be pretty much off limits. Who knows what it will be like, but at least every other Saturday will feel a little bit more normal? Away fans are still banned, due to HMG guidance. Obviously, Barnet did ban us last week, even before the guidance were released. Not really a surprise to be fair. Not sure you would have wanted that as your first game to deal with in nine months.

It will be just nice to be back. To see people that you haven't seen for months again even if it is at a social distance, whatever that might mean inside a football stadium. It will be interesting to see how many people do come back as there will be some, especially amongst the more elderly, that will be uncomfortable and will not see a game until they have had the vaccine. If, and it is a big if, things go to plan, much larger crowds will be able to attend in the Spring and we can even go to away games. Now that will be worth waiting for.

At Eastleigh, the first of four difficult games on the spin, I thought we played well in the first half, but the Hampshire side raised their tempo and closed us down highly effectively in the second half and there was only ever going to be one winner in the second period. Sutton was a great advert for the neutrals watching on BT Sport. Stones two down in the first eleven minutes and probably should have been five down by the break. But we were excellent in the second period, pulled level, had a bit of luck when Sutton hit the bar, before Mendy Mendy's pass from twenty-five yards into the goal with the U's keeper napping on the other side

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seemingly had won us the game. More drama for the TV public though as Sutton scored with the very last kick of the game to nab a point. A couple of things from their equaliser that struck me. We have been pretty good at closing out games this season when ahead, but with the clock on 3:20 of injury time gone, the ball was by the corner flag in dead fox corner, yet by four minutes it was a free kick on the edge of our box. We should have managed those forty seconds better. The free kick deflects off for a corner. I am not complaining as this happens all of the time, but surely when the corner comes in, the final whistle should have been blown. We all know that had that free kick gone for a goal kick, when Isted had taken the resulting restart, the final whistle would have been blown. Where was Clive Thomas when you needed him?

Onto Notts County and Stones even being on the same pitch as the oldest professional club in the world in a twenty thousand stadium would have been laughed at five years. I am sure, even on a Friday night, there would have been 500 or so Stones there. In the end, the match turned into the Harry Isted show, with save after save, including probably the best double save I have seen by a Wealdstone keeper in my time watching all these years. His outstanding performance wasn't enough to stave off defeat as Notts won by three goals. At times our attack orientated game does come across naive and the commenters could not believe how open we were.

Against Torquay, as expected the league leaders started the better and we struggled to get the ball out of our half, but as the period wore on, we came in to the game more. Still, our goal was still against the run of play. Second forty-five was much more even and

it looked like we'd get a deserved draw until right on the final whistle, the Gulls scored to take home the three points. Tiredness creeping in as the goal was sloppy to be fair, both of their's were to be honest. More worryingly were injuries to Parish and Mendy Mendy, adding to our lengthening list.

Next came a trip to PEPF against local rivals Barnet, who thanks to Harrow Council now play in Harrow in a stadium built for us. Stones were injury ravaged with probably six possible starters out injured. We actually started without a forward and a wholly makeshift defence, yet had the better chances, though the Bees probably had more possession. With anything resembling a full team, I reckon we would have won comfortably. I watched the game at the Vale with 79 other Stones, enjoying a substantial meal and a few beers. The event was organised really well and despite our local rivals charging an exhortibitant amount for the streaming service, should have made some money for the club. It was nice just watching the game surrounded by some of your football buddies, talking nonsense and gibber about the game we love and the team we support.

I cannot finish without mentioning the sad news of the passing of former Telford United stalwart and legendary goalkeeper, Kevin Charlton from the eighties. Along with Dave Ryan of Northwich Victoria, not only were they superb goalkeepers, but the masters of dealing with crowd banter. Engaging and humorous, in a time when the banter from behind the goal consisted in more than just calling a goalkeeper a string of swear words and worse, they had the crowd eating out of their hands. Charlton was only five foot nine, yet a magnificent custodian, someone that in all likelihood would not have played in the current game as he wasn't tall enough by modern day standards. Yet he made 526 appearances for Telford, three F A Trophy finals and numerous FA Cup giant killings along the way. In 1983, Telford beat the darts and pool team from down the road in the Trophy semi-final, having been three goals down at one stage in the second leg, with Charlton pulling off a worldie late on in the game from George Duck, to ensure Telford went through. Their next game by chance happened to be at Lower Mead, the following Tuesday. Telford game out to a huge ovation from our fans, with Charlton running towards the Elmslie chucking away not entirely sure why his team was getting a grand entrance. He was a true gent.

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Harry Isted

“This is a big year for me”, admitted Harry Isted, Stones’ on-loan keeper from Luton Town who returned to his club last week after an injury to first choice Simon Sluga. “My contract runs out at the end of the season so I’ve really had to impress at Wealdstone because that could help shape my future in the game”.

We spoke to Harry just before the BT Sport clash with Sutton.. and when his error led to the visitors going 2-0 up my heart went out to him. But Harry recovered with a string of saves as Stones fought back to 3-3.. and was then man of the match at Notts County when his reflexes prevented an even bigger drubbing than the 3-0 final result.

“It was good to leave Wealdstone with a good personal performance, and also frustrating as loan rules mean I can’t return until the next transfer window in January. We’ll just have to see what happens then”.

The Stones have since signed ex-Milton Keynes keeper Stuart Moore on a short-term contract (interview in the next issue, hopefully!) but Harry has impressed since arriving at the Vale almost a year ago when Stones boss Dean Brennan decided not to persevere with the then-No.2 Jonathan North. Club legend Northy had come in for Brennan’s first choice, Norwich City’s towering loanee Aston Oxborough, for two games when The Ox had broken a finger and it coincided with two defeats (0-2 at Hampton & Richmond and 2-3 to Royston in the FA Trophy).

So Dean went back to his former club Luton and signed Harry on a short-term loan until Oxborough was fit again. “I must have done something right during that first spell” said Isted. “Because when Norwich decided The Ox should come off his loan at the Stones during the summer, Dean came straight back to Luton and asked me to re-sign.

“And I couldn’t have been happier” said the

Our Luton loanee may not be back until January, if at all ... but here we talk to the man who’s clearly a Championship keeper in the making..



HARRY ISTED

23-year-old. “I’m third choice at Luton and realistically I’ll have to wait for my chance with Simon Sluga (the Croatian international) and James Shea ahead of me. Playing up a level this season, after the Stones were promoted, is good for me as I’ll be more in the spotlight and clubs will be watching me. Let’s just hope it goes well!”

So how’s it gone so far, do you reckon? I asked him.

“Well, I had one bad moment in the Chesterfield game - in the first minute - when I underestimated the speed of the ball down the slope on that wet night. I thought it would slide on but instead, for some reason, the ball held up and I had to make a late dash, bringing down the forward for the penalty. And then I was caught out with Jerome’s own goal in the Wrexham game - I think that caught everyone by surprise, a bit of leg spin wasn’t it?”

“But luckily we won the game so we could laugh about it afterwards”.

Does he feel that the standard has gone up since he turned out for us in the Na-

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Harry won the the Prem U18s Save of the Season award in 2016 but his tip over against Stockport (above left) was somehow eclipsed by the double save at Notts County (Pics by Adam Williams and Jon Taffel)

tional League South? "I think it's more physical in the National League and teams are actually a bit more one-dimensional... in the games so far anyway. They tend to play with a big target man which means you have to really concentrate on set-pieces."

Was that save from Chesterfield's Tom Denton your best this season? I asked. "The header? Yes, that was just a reaction save but the one I made against Stockport was better, another header I managed to claw around the post".

And what about last season? What was the favourite game in your loan spell then?

"Well it's got to be Havant hasn't it? Twice behind, coming back to win 4-2 with that amazing atmosphere, beating them in their own backyard. The fans were amazing - and of course that's the real shame of this season as it's the fans we draw inspiration from. They're the ones we do it for".

There's one thing I should have cleared up, Harry, I tell him. Your name. Is it Harvey or Harry? "Well it's Harry really". And how do you pronounced your surname... Isted or Eye-sted?"

"It doesn't really matter" he said, "but I suppose it's Eye-sted."

Good to have cleared that up!

Harry's only 23 but the youngster has already pulled on six different shirts in his fledgling career. He was brought up in Selsey Bill, Hampshire, and joined the youth system at Portsmouth playing as a centre-half.

"I was about eight or nine, and tall for my age and fancied myself as a ball-playing defender. But then our keeper was absent for a birthday party or something a couple of years later and I filled in. And I've been in goal ever since!"

Pompey, struggling for cash, closed down a lot of their youth facilities and so Harry moved on to neighbours Southampton. He won a scholarship there and played in the Under-17s and 18s, and then the Under-23 Development Squad. "But at the end of my contract they were honest and said

they were releasing me... which was a blow but it gave me a chance to look for another club. I went to Burnley who said I was too small (I'm 6ft 1in but I suppose that is small these days), and then on to Stoke City who offered an 18-month contract. I played there for the Under-23s in the Checkatrade Trophy against Bradford, and they promised an extension but in the end - they didn't.

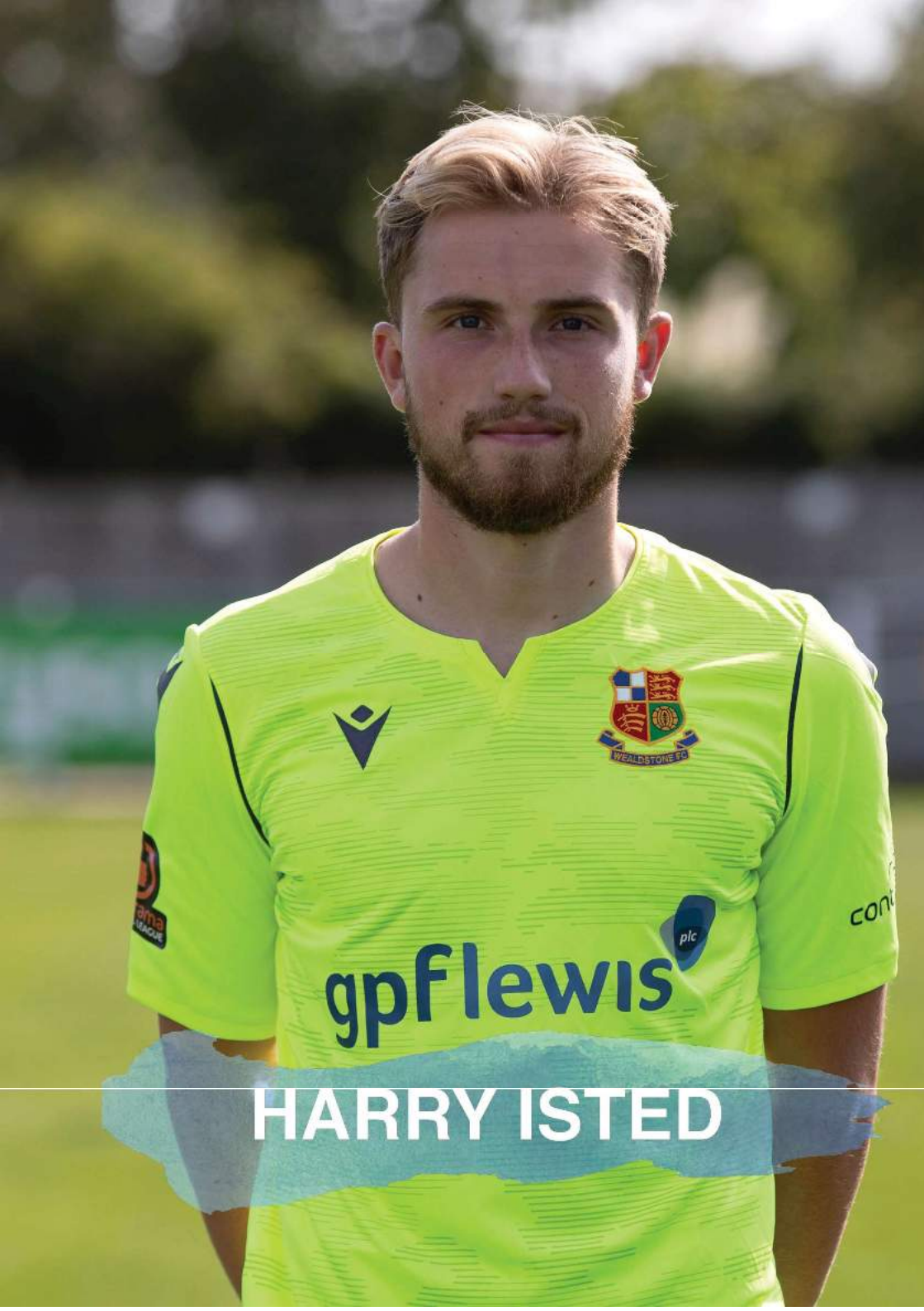
"So I sent out my CV to every EFL club and had a couple of bites, which is how I ended up at Luton, who were then in League Two. Of course we're now in the Championship and I've made a couple of starts for the 1st XI - against Brighton 'B' who we beat 2-1, and then v MK Dons who we beat 3-0 - and I'm thoroughly enjoying it. I'll be with the first team training on Mondays, Thursdays and Friday - I get Wednesdays off - and then I was playing or training with the Stones on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Kevin Dearden is the goalkeeping coach and he's brilliant, not old school at all, lots of good ideas and techniques"

Where is the Luton training ground? I asked him. "It's just opposite Luton Parkway railway station, called Venue 360. A good facility and we have blood tests every day for Covid-19.

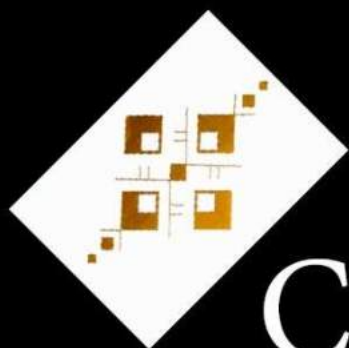
"It's all very handy for me as I live in Rickmansworth with my girlfriend Georgie Wingrove - who works for Sky Sports - with Stones just round the corner. We're moving to Uxbridge in the next few weeks which will be even closer to The Vale."

The Hatters manager Nathan Jones seems to have faith in his talented No.3 keeper, and Harry has four years on Croatian international Sluga and six years on the No.2 Shea, the former Arsenal and Harrow Borough keeper.

Does he ever mention playing for Boro against the Stones? I asked Harry. "No! but I believe he let in a few goals in each game. I think he's keeping that quiet" he grinned.



HARRY ISTD



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Fan in the Stand

Fans in the Stand' have been a bit of a misnomer this season (until today) - for obvious reasons!

So we thought we'd turn our attention to some of the recent match sponsors who are also long-term Stones devotees... and first up is a familiar face in the boardroom, KEITH DAVIES. He's become 'strongly involved' as he puts it, in the last 18 months but was a huge fan back in the 1980s along with Haberdashers Askes schoolfriends Andy Evans (also a boardroom regular) and Manoj Badole.

"We're trying to get Manoj back involved with the club - not least because he owns the Rajasthan Royals IPL side!" says Keith.

So this is Keith's tale of rediscovered love for the club...

Your name and age? Keith Davies - and I'll be 53 by the time this goes out!

Whereabouts do you live, Keith? Great Missenden, about 40 minutes from the Vale.

Have you always lived in that area? No ... schooldays were in Stanmore which is where I travelled to Lower Mead from, though we holidayed in our family home in Wales. I then worked in London and Miami, before moving to Great Missenden in 2003.

When was your first Stones game? My dad took me to Wealdstone v Yeovil 1975/6 ... George Duck scored twice in 2-1 win ... one of the great joys was meeting George a few times since getting back involved with the club. I moved away from the area for University and work but always looked out for the Stones results and then started coming again after the club moved to the Vale - I'd come a couple of times of year, and then got strongly back involved last 18 months. I've got a good stash of Wealdstone programmes and also have fond memories of meeting Stuart Pearce in 1980 outside Wembley Park ... we were coming back from the Gillette Cup Cricket Final and he was waiting for a date, having just been sent off at Altrincham I think!

'I used to come to Lower Mead with my mates in the 1980s and I've got great memories of the Bovril tea bar and Toby's programme shop.. now I'm loving it all over again'



Dream come true: Keith and his son Rory get their hands on the Vanarama National League South Trophy

What were your first impressions of the club? Loved Toby Jackson's programme shop and Bovril from the Tea Bar (there was one at half way in those days as well as next to the programme shop) and also thought the ability to change ends, plus the raw nature of the chanting was great for a 8/9 year

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kid. Still have the programme from the game to this day – indeed probably have 150 programmes from the 80s.

What was the first football match you ever saw live? Or on TV? Arsenal v Chelsea 1973 was nil-nil at Highbury and remember going with Welsh cousins and sitting literally in the back row of main stand which felt so high and watching my first hero, Peter Osgood. Indeed first three games I ever went to were nil-nil (QPR v Derby and Chelsea v Leicester, right) and I was so shocked when saw a goal at fourth game Chelsea v Everton (ended 1-1)!

Do you follow any other team? Yes Chelsea, though have a strong affinity to Cardiff & Wales not least due to going with Andy to more cr@p CFC games than I care to remember

How devotedly? Home and away? Chelsea – share a season ticket and occasional away game – but watch pretty much every game somehow as my son is mad keen fan (& also

increasingly into Wealdstone – he's getting the silver away kit for his 17th birthday!)

What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen? Chelsea v Man City Full Members Final in 1986 – was 5-4, Chelsea's first trophy for years, and pay on the gate which led to an amazing (dangerous crowd), Wales v Slovakia in the 2016 Euros was pretty special too, and have to say Chelsea being cheated v Barcelona by the Norwegian referee in 2009 was quite

unique in hindsight – though I didn't think so at the time!

And the best Wealdstone game? A few; QPR away in the Cup 1977-78, Boston in the FA Trophy in 1985 and the party back at Lower Mead, A 4-0 Boxing Day win v Harrow Borough, 7-0

v Bath last season, and the win v Wrexham this year. The game away at Barnet before the Trophy Final also sticks in the memory for parading the Gola League Trophy after a 7-0 spanking!

Who introduced you to the Stones? My dad in 1976, but then went all the time in the 1980s with Andy Evans and also Manoj Badale who lived in Wealdstone and is getting back involved in the club hopefully soon ... he owns the Rajasthan Royals (did I mention that?) and is a mad keen sports fan.



What level of football do you prefer? All levels – watching my son play U17 is great, and love the raw passion of non-league ... you cannot beat the banter the Slough keeper got last season and in truth the type of football that Wealdstone play means that the choice between League and Non-League football is less pronounced than back in the day. And despite the problems with player power, and obscene wages I have to say that the Premier League

in front of a full stadium is an amazing spectacle in terms of skill level and atmosphere

How big a part of your life is the game? Increasingly important – both as my son becomes increasingly passionate about the game and I get involved in aspects of helping the club ... I historically played rugby and watched and got involved with my club Old Haberdashers (who are Level 6) but that is being in-

creasingly replaced by football!

How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life? It's a balance as with everyone else – but increas-

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Heroes: Keith with our ex-Chelsea star Steve 'Polly' Perkins and the Raider of course!

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ingly easy as the children (mine are 13 and 17) are self-sufficient and both enjoy watching football.

Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? Could you name a best-ever Stones side? Nothing out of the

obvious: George Duck, Wille Watson, Polly Perkins, Stuart Pearce, Nigel Johnson, the Cordice brothers, Bowgett and Byatt, Mark Graves, Jon Margerrison – but I have to say I loved watching Roy Davies and have been so impressed with the skill level of current

players like Green, Stevens, Phillips, Lewis, Dyer and Mendy-Mendy. Best ever side was the double winning side... still have the signed Wembley programme!

What do you think of the bars and catering at the Vale? Love the bar, so welcoming – just a total tragedy that it cannot be filled to celebrate some of the clubs greatest ever wins this season.

Do you visit the Megastore? Yes I do though currently by mail order only – a Champions T Shirt is a particular favourite.

Do you think Stones can aspire to playing in the EFL? Without doubt – it will be tough playing against full-time professionals but if we can build a base in the NL for the next two-years then there is nothing to stop us challenging on the playing field and hopefully we

will be able to get the finances and ground to support our ambition too.

Finally, where do you think Wealdstone FC will be in the year 2025?

On the day the COVID vaccine has been approved (as I write this a couple of weeks ago), let's be positive and say League Two in a settled venue – whether long-term lease at the Vale or elsewhere!

Duck's brace provides hope for Wealdstone

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 2, Yeovil Town 1

TWO LATE goals from George Duck, both superbly taken, gave Wealdstone a well deserved win over seventh placed Yeovil Town in an interesting and sometimes exciting game. So hope at least flickered for the Lower Mead club and much now depends on this (Tuesday) evening's fixture away to Hillingdon.

But it should be stressed that Wealdstone had to battle to the bitter end against Somerset side which included five reserves in its ranks. That hardly puts the victory in the convincing category.

There was, however, a lot of endeavour and occasionally some very good football. But a number of reasonable chances were missed and there were again far too many mistakes at the back and in the middle.

There was also a great deal of frenzied attacking by the home side, but it was attacking, one felt, born of desperation rather than design or plan.

Once again too many long balls were pushed hopefully down the middle only to be competently dealt with by a large defence which knew most, if not all the answers.

Yeovil took the lead after only four minutes and this surely must have been their easiest goal of the season. First a long, through ball took the Wealdstone defence completely by surprise and then, with the defence apparently in a state of deep shock, Cotton swept in to push the ball into the net with Morton completely flat-footed. For once it seemed that John might have saved without too much trouble.

Stones were more determined than of late and Yeovil goalkeeper Franklin was twice forced to race to the edge of his area to rob Henderson and Godfrey.

The home side should certainly have equalised after 20 minutes when Duck made a splendid run on the left and pulled the ball back with great accuracy.

Three players failed to get a final touch, but immediately Sammy McHale could have had his name on the score sheet when following a corner he hit powerfully from 25 yards, but Franklin saved well, low down.

Referee G. R. Rigby (Sutton), who had a splendid game throughout, booked Yeovil's Adams and on the stroke of half time had words with Thompson who tackled Light clumsily.

Wealdstone turned on the power after the interval and a calculated, swerving shot from Light was turned away by Franklin, who was now happy to give away corner after corner.

The Somerset club was saved when full-back Cottle kicked Duck's shot off the line and then headed away from Moss.

Henderson limped off to be replaced by Eglite and at once the home side levelled matters when Duck turned quickly and hit a fine shot through a ruck of players.

Franklin produced another glorious save from a Light free-kick, but Duck finally won the argument with a well-placed header from Eglite's cross a few minutes from the end.

Keep it up Wealdstone, there is still hope.

Wealdstone: Morton; Kinneer, Edmundson, Dyson, McHale; Watson, Light, Moss; Godfrey, Duck, Henderson. **Sub:** Eglite.

It's Keith's first game and and Stones sink Yeovil with two George Duck goals



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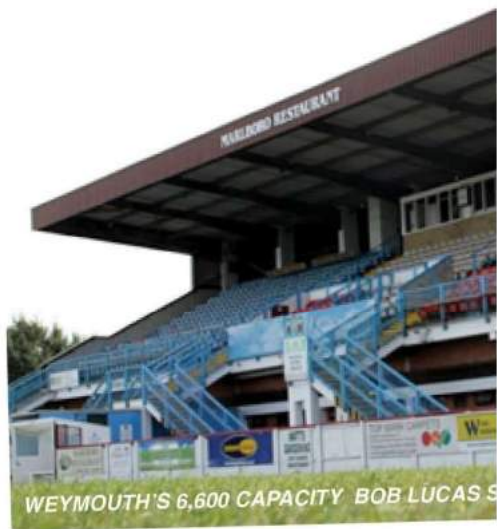
Weymouth Football Club were founded in 1890 and played their first game on 24 September of that year. Nicknamed 'The Terras' due to their terracotta strip. Founder members of the Dorset League, Weymouth joined the Western League in 1907–08. The club embraced full-time professionalism in 1923 after winning the Western League, joining the Southern League in the process. By 1928–29, with debts mounting, the club withdrew from the Southern League to become amateur once again. They climbed back up the table and reached the Premier League and then folded for five years and reformed.

The Second World War saw an end to football in Weymouth as the Recreation Ground was requisitioned for the War effort in 1939. The club reformed in 1947 on a semi-professional basis, and soon achieved promotion back into the Southern League. In successive seasons 1964–65 and 1965–66, The Terras were Southern League champions, and they share with Telford United and Yeovil the distinction of playing all twenty seasons in the Premier Division prior to the re-organisation of the league structure at that time.

A move from the club's town centre ground to the new Wessex Stadium in 1987 brought initial success but the club entered somewhat of a slump after relegation from

the Conference, see-sawing between the Premier and Southern Divisions of the Southern League.

In the 2005–06 season, the club briefly reached



national attention after holding former European Cup winners Nottingham Forest to a 1–1 draw in the FA Cup. Forest won the replay 2–0, in front of 6,500 fans at the Wessex Stadium and a live Sky TV audience.

The Terras finished 11th in the Conference National in 2006–07. In close season 2008, the club started a rebranding programme, with the club badge changing, and a club motto being introduced, "Forward Together". The club also announced plans for a new stadium situated in the town which would not just be used for the club, but community purposes too.

At the start of 2009, it was announced that Weymouth were in financial difficulties. It is suspected that Weymouth were £30,000 in debt and on 19 January 2009, Chief

Executive Gary Calder announced

that Malcolm Curtis had resigned as a Director and as Chairman of Weymouth Football Club Ltd.

On 21 February 2009, following irregularities with first-team medical insurance, Weymouth



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were forced to field their under-18 team against Rushden & Diamonds. The subsequent 9–0 scoreline is the heaviest league defeat in Weymouth's history.

It was announced on the 31 August 2009 that unless Weymouth could find £50,000 by Tuesday 8 September they would have to go into administration and possibly face extinction. On 1 September 'The Terras Saviour 100' was launched in one last attempt to save the club from going to administration. And as the deadline neared, it was going well, so on deadline day the board decided to extend the deadline of getting 100 local businesses and this paid dividends, as on 11 September the club reached their target of 100 businesses needed to raise the £50,000 that would keep the club running.

With the club sitting bottom of the Conference South, on 26 October, the club made the following announcement.

"Weymouth Football Club regrets to announce that Notice of Intention to Appoint Administrators

was filed at The Courts of Justice, London earlier today. The Board is now working with the proposed firm of Administrators and the Terras Supporters Trust to try to find a way to enable the Football Club to remain in existence".

In November 2009, former Cambridge United chairman, George Rolls made a successful bid for the club and became the new owner but in March 2010 applied Weymouth Football Club for a CVA (Company Voluntary Agreement) because of the £822,000 debt at the club. The CVA was accepted on 26 March, saving the club from extinction.

In February 2012, club director and lifelong fan Nigel Biddlecombe completed a takeover of the club from George Rolls, who's controversial reign at the Bob Lucas Stadium ended with him moving to another club in deep financial turmoil, in Kettering Town.

Biddlecombe and his board set up a trust which would mean no one person would ever be able to have total control of the club again. The shares Nigel, members of the board and most other shares bought over the years were officially transferred into the Trust before the Terras home game with Frome Town on Easter Monday.

Weymouth finished 17th in the Southern League Premier Division in 2011–12. They had looked safe for much of the season but a downturn in form saw the Terras only secure safety on the penultimate day of the season with a 2–1 victory at home to Hitchin Town. That season the Terras also made it to the FA Trophy second round proper. After beating Chippenham Town 2–1 in round one, the Terras slumped to a 6–0 home defeat against Conference National side Alfreton Town.

Following reorganisation of the Southern League for the 2018/19 season, Weymouth finished the season in first place of the Southern League Premier Division South, to secure promotion to the National League South. The subsequent champions' play-off with Kettering Town ended in a 1-1 draw. Weymouth won the penalty shoot out 5-3, to be crowned overall Southern League Premier champions.

Weymouth finished the 2019/20 season in 3rd place and on 1 August 2020, they were promoted to the National League after a play-off final win against Dartford.

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WEYMOUTH FC - WHO'S WHO?



18. ZAID AL-HUSSAINI - MIDFIELD

Zaid is a 20-year-old winger who joins the Terras on loan from EFL Club Crawley Town at the beginning of December.

14. MYLES ANDERSON - DEFENCE

Powerful defender Myles Anderson joined the Terras from Hartlepool Utd in August 2020. Comfortable at centre-back or at left-back, Anderson began his career as a trainee with Leyton Orient but won a move to Aberdeen in 2011 and made his senior debut in the SFL. Shortly afterwards he caught the attention of Blackburn Rovers and he made the switch to Ewood Park before moving on to Exeter City prior to gaining experience abroad with spells at Italian outfits Monza, Chievo and L'Aquila. In October 2016 Anderson returned to the UK to sign for Barrow and then went on to play for Torquay United and Chester.

1. GERARD BENFIELD - GOALKEEPER

Gerard was signed in July 2020. He is a strong shot-stopping goalkeeper. Previous clubs include Wimborne Town and Salisbury FC.

17. CALVIN BROOKS - DEFENCE

Calvin started his career with local rival Dorchester Town in Conference South. The central defender joined the Terras on loan from Yeovil Town towards the start of 2014/15 season. His contract with the Glovers finished at the end of January whereon Calvin opted to join the club on a permanent basis. Calvin has established himself as a highly skilled composed defender who is also comfortable in midfield and in goal on one occasion.

25. HARRISON BRUTON - GOALKEEPER

Harrison is a highly-rated young goalkeeper who has progressed through the youth ranks at Weymouth Football Club. Harrison has spent time at Champion Academy and will be on loan at Portland United during the 2020/21 season. He made his first team debut in September 2020 when he came off the subs bench against Dorchester Town.

22. HARRY BURNS - MIDFIELD

Harry is a 21-year-old midfielder who has become

a part of the Terras 1st team after a number of impressive performances last season in the club's run in winning the Dorset Senior Cup.

21. JACK BYCROFT - GOALKEEPER

Jack is a 19-year-old goalkeeper who joins the Terras on loan from Premier League Southampton.

2. BRENNAN CAMP - DEFENCE

Brennan joins the Terras for a second season on loan from Championship side AFC Bournemouth. He played a major part in Weymouth's promotion last season. He is a very versatile defender who can play both on the right and in the centre.

20. CODY COOKE - FORWARD

Cody is a 27-year-old striker who joins the Terras after two seasons in the Scottish Premier League with St Mirren. Before his spell in Scotland he spent seven years at Truro City making 254 appearances for the Cornish team. Cody's decision to move closer to home has certainly been Weymouth's gain.

11. JACK DICKSON - DEFENCE

Jack has been on the Terras radar for some time. The right sided defender moved to the Bob Lucas Stadium in July 2020 from Poole Town where he had been since 2013 coming up through the youth system with the Dolphins. He had a brief spell in the USA.

26. OLLIE HARFIELD - DEFENCE

Ollie Harfield joined the Terras from Dagenham & Redbridge in June 2019. Harfield is a product of the AFC Bournemouth academy. Harfield is predominantly a left-back but is also comfortable in Midfield. Previous clubs include Boreham Wood and Poole Town which were both loans.

19. JACK HOEY - FORWARD

Jack is a young forward who impressed the Terras management team during pre-season. The youngster additionally played National Premier Soccer League (USA) for Greenville FC. Before leaving for America, he turned out

for AFC Totton, as well as spending a brief period of time with AFC Bournemouth at youth level.

3. COREY JORDAN - DEFENCE

Corey is another defender who comes to the Bob Lucas Stadium on loan from AFC Bournemouth. Corey has been with the Championship side since the age of seven and made his Cherries first team debut in September 2016 against Preston North end.

15. JOSHUA LESLIE-SMITH - DEFENCE

A versatile defender, Josh Leslie-Smith joined Weymouth in Summer 2020 from Poole Town. Josh made 97 appearances for the Dolphins and had previously been part of the academy set-up at AFC Bournemouth.

8. JAKE MCCARTHY - MIDFIELD

Jake is another player Mark Molesley knew well from the Bournemouth U21 set up. With his release from the Cherries he became one of Mark's first signings. The central midfielder who is very comfortable on the ball and has great vision is now entering his fourth season in a Terras shirt.

10. JOSH MCQUOID (C) - FORWARD

Signed two seasons ago following his release from National League Aldershot Town. Josh is a Northern Ireland international with five caps to his name. Previous clubs include Bournemouth, Millwall and Luton Town. He has also had loan spells at Burnley, Peterborough Utd, Coventry City, Stevenage Borough and Torquay Utd. He is now the club's captain.

23. CAMERON MURRAY - MIDFIELD

Cameron joined the club from Dorchester Town at the beginning of 2019. A hard-tackling midfielder who impressed the management team who quickly made a move for him. Previous clubs include York City, Scarborough Athletic, FC United of Manchester and Dorchester Town.

6. JORDAN NGALO - MIDFIELD

A young versatile midfielder/defender who is moving into his third season with the Terras. Joining from Blackfield & Langley, the Terras

management team have high hopes for Jordan.

5. ADEOYE OLUMUYIWA - DEFENCE

Adeoye joined Weymouth from Blackfield and Langley in June 2019. He has previously spent spells at Team Solent and New Orleans Jesters.

16. ANDREAS ROBINSON - MIDFIELD

Andreas "Andy" Robinson signed for Weymouth in June 2019 from Havant and Waterlooville. As a youngster Andy made his debut for Southampton in the League Cup in 2012 before moving to Bolton Wanderers. Previous clubs also include Gosport Borough and Dorchester Town.

7. ALEFE SANTOS D'ABADIA - MIDFIELD

Alefe joined the Terras this summer from fellow National League rivals Aldershot Town and has been on the managements radar for some time. He is a strong running winger who was born in Sao Paulo in Brazil. Previous clubs include Bristol Rovers, Derby County, Eastleigh and Yeovil Town.

9. BEN THOMSON - FORWARD

Ben will be looking to continue on the goal trail that made him such a popular player amongst the fans. An uncompromising forward with pace and power will be looking to improve on last season's efforts when he netted 8 times. Previously played for Gillingham Town and Frome Town.

4. JOSH WAKEFIELD - MIDFIELD

Josh is another player who is heavy linked with Bournemouth having spent 6 seasons with the Cherries. He made 4 first team appearances. He is a midfielder with plenty of vision and is certainly going to be a huge asset in the Terras forthcoming season. He joined Weymouth from Poole Town. Previous clubs include Aldershot Town. He has also had loan spells at Dagenham & Redbridge, Welling Utd, Torquay Utd, Bristol Rovers, Yeovil Town and Walsall.

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10	Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL 0-1	0,000	19	⊙ 8	☁ 20c	10m	IST	EFE	MEN	WAK	PHI	OKI
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PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

22nd August	Bedford Town	A	W	3-1	Parish, Efete, Hughes
25th August	Luton Town	H	L	0-3	
27th August	Southall	A	L	2-3	Emmanuel, Trialist K
29th August	Colchester United	H	L	1-2	Emmanuel
1st September	Northwood	A	W	6-0	Lafayette, Parish 3, Charles, Trialist N

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Action from our goalless draw last week away to Barnet. Pictures courtesy of **Jon Taffel**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Where possible, the time of each event is contained within the symbol.

- 22 = First substitution
- 22 = Second substitution
- 22 = Third substitution
- 23 = Caution
- 67 = Sending off
- 67 = Straight Red
- 35 = Goal
- 88 = Penalty

Match date in red = Midweek kick-off)

The team order from 01 to 11 and substitutes follows the team sheet supplied by the club to the competition authorities. Note that players use their squad numbers in those positions. EG: Jerome Okimo, Squad No.6 playing position 4, etc.

KEY TO PLAYER IDS

Squad No.	Player ID	Player Name
01	IST	Harry Isted
01	MOO	Stuart Moore
02	EFE	Michee Efete
03	GAF	Adel Gafaiti
04	CHA	Ashley Charles
05	STE	Connor Stevens
06	OKI	Jerome Okimo
07	PHI	Michael Phillips
08	SMI	Connor Smith
09	LAF	Ross Lafayette
10	GRE	Danny Green
11	LEW	Dennon Lewis
12	HUG	Charlee Hughes
13	WIS	Dan Wishart
14	PAR	Danny Parish
15	BEN	Kundai Benyu
17	MEN	Jacob Mendy Mendy
18	DYE	Alex Dyer
19	EMM	Moses Emmanuel
20	SLE	Jerome Slew
21	EVE	Lewis Everett
23	WAK	Charlie Wakefield
34	CAW	Jack Cawley
22	GSM	Grant Smith
24	PRT	Dean Parrett
25	ASK	Jake Askew

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

5th September	Dartford	H	L	1-2	Efete
8th September	Hayes & Yeading	A	W	5-2	Trialist 0, Parish, Hughes, Emmanuel, Lafayette
12th September	Havant & Waterlooville	H	W	3-1	Emmanuel, Parish, Hughes
15th September	St.Albans City	A	L	0-4	
19th September	Dulwich Hamlet	H	D	0-1	Efete
26th September	Slough Town	H	L	0-1	

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BY MARTIN READ



The World of Ball Celebrating our Christmas presence back at The Vale!

After so long away it's going to be more than just nice to be able to fully appreciate once more how all five our senses interpret the live football watching experience; to watch, listen, touch, smell and drink it all in. Welcome back to Grosvenor Vale!

Look around - we're back! Well, many of us are, And let's face it, it's a brilliant, brilliant thing. Sure, there's many a twist still to come in the story of this pandemic, and we may yet be forced to go stream-only again in the months ahead. But for now, man it feels good to be back, doesn't it? And that's just the thing - it FEELS good. Yep, our return to the ground is going to be a feast for all of the senses. The sound of the crowd, the taste of the beer, the smell of the burgers, the feel of the, er, I don't know hand sanitiser stations? And by God will it look fantastic.

Now, I'm not suggesting the return of live football means giving up the screens - for one thing, we're on telly in one form or another every week now, and for another no one is going to pass up the opportunity to check their phone for the latest updates on FlashScores or whatever - but my oh my it will be so good to give our other senses a work-out, won't it? So - what can we expect?

The ground

Firstly, only a select few of us will have been present to check out the newly National League grade Grosvenor Vale. And there will be much well-targeted investment for us to experience. As well as those newly constructed terrace areas and walkways, how about those flood lights? There's always something special about being physically present under the lights, and when it gets to about 4.15pm today we'll realise just how much better ours are this season.

Then there's the PA. How absurd it's been to have only heard the bombastic sound from our apparently rather powerful new sound system being pumped out to next to no one these past few months. It'll be sweet to hear it as we were

meant to experience it after all this time. And it will surely beat the sound dribbling out of your laptop's tweeters, but all around you in luxurious multi-directional tone.

Speaking of tweeters (hah!), let's take a minute to appreciate the value of this particular social media platform in keeping us fans glued together during These Extraordinary Times. Imagine this pandemic happening twenty years ago - how would we have coped? Over the past eight months, Twitter has allowed us fans to come together in celebration of a unique title triumph and multiple wins against a slew of clubs we'd have walked over hot coals to play just five years back.

What else? A new toilet block, new paintwork, new signage - and overall, let's face it, a general sense of newness to reinforce the fact that we've become a National League club once more.

The programme

Well firstly, on behalf of your programme team can I say a huge thank you to everybody who purchased a programme season ticket and those who bought match programmes via the megastore - it is mightily appreciated! But the



Insert atmosphere here



The most welcoming of sights...

physical turning of the pages while you're in the ground, the smell of the freshly inked print on paper? Hell, yes please. Of course we're going to be down with that. (Also, I'll be able to check if those tiny little numbers actually work on the results spread, but that one's just me.)

Pre, during and post-match analysis

Fevered scrolling of the Twitter feed and the typing out the odd forum post does not a genuine conversation make when you're back at home in front of a laptop. It's being able to turn to the person you're next to (under stringently observed social distancing measures) and exclaim "how on EARTH did he miss THAT?" that you want to be doing. It's far preferable to sitting at home, seeing said miss, then howling at the screen so loudly that your partner has to come in to tell you to stop unsettling the dog. The near miss, the clumsy tackle, the goal – at home, the event happens but then is quickly over. Here it's all amplified as fan after fan reacts. As it should be.

The players

Ah, the he players, the players! There'll be those deserving a heartfelt fist bump for taking us to the NLS title; and those we've only been able to see in two measly dimensions thus far. Look, I don't care how high BT Sport's definition is, nothing can make up for us not having had the opportunity to collectively welcome, encourage, cajole and ultimately perplex our new superstars. Because only when we can welcome our new stones with a hearty "what the XXXX were you thinking with that pass you *idiot*?" can it be truly said that they have become a 100 per cent authentic member of the Wealdstone squad. (And

yes, there'll surely be some recognition today for the championship title, maybe even a quick twirl of the trophy at half time? That alone will have made the trip worth it.

The getting to and from the ground

No more rocking up at the laptop ten minutes before time to tap in that streaming code you paid for a few hours back. Operation Actual Football demands a bit more organisation from you if you're to make that train / get that parking space. For one thing, it's back to calculating how long you'll need to drop Kid A off at Venue B before catching Train C in time for 3. And there's enjoyment in some of that travelling, too. The wearing of a Stones scarf as you negotiate central London from south east to north west often leads to supporters of other clubs mistakenly tagging you as a QPR or Chelsea fan, only to give you a nod of approval when they realise what the badge really is.

The responsibility

It's not going to be perfect today. None of it can be until this pandemic is behind us. But it's certainly a welcome start. If we all stick to the temporary rules, hopefully we can continue to return to the Vale. Sticking to where we're meant to be and what we're meant to do will be crucial, so do take heed of the club's instructions.

So yes, it's the mundane details that combine together to make up the live football experience. But after so long, they're not going to seem so mundane. All of the above is part of what it means to be a supporter, and for however long it lasts it'll be just great to be part of it again. COME ON YOU STONES!

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One North table. As there were just 18 teams in the division, and we had somehow forgotten to enter the FA Trophy (well, it was the Stones' first season away from the Amateur Cup and the paperwork must have been, er, complicated) there were quite a few Saturdays without a game. And lo and behold, the club suddenly announced that we would be playing a friendly against Southern League Prem outfit Weymouth at Lower Mead.

Now this was exciting. One of the advantages of turning 'semi-pro' was the fact that we got the odd mention in the 'Southern League Monthly' which was actually a pretty lame production of about 16 pages, but seemed impossibly glossy and glamorous at the time. We lapped up features on the 'big clubs' like Chelmsford, Hereford and, yes Weymouth who even owned their own seafront houses to accommodate the players they had had enticed down from places like Birmingham and Wrexham. Surely we were going to get drubbed?

But as you can see from the cuttings, this historic first meeting between the clubs was little more than a training runabout and personally, I took the 2-0 defeat as a moral victory. Things get a little distorted when you're 13 years old.

If you read our Press Officer Colin Pope's programme piece he actually wrote: "We look forward to the time we meet Weymouth in league encounters". Yeah, right. As if!

And yet, less than three years later we had pulled ourselves together enough to actually get promoted to the Southern Prem (thanks, in part, to moving across to the easier Division One South in the summer of '72). Yes, we'd met Bognor and Bideford and Minehead, but now we'd be playing Weymouth in a proper game. We could hardly wait!

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Victory still eludes us

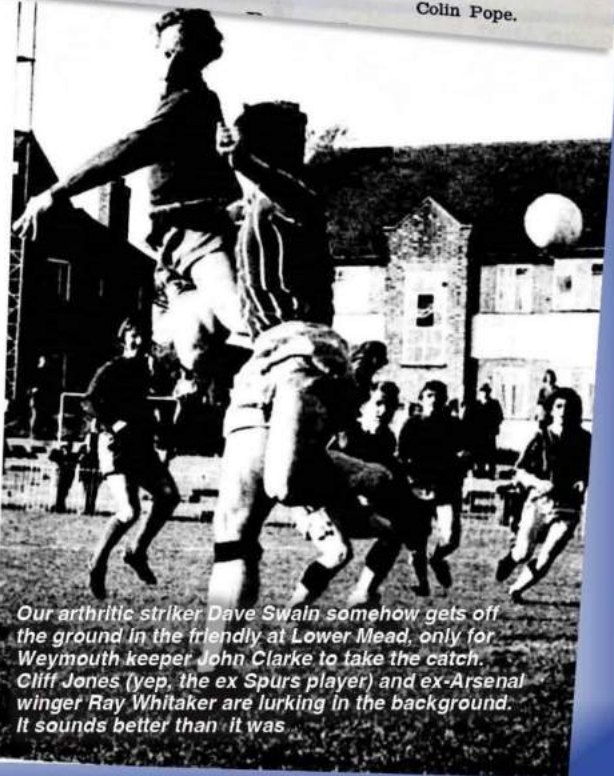
We are delighted to welcome the Officials, Players and Supporters of Weymouth on their first ever visit to Lower Mead Stadium today and hope they enjoy our hospitality and facilities. We appreciate their gesture in making the long trip to play this friendly game and look forward to the time when we meet them in league encounters. By a strange coincidence I myself will be spending the week-end in Weymouth — staying, in fact, at a house overlooking their own excellent ground.

Victory continues to elude us; and just when we appeared to have a couple of points in our grasp against Cheltenham last Saturday, defensive errors again cost us the match and kept us anchored well down at the bottom of the table. On Wednesday, in our first Premier Midweek League match, Hampton deserved their 1-0 win against a Wealdstone side which contained five of our young reserves. But these boys acquitted themselves extremely well, and John Beyer, at right back, and Pat Gallagher, at midfield have rich potential.

Manager Alan Humphries negotiations to sign Bill Swain, the 6 ft. 4 ins. centre-half from Bexleyheath in time for today's match received a set-back late on Thursday. Swain's club refused to release him while they are still interested in the F.A. Challenge Cup, in which they meet Basingstoke Town today. In return for Swain, we are transferring Gary Townend. However, it is quite possible that a new midfield player will be in the side today on trial. Obviously, both manager and the Management Committee are now extremely disturbed at our recent record of being without a win for the last nine matches, and it would be glossing over the facts to pretend that the position is not serious.

We would stress, however, that this is precisely the time when the team needs your encouragement — and we are only too aware that there has been little for you to enthuse over for some time. Things WILL come right in the end, but in the meantime, you can do your valuable bit today by letting the side know you are behind them . . .

Colin Pope.



Our arthritic striker Dave Swain somehow gets off the ground in the friendly at Lower Mead, only for Weymouth keeper John Clarke to take the catch. Cliff Jones (yep, the ex Spurs player) and ex-Arsenal winger Ray Whitaker are lurking in the background. It sounds better than it was

WE'VE MET BEFORE... CONTINUED

Promoted..and our first game was against.. you've guessed it... Weymouth

Saturday August 17th 1974, Southern League Prem: Wealdstone 2 Weymouth 1

IT WAS the start to Premier Division life the Stones wanted. Weymouth at home - Lower Mead - and there was no shortage of confidence around the team as we kicked off line the "Big Boys" of non-League's top tier.

But we were missing the suspended Ray Fulton and John Watson and Weymouth - always big players in the Premier Division - shocked the 1,200 crowd by taking the lead after just two minutes. Brian Owen, who had played in Hereford's famous 1972 FA Cup win over Newcastle, smacked a tremendous shot past John Morton from the edge of the box.

With winger John Henderson playing in an unaccustomed midfield role, filling in for Fulton, we stuttered a little and Weymouth's leading scorer Alan Beer (he had a good head on him) ballooned a good chance over the bar at the Cinema End. Right on the half-time whistle, though, Derek Evans stirred the Elsmlie End crowd with a sensational volley that was beaten away by the Terras' keeper Barry Smith.

Henderson was freed on the right flank in

Yes, it's really tough at the top

Duck and Henderson see 'Stones to victory in opening Premier match

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 2, Weymouth 1

IT WAS, as I had predicted in our weekend issue, a tough Premier Division baptism for Wealdstone. They made it, and in the second half turned on some of the enthralling football we had become accustomed to last season, but it was close.

Weymouth, as we had expected, were a very good side and one can confidently expect them to be challenging for honours come the end of the season. Wealdstone, as I suppose we also should have anticipated, were a little apprehensive about it all at first.

The Dorset club's players had obviously been told: "These are new boys in the Premier Division. Get at them, knock them out of their stride, don't let them settle".

That is exactly what Weymouth did and for the first half it would be only the most biased Wealdstone supporter who would not admit that the Lower Mead club generally played second fiddle.

They went behind after only two minutes and spent long periods of the next 43 chasing a Weymouth side then half a yard faster.

No discredit to 'Stones. It had to be. When you move up a division and meet one of the top teams for the kick-off, you are bound to need time to sort things out.

It must also be said that Wealdstone were without Ray Fulton and John Watson (suspended) and Paul Fairclough, who married the previous week, who was not available.

Happily the home side, sporting their smart new strip, responded gallantly to the challenge in the second period. They found the extra half-yard or so of pace which had been

missing, scored twice, had another disallowed and, even if they were forced into a cliff-hanger finish when Weymouth threw everything at them except the goalposts, crossbars and nets, they were worthy winners.

Having met and beaten one of the best teams in the division 'Stones can now expect to consolidate for I am certain they will meet very few superior sides.

Manager Eddie Presland, forgetting a couple of minor errors, had a magnificent and inspiring game, even if he caused a few surprises in his final selection.

Few people, I imagine, expected Terry Dyson to be given one of the midfield roles in preference to Jim Godfrey. Terry did well for much of the game but tired towards the close when I felt the bite in the tackle which Godfrey usually shows might have relieved that late Weymouth pressure.

The manager also preferred new goalkeeper John Morton in goal to tried favourite Roy MacKenzie. Generally speaking Morton had a good game. He dealt with all of the low stuff in immaculate style, but he might have cost his club a point minutes from the end when he allowed a free-kick to go through his hands. Skipper John McCormick, alert as ever, was fortunately able to race in and

clear a certain goal.

BEATEN

Just before then Morton had been hopelessly beaten by a shot dangerously close to an upright, he having made no move to reach the ball. Such errors of judgement could pave the way to big trouble.

But, to be absolutely fair, the former Dartford 'keeper made three magnificent saves. For all that, I expect MacKenzie to be recalled shortly.

Of the other newcomers, Terry Evans worked tremendously hard up front and even if he failed to get his name on the score sheet his enthusiasm, hard running and use of open spaces promised much for the future.

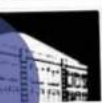
Twin brother Derek, in midfield, is perhaps less flamboyant but was most effective. He tackles hard and reads the game well.

The disturbing factor about Wealdstone's first half performance was their unwillingness to run off the ball. Too often they seemed content to watch and admire the skills of Weymouth. When this situation changed in the second period the home side looked a very different team.

Many of the rather disappointing crowd of 1,216 - holidays may have accounted for this much lower than expected

the second half and suddenly the Stones were playing their usual free-flowing football. Bill Byrne was a constant threat in the air and his flick-on found our record scorer George Duck racing clear in the middle of the box. He calmly rounded the onrushing Smith and planted the ball home to equalise. series of dangerous corners, taken by

THE BEST: 1974





So near and yet so far! Wealdstone striker Terry Evans just fails to reach a through ball which is smartly gathered by Weymouth goalkeeper Barry Smith.

figure — will probably join me in thinking that the experiment of playing John Henderson behind Byrne, Duck and Terry Evans was not a success.

Henderson is at his best when running freely on the flanks, particularly on the left. He often looked out of things in his new role and it will be surprising if Eddie Presland continues with this ploy.

In defence, McCormick was splendidly efficient as usual and, after they had become accustomed to the pace, Chris Kinnear and Eric Burgess gave fine support.

Stones were quickly on the attack in the second half and Duck's shot was just over the bar after a searching cross from Dyson.

CHANCE

R. Brown immediately replied for Weymouth but Morton, leaping like a gazelle, turned the shot over the bar for Weymouth's sixth corner. Then Owen had a great chance from Walley's cross but headed dismally wide.

Wealdstone were looking better all the time and a deserved equaliser came in the 26th minute. A shot into a crowded penalty area came back to George Duck who moved away from two tacklers, rounded the advancing goalkeeper and shot low into the net. George does

not miss that sort of chance.

Sensing victory the Lower Head lads threw everything into attack and three minutes later came the winner. A neat build up saw Burgess square to Henderson who from just outside the box blasted a tremendous shot over Smith's head into the net. A fine goal.

Soon after Duck netted again, but from an obviously off-side position.

Weymouth brought on Dorrington for Walley and that was the signal for an onslaught. McCormick cleared after Morton's midair blunder, but Morton made amends with two falling saves from Owen and J. Brown.

Wealdstone had the last word, however, when one of Duck's neat back-heads saw Byrne blast inches past the post with Smith way out of position.

Wealdstone: Morton; Kinnear, Presland, Burgess, McCormick; Evans (D), Dyson, Henderson; Evans (T), Byrne, Duck, Sub: Godfrey.

Weymouth: Smith; Foote, Lawrence, Arnold, Hobson; R. Brown, Walley, Owen; J. Brown, Olsen, Beer. Sub: Dorrington.

Soccer preview

Fulton back for tough Dartford

Ray Fulton, whose suspension for bookings received last season ended at midnight on Monday, returns to the Wealdstone side for the home game with last season's Premier Division champions Dartford this (Tuesday) evening (7.30 pm).

Fulton takes over in midfield in place of Terry Dyson and manager Eddie Presland continues in the back four as John Watson is under suspension for another week.

John Morton, who joined 'Stones from Dartford during the close season, is captain for the night against his old club with whom he won a league championship trophy and a



The iconic Stones programme that first Southern Prem season. A simple design that's still one of my favourite programme covers. Below: Weymouth less so, for the return game that they won 4-0 in February 1975



The Stones were really buzzing now and a series of dangerous corners, taken by veteran wing wizard Terry Dyson, finally led to a desperate clearance to the edge of the box — where Henderson was waiting to slap a rising shot through a crowd of players and into the roof of the net. The Cinema End went crazy and two points were ours!

Wealdstone: Morton, Presland, Kinnear, Burgess, McCormick, Derek Evans, Dyson, Terry Evans, Byrne, Duck, Henderson. Sub: Jim Godfrey.

Weymouth: Smith, Foote, Lawrence, Arnold, Hobson, R. Brown, Courtney, Owen, J. Brown, Olsen, Beer. Sub: Walley

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WE'VE MET BEFORE CONTD

Officially the worst Stones team of all time.. but what a glorious final day

**Saturday May 7, 1994:
Weymouth 1 Wealdstone 3
(Southern League Division
One South)**

THIS was the game, above all games, that remind you what being a Wealdstone fan is all about. How one match, the last of the season, can eradicate all the bad memories of the previous nine months.

And they had been a BAD nine months!

The team had finished last-but-one, 21st, in the Beazer Homes League Southern Section, with only Bury Town below us. To call Bury a park team would be unfair to park teams everywhere... but this Stones side were barely better. In fact we had set a new club record by losing 13 games on the trot, with not one league win between the beginning of December and the beginning of April.

And even after breaking

the duck, the Stones then lost four and drew one of the next five games. Thus the scene was set for the final game of the season, a visit to seashiders Weymouth who were then languishing in the middle of the table. The supporters were in fine fettle though: They'd set off at 7am to arrive in time for a match against Weymouth fans and had won 6-1.

**THE
FUNNIEST:
1987**

Maybe the feelgood factor percolated through to the Stones team as they ran out at the Wessex Stadium. We had used an astonishing 61 players that season, with 30 of them playing less than five games, and the high turnover was manifest again as manager Fred Callaghan named his assistant, Steve Frangou, as second substitute. But the blues seemed to shed their cares for the afternoon, and responding to the fans chants of "We'll score again, don't know where, don't know



when", Andy Hedge controlled a through ball on the edge of the box and hit a low shot past the Weymouth keeper. After 520 minutes were had scored again!

Just before half-time it was 2-0 as Vic Schwartz deceived the home keeper with a looping header – and his celebration, described by Roger Slater as a cross between the Maori Haka and Knees Up Mother Brown,, sent the away fans into raptures. Stones had saved their best football of the season until last, and after 70 minutes it was, amazingly, 3-0 as Dermot Drummy side-stepped a challenged and chipped the ball sweetly over

... and to round it off a fabulous seven-goal thriller on Bank

**Monday August 26, 2019: Weymouth
3 Wealdstone 4 (National Lge South)**

Top of the table and heading down to the Dorset coast to play Weymouth on a

baking hot August Bank Holiday Monday afternoon. For a football fan it doesn't get much better than that!

What about winning a seven-goal thriller with the decisive goal coming in the final minutes? And your star striker scoring the perfect hat trick (left foot, right foot, header)?

The Terras deservedly took the lead via Yemi Obudabe before the Stones, in a wonderful display of attacking football, came back to move into a 3-1

**MOST
RECENT:
2019**



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It was also a great day for our programme printer Martin Lacey, whose daughters Alice (left) and Cella were mascots 16 years ago

THE WORST: 1987

Battle of Dean Court saw Terras score winner in the 17th minute of injury time!

Wednesday, February 17, 1987, GM Vauxhall Conference: Weymouth 2 Wealdstone 1

NOT A game for the purist, but one long-remembered by fans of both clubs who were at Bournemouth's Dean Court ground for this Wednesday night Conference clash – the season we were relegated.

It had the hallmark of many Wealdstone games that year... battling, whole hearted performances but some wretched luck and, as on this occasion, baffling refereeing decisions. Weymouth's winning goal was scored in the SEVENTEENTH minute of injury time!

With the Terras' new Wessex Stadium suffering from drainage issues they were forced to take this game along the coast to Bournemouth, and goodness knows what any Cherries fan would have thought of the scenes as the Weymouth and Wealdstone players fought a running battle at the final whistle. Feelings had been running high after Stones keeper Alex Welsh was pole-axed in a collision with home striker Andy Rowland, leaving our midfielder Robin Wainwright (above) to take over the gloves for the final stages.

Weymouth substitute

Steve Claridge (who went on to have a Premiership career and later served as Weymouth player-manager) commented on Radio Five Live that it was the "scariest game I've ever played in". But then he also recalled that Stones midfielder Vinny Jones was sent off that night, when Vinny had left us for Wimbledon a year earlier!

It was a disgraceful finish to a second half that kicked off at 8.30pm and went on until 9.32. Stones fan Jez Albert, who was at the game, recalled supporters joking that the referee was going to play on until Weymouth scored... and they couldn't believe that that was exactly what happened. He blew the final whistle straight afterwards!

Rowland had given Weymouth a first-half lead, but a rather fortunate equaliser from Tony Lynch – whose wind-assisted cross flew in at the far post – seemed certain to give beleaguered Stones a vital point in the battle against relegation. But the referee had other ideas...

Wealdstone: Welsh, Harrison, La Ronde, M.Pitt-away, Bowgett, Wainwright, P.Davis, M.Hirst, A.Cordice, Olaley, Lynch.
Sub: Byatt.



the home keeper into the net. Stones brought on sub Paul Brown and, with 15 minutes remaining, Drummy signalled to the bench that he had pulled a hamstring and would have to come off... signalling the bizarre sight of coach Frangou entering the fray, looking less like a footballer than possibly anyone in the ground!

Weymouth pulled a goal back, but what a way to end a season. Especially one as miserable as that.

Holiday Monday

lead. A brilliant ball from Billy Clifford whipped into the net by Dennon Lewis... then a header from Ross Lafayette to stun the home end.

Then Ross reacted first to a half chance to bang in his left-footer and send the away end (left) into delirium. Abdulai Bagie and then a penalty levelled at 3-3 but it was Ross who got in front of defenders to turn in a near post cross from Dennon Lewis for 4-3. What a thriller!



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50-year flashback

Marking the 50th anniversary of our step up to professionalism in 2021, we're 'live blogging' our final season as an amateur club using a programme from each of the 92 Football League clubs in 1970/71. Here are matches 33 to 36.

Saturday 31 October, 3.15pm, Division 4

Oldham 5 (Jim Fryatt 2, Alan McNeill, Tommy Bryceland, Barry Hartle)

Crewe Alexandra 3 (Pat Morrissey, Ivan Hollett, Stan Bowles)

Ref R Bowling, Doncaster | **Att 8,153**

Summary: Two attack-minded teams provide a goal fest for the fans and set up a nice little earner for themselves.

Programme highlight: The Latics Diary detailing major events at the club during the season. A novel way to make lapsed supporters feel welcome.

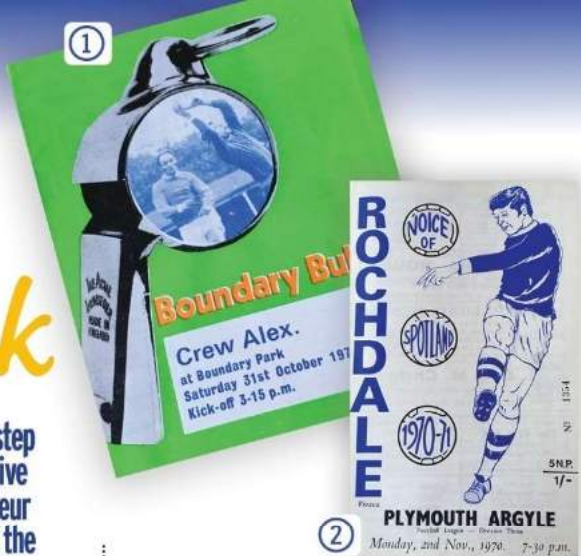
Programme lowlight: CREW Alex on the cover? Even in the fourth division of 1970, when the programme editor probably doubled as groundsman and club shop manager, that was poor. **1**

Programme bingo: Forthright comments about Oldham's promotion rivals from manager Jimmy Frizzell, reflecting the golden age of football interviews before media training got in the way.

Ahead of their time: Don Heath's full time forecast. Was this the birth of in-play betting?

Any other business: At the start of 1970-71, the Ford Sporting League launched, aiming to promote attacking football and reduce foul play. All the 92 clubs competed, and this pair finished first and second. Oldham claimed the £50,000 top prize and all eight £2,500 monthly prizes, Crewe took £30,000 as runners-up. Most remarkable was Oldham's disciplinary record - three bookings all season. Most teams now would take that during a match.

Stones: We travel to Corinthian Casuals for an Isthmian League match - and win 4-1.



Monday 2 November, 7.30pm, Division 3

Rochdale 1 (Norman Whitehead)

Plymouth Argyle 1 (Derek Rickard)

Ref G Kew, Leeds | **Att 5,033**

Summary: A Monday fixture - presumably brought forward from Tuesday to break Plymouth's journey home from the weekend trip to Wrexham - under the Spotland lights (of which more later)

Programme highlight: The Voice of Spotland page announcing this as the first of three consecutive home games. Despite being 23rd, Rochdale were five unbeaten and had won their last two, so you can almost hear the writer stretching his knuckles at the chance to escape the bottom four.

Programme lowlight: The front cover illustration. The player looks like a middle-aged man wearing a jumper knitted by his grandma and appears to have a dislocated knee into the bargain. **2**

Programme bingo: The Action Special photo quiz. Clubs were keen to offer competition prizes to stimulate programme sales and Rochdale were no exception. The sum on offer was 'only' 10/- (50p) but it would comfortably cover the cost of the next game and buy a pint at half time. **3**

Ahead of their time: Rochdale goalkeeper David Tennant has a claim here (subtle one), but the award goes to the referee, who - phonetically at least - was a one-man lad's mag movement long before they became fashionable.

Any other business: Rochdale reached the FA Cup third round that season, drawing first division Coventry at home. When the game was postponed, City refused to play the rearranged fixture under floodlights, which they said weren't up to the job. It did Dale manager Dick Conner's team talk for him and the third division side won the midweek afternoon game 2-1.

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Saturday, November 7th, 1970



Portsmouth

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Division 2)

CHARLTON ATHLETIC v. PORTSMOUTH

Charlton Athletic

Colours:

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Charlie WRIGHT	1
Robert CURTIS	2
Dietmar BRUCK	3
Graham MOORE	4
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Peter REEVES	6
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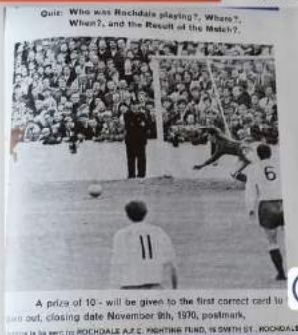
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Quiz: Who was Rochdale playing? Where? When? and the Result of the history? A prize of 10- will be given to the first correct card to hand out, closing date November 9th, 1970, postmark. Write in to write to: ROCHDALE F.C. HISTORY FUND, 15 SMITH ST., ROCHDALE

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Saturday 7 November, 3pm, Division 2

Charlton Athletic 2 (Dick Plumb, Mike Kenning)

Portsmouth 2 (Brian Bromley, Nicholas Jennings)

Ref P Baldwin, Yorkshire | Att 8,420

Summary: Charlton were in an even worse position than Rochdale, bottom of their division with one win in 15 games, but they scored two second half goals to draw. 4

Programme highlight: The photo of Ray Treacy's equaliser against Luton two weeks earlier.

Heard the cliché about 'harder to miss than to score'? Not here. He has about half the Luton team with two yards of the goal line. 5

Programme lowlight: Allocating two pages to The Valley Club (entertainment by the Don Harvey Trio with Charlie Scott and Julie Rayne) seems a tad over-generous.

Programme bingo: Another action photo, this time with the caption 'Dick Plumb heads powerfully during an early attack'. Translation: 'Nothing much happened the rest of the time'.

Ahead of their time: Charlton manager Theo Foley starts the trend for mind games by refusing to name their substitute. 6

Any other business: Charlton had the league's biggest ground, capacity 66,000. Its largest crowd in 1970-71 was 16,117 against QPR.

Stones: We entertain Walthamstow Avenue in the Isthmian League, winning 3-2.

Monday 9 November, 7.15pm, Division 3

Wrexham 2 (Ray Smith, Brian Tinnion)

Walsall 1 (Dave Simmons)

Ref G Jones, Lancaster | Att 7,352

Summary: Bottom of Division Four as recently as 1966, Wrexham finished runners-up four years later and were adjusting smoothly to third division football.

Programme highlight: The panoramic view of the ground on the cover, complete with the remarkable 'Pigeon Loft' stand behind the left hand goal. (A very different sight to what will greet us later this season.) 7

Programme lowlight: Sadly predictable negative comments about referees from columnist Neville Jones, confirming that in 50 years the only change in the game's opinion of officials has been the level of technology used to back it up.

Programme bingo: No matter how far flung the next away game was, the programme would still include travel directions. Those for Wrexham's 228 mile trip to Gillingham take up half a page by themselves.

Ahead of their time: The 15-question Sports Quiz was the Twitter of its day in terms of filling in time during dull passages of play.

Any other business: Despite the 'quaint' nature of the Racecourse Ground, it was a regular venue for Wales international games for several years, including a 4-1 win over England in 1980.

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3 Notts County	12	6	2	4	18	12	6	4	0	2	13	7	6	2	2	2	5	5	6	20	0-3
4 Maidenhead United	13	6	2	5	17	21	5	2	1	2	9	11	8	4	1	3	8	10	-4	20	
5 Stockport County	9	6	1	2	17	8	4	2	1	1	6	3	5	4	0	1	11	5	9	19	2-5
6 Bromley	13	5	4	4	22	17	8	2	2	4	12	13	5	3	2	0	10	4	5	19	
7 Hartlepool United	12	5	3	4	15	14	7	2	2	3	6	10	5	3	1	1	9	4	1	18	
8 Altrincham	13	5	3	5	12	13	6	2	1	3	6	7	7	3	2	2	6	6	-1	18	1-0
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