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- 2 James FISHER
- 3 Rob COURTNAGE
- 4 Robin TUCKER
- 5 Matt CARVELL
- 6 Billy AMARTEIFIO
- 7 Tommy WILLIAMS
- 8 Martin CARTER
- 9 Marvin MORGAN
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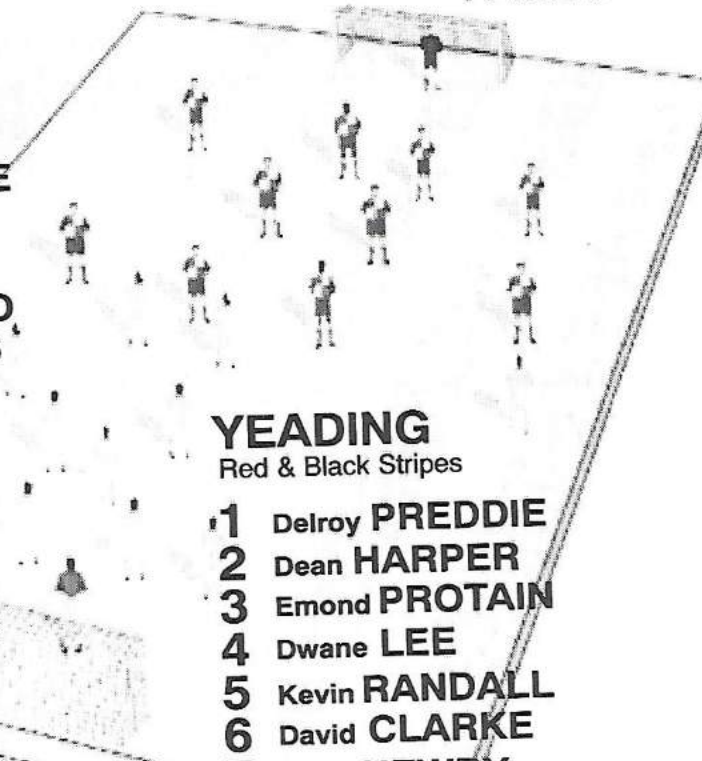
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- 2 Dean HARPER
- 3 Emond PROTAIN
- 4 Dwane LEE
- 5 Kevin RANDALL
- 6 David CLARKE
- 7 Keith NEWBY
- 8 Darti BROWN
- 9 Danny JORDAN
- 10 DJ CAMPBELL
- 11 Leon WOODRUFFE
- 12 BOBBY BEHZADI
- 14 DERECK BROWN
- 15 RYAN McINTOSH
- 16 JASON TUCKER
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**Tom Piffle's fabulous  
Wealdstone alphabet  
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# walking in a wealdstone wonderland

by steve paull



## IT'S ACTUALLY GONNA HAPPEN!

Look at the picture of the stadium site at Prince Edward Playing Fields... half-close your eyes... imagine the New Elmslie End (left) full to the rafters and the impressive main stand (foreground) peppered with blue and white... after the Planning Committee rubber-stamped the new development on July 31 we can finally dream of the Home Of Our Own that *everybody* connected with this great club so richly deserves.

Picture: Adam Williams

So here we go again! Every non-football fan trots out the old line about "the summer break seeming shorter every year" but – or is it just me – I miss football after about three weeks. Saturdays are very dull without it.

The only time I get fed up with football is during the height of winter with all the speculation about a match being on or off after a bit of rain or snow. But that certainly hasn't been the case for the past couple of weeks.. the Hayes friendly last Saturday was too hot to watch, let alone play!

As for the other friendlies... well, they came and went. We won a few, lost a few, but lets face it the results don't really matter. We all knew that the squad was not going to change much for various reasons (mostly financial) and that is how it has been. The lack of new faces has been disappointing, with so few new players to assess given we all think we know the pluses and minuses of last season's squad. To me the recent crop of friendlies has meant less than in previous years for this reason, especially when you factor in the remarkable temperatures. I hope, though, that Gordon and the management team have

observed progress in the development of our young players and that we can maintain the great start that we saw last season. Promotion when the new year arrives? Why not? It's a level playing field on August 16 and we've all learned a lot from last season.

I know Gordon was hoping to show the squad around the Prince Edward site earlier today, just to give them a taste of what the club is about, our aspirations and future hopes. It's really inspiring and would certainly put a spring in my step if I was pulling on the famous quarters this afternoon.

And what about Charlie Mapes!

Got a comment, article or picture for the programme? E-mail us on [timparks@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:timparks@blueyonder.co.uk) or [steve.paull@virgin.net](mailto:steve.paull@virgin.net)

## player news.. player news.. player news



*Our triallist Alan Delahunty in action v Hendon... the Irishman impressed but his slight physique counted against him*

Gordon Bartlett's two major summer signings are **Ellis Kodra** from Hemel Hempstead and **Danny Julienne** from Hayes. Ellis, formerly at Boreham Wood, is a left-sided midfielder/defender while Danny, who was on contract at Hayes for two years, is an attacking midfielder. **Chris Attwood**, the England Beach Football star, is likely to sign once he's shaken the sand out of his turn-ups. **Dave Ryan** is away on holiday and misses the first three games (today, Tilbury and Chesham).

**David Godfrey** is still troubled by the bruised ribs he damaged way back on the ice last winter, and is ruled out today.

I'm sure I wasn't the only Stone with a wry smile when I read that he had scored the only goal of the game on his Wycombe Wanderers debut last Saturday – not a 20-yard freekick but a shot from somewhere in mid-box that beat Stockport 1-0 in the Nationwide Division Two game at Adams Park.

Just 12 months ago he was starting the season for us against Leyton Pennant as a junior Beckham wannabe, all clever flicks and whipped-in freekicks. He left us for Berkhamsted when he couldn't get in the Stones' team, where Wycombe spotted his potential... he'll probably end up at a Premiership club and I (and the few who weren't Mapes knockers during his time here) will be permitted a smug grin. His vocal critics were awfully quiet when the news filtered through last week!

### Kind comments

Thanks, incidentally, for all your kind words about the first issue of the new Stones magazine, launched for the Palace friendly on July 26. Extraordinarily, one of the first people to see it was the founder of the (Unofficial) Wealdstone Supporters Club Branch in Italy, Matteo Tonna, who had his copy sent by Roy Couch and postmarked at Greenford at 7.01pm on Thursday.

As Matteo said: "Would you believe that through this morning's mail I received my copy of the prog? With

the vast majority of Stones fan not reading it until Saturday afternoon, it is very strange that one of the first supporters to have seen it, did so sitting in his armchair in Soragna, Parma on Friday morning!"

Matteo, who caught the Wealdstone bug on a visit to London in 1986, will be contributing an article for Stones Magazine in forthcoming weeks and I must emphasize here that it's not a closed shop... we welcome contributions from you, the supporter. All we will say is that there are certain limitations of space and time we have to adhere to, plus anything libellous is a no-no. We have already been warned as to our conduct from the board!!

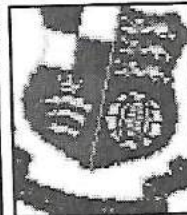
### Danny Helen

On a more sober note the sudden illness and passing away of supporter Danny Helen a few weeks ago saddened many of us. Everyone who knew him seems to remember a favourite footballing quotation from that lovable soft Irish brogue. Mine comes from the 1973-4 season, the simple "Come on Kinnear" was Danny's regular comment to try and gee up our laid-back full-back. I was a teenager back then, but the memory of those three simple words has stuck in my mind. (Tim also recalls the very same player missing TWO penalties in one game as we fought against relegation a few years later,

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### wealdstone fc.. major honours since 1950

- 1951-52 Athenian League Champions
- 1958-59, 1962-63, 1963-64 Middlesex Senior Cup Winners
- 1965-66 FA Amateur Cup Winners
- 1967-68 Middlesex Senior Cup Winners
- 1973-74 Southern League Division One South Winners
- 1981-82 Southern League Champions and Southern League Cup Winners
- 1984-85 Football Conference Champions and FA Trophy Winners
- (first-ever club to achieve the non-League 'double')
- and Middlesex Senior Cup Winners
- 1996-97 Isthmian League Division 3 Winners
- 1997-98 Promoted from Isthmian League Division 2 (3rd)
- 1998-99 Third in Isthmian League Div One
- (but promotion denied for ground grading reasons)
- 2001-2002 Middlesex Charity Cup Finalists

## wealdstone fc ..the ground regulations

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

- Entering the ground by any means other than through the proper turnstiles and entrances;
  - Entering the field of play before, during or after a game without prior authorisation to do so;
  - Being drunk, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
  - Carrying items which may be considering danger to others, including cans, bottles or drinking glasses containing alcoholic beverages;
  - Throwing any article onto the field of play;
  - Climbing floodlight pylons, fences, stands or any structure or building;
  - Using obscene or offensive language (racial or otherwise) likely to cause offence to others;
  - Using violence of any nature.
- The consumption of alcoholic drinks is only permitted INSIDE the social club bar and board room areas
- All vehicles parked on the White Lion Ground site are at the owner's risk.

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prompting the ever-reasonable Dan to bellow: Get off Kinnear!)

Our tannoy man Ron Moore was one of Danny's closest friends and he summed up many people's feelings at the funeral last week

He said: "For all of us who knew Danny personally our lives will be the poorer for his passing. For the ten years or so my wife and I have been close friends with Danny and his partner Tricia, he was always good company to be with and always full of fun.

"It is hard to believe that we will not see this likeable Irishman on the terraces again."

For over 40 years Danny was a staunch and loyal Wealdstone supporter and his commitment went beyond just watching the team. He served a few years on the old football club committee and several years on the committee of the supporters club.

In tribute to Danny, today's matchball has been sponsored by his friends in his name. For the rest of the season, the ball sponsorship will include a feature about the donor - listing his or her favourite season, all-time favourite Stones line-up, favourite memory etc

## enfield suspended

OUR great old rivals Enfield seem to be experiencing a few problems pre-season - they have been suspended by the Ryman League for their opening two games for "financial and technical irregularities".

According to this week's *Enfield Gazette*, the club have failed on three counts. Firstly, they owe landlords Boreham Wood £6,000 plus VAT in back rental, and Wood chairman Danny Hunter has written to the League issuing a 30-day notice period for the club to leave. It costs Enfield £15,000 a season to share Meadow Park.

Hunter said: "I'm not interested in playing silly games any more. I want the full amount that is owed.. if Enfield



In a quite moment at the Palace friendly, Steve Hobbs (right) enjoys reminiscing about his curving 20-yard freekick that found net for SFC Wealdstone a dozen years ago.. "The only time the words 'Hobbsy' and 'bender' have been used safely in conjunction" opined PC McKay (centre)

etc - but it was felt that it would be inappropriate today. A minute's silence will also be held before the kick-off.

The World of Wealdstone goes on, however, and Yeading are here to give what will, I'm sure, be another of the incident-packed games we always seem to have with local rivals. With the restructuring of the non-league pyramid, a good season along the lines of most of the last one is required for us to maintain our status. Let's get behind the Stones and start today with a win.

● More tributes to Danny Helen:  
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pay the £15,000 plus VAT then maybe there will be an option for them to stay. Or they can pay £6,000 and go and get a groundshare somewhere else".

If Enfield share elsewhere it will cost them £1,000 a game as they have not declared a change of residence by the April 1 deadline.

The club also apparently owe the League £1,000 in unpaid fees, while their third failure is to return their application for 2003-04 membership without a signature from the club's Company Secretary.

Enfield, are, however, confident that their problems will be ironed out long before they visit the White Lion on September 9.

**G**ood afternoon and welcome to today's opening league game of the season against my old club Yeading. It's very rare that you start the season with a local derby — which seems even more strange when you

look at our long midweek journey to Tilbury on Tuesday evening ...it doesn't make sense to me, but then again, I'm only a humble football manager.

Yeading come into today's game on the back of some very impressive pre-season results, highlighted by an emphatic 8-0 defeat of Hanwell Town last weekend. They also finished last season very well, clinching the League Cup with an impressive Final victory against Premier League Canvey Island.

Leo and I spent many happy and successful years at Yeading so there are far too many people to mention individually, but I must say a few words about Drax. Obviously you all remember him as an 'ex' Wealdstone player but I also had him as a player at both Hounslow and Yeading. Blimey.....that makes me feel old!!!

He always used to play wide in his early days at Hounslow and then converted to a striker. He has taken to management in a similar way that he used to

play...with enthusiasm and although he could be a pain in the arse to manage at times, you always knew you would get 100% commitment out on the park. I look at him in the dugout now and he hasn't changed much. He still kicks every ball, gets frustrated, gets excited, shouts, moans about everything and still desperately wants to do well. I just hope his players respect his work ethics but also give him as harder time as he used to give me... keep moaning at him boys.

Actually, I've just looked at last year's programme with Yeading and read their history and therefore have a question for their programme editor. I am puzzled why probably the two most successful managers — Ray Gritt and myself — didn't get a mention and yet the more recent ones did? It's certainly not a problem because I'd never

noticed it before, but I just wondered why.

Well, that's enough about our visitors, I must talk about how we have shaped up so far this season. Inconsistent can be the only word to describe our pre-season preparations. We've had some encouraging performances and some dreadful ones and some have actually happened during the same game. Injuries and unavailability have had a major bearing on selection and we've had a real problem in getting some cohesion with our team selections. It's been rather frustrating and a good example of this was the game at Whyteleaf recently where 20 senior players were unavailable for one reason or another.

I believe we're maybe a couple of weeks away from peak fitness and organisation, but we must show the character and determination to accumu-

late points in the meantime.

It's important to get off to a good start but Uxbridge proved last season that you can start badly and come with a late run — especially in a tight league which I believe will be the case this season.

Just a glance down the league will show that it will be a much stronger division than 2002-3, and that coupled with promotion to the top six or seven clubs means a lot of teams throwing big money at it this season. In fact, I have been amazed at some of the

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# from the boss

## gordon bartlett



Tommy Williams tickles a little ball round the corner in the friendly with Palace. Rob Courtnage looks eager to get on the end of it. Pic: AtticSnaps

**THIS WEEK'S DIV 1  
NORTH FIXTURES**

**Today:**

Barking v Enfield ppd  
Berk' sted v Gt Waker'g  
B.Wood v Hemel H  
Cheshunt v Tilbury  
Dunstable v Win & Fin  
E Thurrock v Thame  
Harlow v Waltham For  
Leyton v Aveley  
Oxford C v Arlesey T  
Uxbridge v Chesham U  
Wealdstone v Yeading  
Wivenhoe v Barton R

**Monday**

Enfield v Uxbridge ppd

**Tuesday**

Arlesey v Dunstable  
Barton R v Berk'sted  
Chesham U v Leyton  
Gt Wake'g v Cheshunt  
Hemel H v E. Thurrock  
Thame v Boreham W  
Tilbury v Wealdstone  
Waltham For v Barking  
Win & Fin v Oxford  
Yeading v Harlow Town

**Wednesday**

Aveley v Wivenhoe T

**CUP DRAWS**

If we overcome Brook House in the **FA Cup** Preliminary Round in a fortnight we will face Stansted or Uxbridge at the White Lion in the 1st Qualifying Round on September 13. The **FA Trophy** has thrown up an away tie at Ryman Div One South side Leatherhead on October 4 in the Preliminary Round. Oh for the days when we have exemption again! In the **Bryco Cup** we have been drawn away to Kingsbury Town (date to be decided) with the winners away to Wingate & Finchley or Chertsey Town



*Almost the perfect goal... Rob Courtnage's cross against Palace is met six yards out by Richard Jolly (ringed) but the big man somehow headed wide*

wages being offered by some clubs this summer and to very average players.

In fact one look at our squad will see very little change from last season. I believe last years experiences will stand us in good stead and make us mentally stronger for this campaign and with a bit of luck, who knows what we might achieve. We have introduced a couple of new faces in Ellis Kodra from Hemel and Daniel Julienne from Hayes and I would like to welcome them and wish them a long and successful stay. I hope to bring in a couple more in the near future but only if the price is right.

Other new faces include Richard Crook from Chesham as first team physio, while James Smith and Emma have taken over the Under-18s and Under-19s match day physio duties. In addition we have the welcome return of Frank O'Brien who has been appointed as Director of our exciting Scholarship scheme with Stanmore College and will work alongside Francis with the youngsters.

On the negative side, Toni Kelly has parted company with the club. There is no ill feeling between any of us, but the job he came into do didn't really materialise and he ended up joining the first team coaching staff and while things were going well we continued with the arrangement. Results hid the truth, but we realised were treading on each others toes because four of us were just too many. Circumstances were to blame and certainly nothing

to do with ability or enthusiasm. I'm sure you will join me in thanking him for his hard work last season and wish him all the best for the future.

**Impressed**

I popped over to see how the new ground was shaping up last week and could not believe the difference in the place. I would strongly advise anybody to go and have a look because you cannot fail to be impressed and that's without any actual building work taking place. Currently you can see where the pitch, astrotuf and the tennis courts will be, the road being built and where all the drainage has been put in, and it's an incredible change from the derelict site of a few months ago.

The next twelve months means so much for the future of this club. I have sat down with the management team and highlighted the importance of creating a good image for the club and doing our job professionally. The players realise they must also set themselves high standards both on and off the park and I expect the supporters to set good examples especially with language and behaviour. We have all got an important roll to play if we want to regain our status as a 'big and respected club' again.

Remember, Respect is something you have to give, in order to get it back. Don't let it be YOU who damages the image of this club.

Here's to a good start and hope the end of the season sees us in the top 6 and in the new stadium for the start of the next campaign.

# Captain's log

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## PAGE 11 Cook's corner

with Fabio's Dad

Hello everybody, eesa good to be back at ze White Lion. Today I eesa goin' show how I makea my famous brew and drippy-fatty burger that you have all been a missing since dat a "Hall Day Deener" tooka over at ze Theatre of Ze Bad Dreams.

And, while I think of eet, whatta issa dey thinkin' by callin' it "Hall Day"? Eesa half day at best, innit? And de other half day waiting for de ketchup, am I right?

Anyway, I know you all been a missin' my special cookin, and many times peeps they ask me: "Fabio's Dad, what eesa the special ingredient thatta make your burger so special? Do you use ze ground beef?"

Well, ze patties ees certainly been on ze ground before zey get near ze bun. Blimey, zey been in the car boot tenderising for a few weeks already, innit!

Eesa like zat Colonel Mustard and 'iss Kentucky Chicken, it's ze secret recipe and I not share it viz anybody. Even ze Health and Safety peeps.

Hey everybloody, eesa my boy out there today? Fabio? Whadd'ya mean, ees not been a playin' for three years? Mystery stomach complaint?

*In the next programme: Fabio's Dad shows how to make the perfect cup of tea. Mainly milk, innit.*

**A**fternoon everyone and cheers Tim for conning me into writing this new section of the programme!

This will no doubt surprise quite a few of the Playing and Management staff who had passed comments that I actually may struggle in my attempts to string a few sentences together... Leo would certainly envisage this to be similar to my passing. However, make your minds up for yourselves as you may already have regarding my distribution!

Discussing this article with Tim he suggested that I try to provide an insight into the banter that goes on during training and in the dressing room. One regular source of amusement last year came from Jason Shaw's introduction of a 'fines' book. Fines were issued for a variety of reasons, ranging from missed or late training sessions, to dirty boots and Martin Carter's favourite – the worst knickers worn on 'theme' day.

The fine that most will be aware of is the yellow shirt fine, awarded to the player achieving the mistake of the match, or training.

Most players and even some management received the award at some time during the season, marking the back of the shirt with a signature. But the likes of Martin

Carter, Gordon, Tommy and Jolls somehow managed to avoid this acclaim.

The most frequent player to wear the shirt happened to be Shawry himself, with eight ticks doted in his little red book, Swayz and Andy Carter were a close second with five votes, whilst surprisingly I was the next nearest runner with three.

The wearer of today's shirt was decided from the Hayes match. Gordon ran in a close second by sending the 10 men out for the second half with a 4-4-2 formation! The winner, though, was James Fisher for his part in Hayes'

first goal, although this could well change following further debate.

Looking to today's game it will be good to get pre-season out of the way and start with the competitive fixtures. We'll certainly need to step up a gear from the pre-season fixtures if we're to start off with a win against what is sure to be another strong Yeading side. Hopefully they may be in awe of our

celebrity centre midfielder Tommy Williams (if selected).

With a bit of luck today we will be able to keep all our players and their teeth intact! (sorry Marv).

I hope you all enjoy the game.

**Tucks**



**Tommy Williams (left) makes an early bid for Worst Tie of the Season award. It's knot big and it's knot clever**



# Rewind

## ON THIS DAY SIX YEARS AGO...

**Aug 16, 1997: Wivenhoe 2 Wealdstone 1, Ryman League Division Two**

AN INAUSPICIOUS start to life in Ryman Div 2 for the Stones, who had just been promoted on the back of that fabulous 3-1 win at Northwood three months before.

Paul McKay's cracking 22-yarder opener was not enough to stave off this first-day defeat in deepest Essex, the Stones imploding by giving away two penalties in crazy circumstances. On the half hour, with the visitors 1-0 up and cruising, Stuart Atkins needlessly handled a deep cross.

Then, shortly into the second half, Fergus Moore completely missed a hopeful Wivenhoe punt forward and Roy Marshall seemed to have come to the rescue as he

hoofed his interception towards the car park. But! An eagle-eyed linesman had spotted the ball brushing Marshall's hand in mid-clearance and again the ref gleefully pointed to the spot.

We were behind and, despite the lively Mario Celaire coming on as sub and going close, it all ended a bit pear-shaped.

Never mind, the season turned out pretty well in the end as Stones took third place in the league and were promoted behind Bedford and Braintree into Division One.. where we've been ever since.

*Wealdstone: Imber, Bowder, Edmunds, Moore, Atkins, Marshall, Walton, McKay, Boreham, Garner, Bircham. Subs: Hibbert, Celaire, Stirling. Attendance: 404*

## SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO...

**Aug 16, 1986: Wealdstone 0 Stafford Rangers 3, Vauxhall Conference**

AFTER falling away badly the previous season, defending our Conference title and finishing 10th, Stones looked good for another assault on the championship... until the final warm-up game.

Brian Greenaway, Bob Iles, Doug McClure, Derek Doyle, Dennis Byatt and Paul Bowgett were all injured in a friendly at Wycombe and not all had recovered as Stafford recorded this surprise opening day win at Lower Mead. Stones were on top for most of the game but, despite the prolific Mark Graves

and Neil Cordice coming desperately close, could not score. Rangers grabbed their few opportunities and Stones were suddenly plunged into six games without a win (3 draws, 3 defeats) until a 1-0 success at Cheltenham on September 6.

The season tailed off after the near giant-killing of Swansea City (1-1 at Lower Mead, 1-4 finally in the replay) and Stones just escaped relegation by finishing 19th. The next season we weren't so lucky

*Wealdstone: Iles, Tapley, McClure, Rutter, Bowgett, Wainwright, Doyle, Wallace, N.Cordice, Graves, Donnellan. Sub: Holmes*

## TWENTY-THREE YEARS AGO...

**Aug 16, 1980: Wealdstone 4 Telford United 0, Alliance Premier League**

HOW the Stones have teased us through the years! Season 80-81 was classic Wealdstone.. this opening day hammering of Telford at sunlit Lower Mead had us all believing that, at last, our club were ready to mix it with the big boys of the Alliance.

Tommy Baldwin, the ex-Chelsea star, strutted his stuff, setting up goals for Nigel Johnson, Alan Cordice, Clevere Forde and even having a hand in the penalty that skipper Paul Bowgett converted. But it was another false dawn.

Baldwin played just three games, the Stones had a dreadful mid-season and despite rallying in April with three successive wins (including a Stuart Pearce-inspired 1-0 victory at Champions-elect Kettering) we somehow managed to get ourselves relegated thanks to the famous last-day defeat by AP Leamington.

Yet, of course, Stones bounced back for the greatest days in our history...

*Wealdstone: Cranstone, Brannigan, S.Pearce, Barwick, Bowgett, Murphy, A.Cordice, J.Watson, Baldwin, N.Johnson, Forde. Sub: Bennett*

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facing the stones today...

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# Yeading

**Y** by tim parks  
Yeading FC first came to my attention in the small print of the Harrow Observer in the 1970s.

In an era dominated locally by the Stones, Yeading and Northwood seemed to be vying each season for the Middlesex League – and indeed, the Ding won the title in their first season (1970-71), scoring a record 122 goals in the process. Then 1972/73 saw the club sweep all four trophies – League and Cup – on offer in that league.

In 1884, after a decade of domination at Middlesex level, the club won senior status by joining the Spartan League. Promotion to the Premier Division was achieved in their first season and in 1987 Yeading secured the League and Cup double in a record unbeaten league season. Election to the Vauxhall Opel League (Division Two South) followed and, in their inaugural season they shocked the football world (well, me anyway) by knocking the Stones out of the Middlesex Senior Cup, 3-1 in a replay after a 1-1 draw at Lower Mead.

By then, of course, their managerial team was Gordon Bartlett and Leo Morris. The pair had led Southall to Wembley in the FA Vase in 1986 (the young Les Ferdinand starring in a 3-0 defeat by Halesowen) but in 1989-90 Gordon steered Yeading to victory in the Vase (the first Middlesex club to win that trophy), beating Bridlington Town in a replay at Leeds' Elland Road after a 0-0 draw at



Yeading hold the Essex side 2-2... but in the replay reality hit hard and the Ding exited 7-1! Former player Steve Cordery took over the management reins and led the Ding to a fifth place finish in the ICIS Premier Division in 1997, but 12 months later they were relegated. Over the next few seasons manager's Jim Melvin, Jon Turner and Paul Sweales came and went struggling to get

cohesive teams together. A new management team of Naseem Bashir and former Ding favourite, Johnson 'Drax' Hippolyte arrived in March 2001 with relegation from Division One looming. With management experience from Chesham United Reserve side the joint-managers made some quick moves before transfer deadline and saw the Ding finish with a mid-table finish with just two defeats in twelve games to top of the league form table.

Bashir then left to become Assistant Academy Director at Reading FC leaving Drax in sole charge of first team affairs – but now assisted by coach Erskine Smart, Jason Tucker and Dereck Brown.

A great pre-season last year was then, however, followed by the Ding losing their opening three games. A rally just before Christmas saw them in contention for promotion but a poor February and March saw League hopes fade. Silverware was still in sight however and reaching the Bryco Cup Final against Canvey Island, Yeading were huge underdogs but showed their strength and ability by deservedly winning 2-0 to lift

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Wembley. A magnificent season was rounded off by winning the Vauxhall Opel League Division Two (South) title.

Third place in Division One in season 90/91 was followed the next by the Ding becoming the first Middlesex Club to win all four County Cups at Junior and Senior level by securing the Middlesex Senior Cup with a 2-1 win against Wembley. And after reaching the Premier Division of the Diadora League Yeading got a bit of national glory by reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the first time. Division Three side Gillingham were held to a 0-0 draw in the game played at Hayes, but in the replay overcame the Ding 3-1.

## Match of the Day

The 94/95 campaign – Gordon and Leo's last at Beaconsfield Road – saw an unbeaten 16 match run, including the scalp of Conference side Telford United in the FA Cup. That win took the club into the First Round Proper for the second successive season. This time Colchester United were the visitors. Millions tuned in to *Match of the Day* and saw

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# Yeading

the cup. Away from serious matters, the club's Warren ground has also achieved national fame as the backdrop for a number of tv commercials and feature films – notably *Bend It Like Beckham* (starring Keira Knightley and Yeading's own Commercial Manager Bill Perryman) and *The Mean Machine* (starring Ding defender Nevin Saroya alongside Vinnie Jones).

And, of course, Yeading FC was the venue as our jubilant supporters (SFC Wealdstone Reserves) lifted the Middlesex Sunday Junior Cup on that glorious May morning in 2002.

## The Yeading Squad

**Michael Barima** (Forward) Strong, powerful ex-Stone (hit the crossbar from a yard out, memorable, at Braintree a few years ago) who linked up with the Ding in pre-season and impressed in his first game with a goal against Egham Town.

**Joe Bennett** (Utility) Young player who joined the Ding

during the summer looking to see first team action.

**Bobby Behzadi** (Utility) Another ex-Stone who joined the Ding in the summer of 2001 arriving from Hayes. Saw action in the Conference for the Church Road club and previously at Stevenage Borough. Comfortable at full-back or in midfield his ability to beat players and get crosses in offer different attacking options.

**Luke Blackmore** ('Keeper) Arrived at the Warren from Chalfont St Peter in early 2003 making his debut at home to Oxford City in the league.

**Darti Brown** (Midfielder) Now in his second spell at the club having rejoined the Ding at the end of last season. A hard-working midfielder, he has also



*Puff Danny (Tilbury) manages to blow the ball towards the Palace goal during the opening pre-season game at the White Lion* Picture: Adam Williams

seen service at Harrow Borough, Wembley and Willesden Constantine.

**Dereck Brown** (Midfielder) The vastly-experienced Dereck has won international honours and Player of the Season awards after picking up the FA Trophy for Woking in the mid-90s. He also seen service at Welling United, Walton & Hersham, Wembley, Hendon and Chesham United. Joined the Ding in the summer of 2002.

**DJ Campbell** (Forward) Joined the Ding in February 2003 from Stevenage Borough but made limited appearances last season due to injury. Now back to full fitness and looking very sharp pre-season, showing the kind of form that saw him star as a trainee with Aston Villa

before spells with QPR and Chesham United.

**David Clarke** (Midfielder) Highly regarded and experienced player who arrived at the Ding pre-season having played for Kingstonian for the last two seasons. Previous Clubs include Dover Athletic, Eastwood Town and Harrow Borough having begun his career with Notts County.

**Dean Harper** (Defender) Young player who joined the Ding near the end of season 2002/03 from Hanwell Town. Made a number of first team appearances in the defensive line and will be looking to secure his own spot there this season.

**Johnson Hippolyte** (Striker/Manager) Returned to

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the Warren in March 2001 as joint-manager with Naz Bashir, who left in December 2001. As a player 'Drax' featured in both of Yeading's FA First Round Proper appearances in 1993 and 1994, scoring many goals in his Ding career and during his time at Hampton, Aldershot Town, Dulwich Hamlet, Chesham United, Chertsey Town, Wealdstone, Chalfont St Peter, Uxbridge and Hounslow. Still starring as a player when required, he led Yeading to their first silverware in several years when lifting the Bryco Cup last season.

**Matt Hodson** (Goalkeeper) Returned to the Warren at the start of season 2001/02 for his second spell at the club after featuring for Hayes in the Conference, having begun his career in a highly successful Wycombe youth side before a spell at Marlow. Has been troubled by injury but back to full fitness now and looking to retain the number one jersey.

**Danny Jordan** (Midfielder/Forward) Joined the Ding in February 2002 and soon earned the nickname 'Viduka' after Leeds' Aussie striker. Arrived at the Warren via Hillingdon Borough, Brook House and Uxbridge, where he had impressed in the reserves enough to force his way into the first-team as a teenager.

**Dwane Lee** (Defender/Midfielder) One of the longest serving players at The Warren having made his first-team debut in November 1998 following an impressive spell in the reserves. Highly creative and equally at home in the centre of midfield or defence, Dwane has attracted attention of pro-scouts and has spent recent spells on trial at Exeter City, Reading and Barnet.

**Ryan McIntosh** (Midfielder) An excellent striker of the ball, Ryan arrived at the Ding in the summer of 2001 having been released by QPR.

**Keith Newby** (Midfielder) Last season's Player of the Year after another tenacious season at the heart of the Yeading midfield. Originally arrived at The Warren on loan from Harrow Borough on loan in March 2001 before making the move permanent later that summer. After beginning his career at Cambridge United, Newby went on to feature for Cambridge City and Chelmsford City before his move to Harrow.

**Delroy Preddie** (Goalkeeper) Vastly experienced between the sticks, Delroy linked up with the Ding in pre-season having been with Chesham United since 1999. Having started as a trainee with Northampton Town, Delroy has also played for Slough Town (in the Conference) and Walton & Hersham.

**Emond Protain** (Defender) Left-sided player whose impressive first season at the Warren earned him the coveted Player's Player of the Year award in May 2003. Came to the Ding via Harrow Borough and Wembley.

**Kevin Randall** (Defender) Now in his second season at the club, having marshalled the Ding defence to Bryco Cup glory in his first. Began his career as a Chelsea schoolboy before two years in the Barnet youth set-up. Moved on to St Albans

City where, having impressed as Reserve team captain, he earned a first team debut aged just 17. Arrived at the Warren via Northwood and Berkhamsted Town.

**Nevin Saroya** (Defender) Captained the Ding to Bryco Cup glory last season after another solid performance at the heart of defence. Nev is Yeading's very

own celebrity having featured alongside Vinnie Jones in *The Mean Machine* and in a number of documentaries about Asian footballers. Made a name for himself as a trainee with Brentford where he impressed boss Ron Noades enough for first team selection.

**Erskine Smart** (Coach) Joined the Ding in January 2002 immediately putting the squad to the test with his tough training regime. Has an impressive career as a player that saw service with Harrow Borough, Farnborough Town, Hendon, Enfield, St Albans City, Kingstonian, Dulwich Hamlet and Walton & Hersham.

**Errol Telemaque** (Striker) Originally signed for the Ding on loan from Hayes before transfer deadline 2001. Had featured in the Conference for Hayes and Stevenage Borough and has used his skill and confidence learnt there to great effect in a Yeading shirt and is a constant nightmare to defenders in the Ryman League.

**Jason Tucker** (Defender/Midfielder) Now in his fourth spell at The Warren having returned this summer to oversee the Capital League Reserve side and lend his experience and footballing ability to the squad. First made an impact as a teenager playing for Aldershot in their final games in the Football League, and has since had spells with Hanwell Town, Hayes, Boreham Wood and Chertsey Town as well as the Ding.

**Leon Woodruffe** (Utility) Another player in his second spell at The Warren having returned in October 2002. Originally arrived at the Ding via Wembley and Hampton & Richmond Borough before leaving the Warren for spells at Harrow Borough and Hendon.

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**A** new season, a time for optimism and a renewal of the hope that every football supporter feels as August dawns. No matter what has happened during pre-season this is when it matters and when all the conjecture turns to reality.

Of course it might have been a sweltering summer with recent memories of South African captains dominating the England bowling or a glimpse of David Beckham's latest Far East promotional tour (what is he promoting again?). But here at Wealdstone FC we might be forgiven for thinking it would be nice if there was time to appreciate what is going on elsewhere.

Most supporters will know by now that not only did work start on the Prince Edward site in May but that progress has been dramatic. Howard's column elsewhere in this programme covers this in much more detail.

The development has been a long time in coming and we are where we are with Prince Edward thanks to the hard work of so many people over such a long period. Whatever happens on the field this season, I'm sure many of us will have more than 'half an eye' on what happens just a couple of miles down the road.

Two events in particular I think are worthy of note. The 'Turf Cutting' ceremony that we held in June was a major success with representatives of the funding bodies, the Council and our other partners all in attendance. This investment in time, talking to the right people does us no harm. This was evidenced by the smooth passage of our outstanding full planning application at the end of July and also some of the reported comments from members of the planning committee. These included one councillor saying how much he looked forward to Wealdstone playing Manchester United in the FA Cup at Prince Edward. This type of support is so important and we shouldn't underestimate it.

We must all remember that while much of the attention paid to the Prince Edward development will undoubtedly focus on the football club, it is the Prince Edward Playing Field Trust that will actually manage the site. This body contains representatives from other partners such as the Middlesex FA and the Harrow Sports Council and is there to ensure the whole development reaches its potential of bringing high class sporting facilities to the borough. I know that Howard is planning to write a monthly update in the programme but do ask any of us about progress at anytime or else take the short journey up to Camrose Avenue to see it for yourself – it is worth it!

So what sort of team will we have playing in the



## nick symmons in the chair

new stadium, all being well just 12 months for now – and what division will we be playing in?

Our ambition remains to play at the highest level possible. We have been keeping a close eye on the changes planned for non league football and it seems we need to finish no lower than 7th to move into the Ryman Premier League (or equivalent). Yet this will only keep us at the same level as we are now... two leagues below the Conference. This is our target.

However, I also need to be clear that we are not going to simply 'chase the dream' and throw money at achieving success. We cannot do that, even if we wanted to – the money simply isn't there. This board will remain prudent financially and whatever we achieve it will be on the basis of what we believe to be an affordable budget matching our long term health with our on-pitch aspirations.

We have actually been able to slightly increase the playing budget from last season and we believe Gordon and Leo have the tools to be successful. We will continue to try to generate extra revenue that can be put straight into the playing budget – although as we've said before any additional financial support will be gratefully received.

***We are delighted that Gordon has agreed to sign a contract with us for the next three seasons.*** Gordon and Leo have shown Wealdstone tremendous loyalty and deserve to see the benefits of that loyalty over the coming months. Gordon is an integral part of our football development plan and sits on the board of the Prince Edward Trust, and I know he is as excited as we are at the progress of the site.

One of planks of our future that is very much in

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# new stadium update

**P**rogress at Prince Edward Playing Fields since May has been rapid. Having initially established the site compound and access, the contractors quickly cut and filled the car park to formation level.

Soil has been stripped throughout the whole of the 14-acre site, and this work has included removing all remaining hard standing formations including old tennis courts, rubble and concrete. These have all been broken down for reuse. The soil has been moved around the site in preparation for laying the new pitches. In all 103,000 sq m of top soil has been moved. It is estimated that by the end of the project we will move material equating to approximately 50,000 tons.

On 19 June we held the 'turf cutting' ceremony, which was widely reported in national and local press. We were delighted with the turnout, particularly from key partners such as the Mayor, the Leader of Harrow Council and representatives from our funding bodies. Subsequent discussions have also taken place both with the Football Foundation and the New Opportunities Fund about using Prince Edward as a 'flagship' example of their work. We are also planning to hold a 'topping out' ceremony in the near future

– more details of this will be forthcoming shortly.

At the end of July final planning permission was granted by the Council to enable the heavy works, such as the completion of the spine and access road and build of the main stadium.

Tolent Construction, our engineering contractors, officially went on site last Monday August 11. The first 5-7 weeks for Tolent will be focused on putting the foundations in for the stadium which is expected to take a clear shape by October.

The main stadium pitch is also beginning to take shape with the first level of 'make-up' already in place, with the Astroturf and some of the outside pitches already taking a noticeable shape. Attention over the next few weeks is focused on the access from the Camrose Avenue entrance, drainage and continuing to fill the pitches.

The pace of change at the site is truly incredible. There is a different scene every time one revisits and the photos on the various web sites do not do it justice. Supporters should take any opportunity to go and see the progress for themselves. Anyone with any questions about what is going on at Prince Edward can speak to any other board member at any time.

*Howard Kraiss*

## *Come and play for SFC!*

**SFC WEALDSTONE**, the Stones Supporters team, are always looking for new players for their two sides in the Marathon Sunday League. We offer excellent facilities at Birkbeck College, Greenford, regular training through the season and, or course, the chance to wear the famous quarters! Contact Dave Kearney on 0208 582 0729, or speak to Mickey Kane or Tim Parks at any Stones game



*Trophy winners: Gordon McKay hoists the Middlesex Cup for SFC Reserves at Yeading last year, while a couple more old troopers celebrate in the dressing room*

close-season news: wealdstone supporters retain bishops stortford challenge trophy... this is how manager Rawal's masterplan again paid off

**2002 line-up**

Pooves

Rather sloppy yet smug appearance (note the Khanna socks at half mast) to make the opposition take us lightly

Slightly spaced out, vacant look (mind you, it's Lloyddey - so not much of an act there then)

**2003 line-up**

Couple more effete-looking players to lull Stortford into sense of physical superiority

Token "hard bloke" on the end (clock the uncompromising body language)

I've seen Mim looking fitter...

Blimey, that hair's scary!

What the f\*\*\* is he doing! Who gave Sud the wrong shirt?

Knock knees

Yes, it was another triumph for the Stones' fans on May 5th when they thumped the pride of Stortford's supporters 10-3 at Woodside Park to retain the famous Ashes. Team supremo Sudhir Rawal bizarrely selected himself to play at centre-forward (surely nothing to do with a goalscoring bet with Stortford's equally inept Dan Smart?) but sensibly substituted himself after 15 minutes of embarrassment. Johnson Lloyd came on and immediately notched. Mickey Kane (3) Badger Wilkins (3), Lloyd (again), Kevin and Adam Hills racked up the rest of the goals. Team: Joel Canning, Marc Thievesen, Gordon McKay, Tim Parks, Kane, Paul Sharpe, Hills, James Goodman, Kevin Williams, Rawal, Wilkins (Subs: Trevor Davies, Lloyd J)

Vaguely-focused pictures by Jon Smith MD (Doc Blues)

**from the chairman, continued**

place is the success of our youth development programme. It is easy to forget that this is something we have only developed over the past few seasons yet already we believe that our youth programme is one of the top five in the Ryman league.

The new partnership with Stanmore College will open the door to a wider selection of players being offered a greater choice of academic options. With Frank O'Brien returning in charge of Youth Development, supported by Francis, we believe we have the right people to develop and nurture the future of our Club.

As well as youth development we look forward to working closer with the Junior Club once more as an integral part of this Football Club and also seeing the reserves, under Francis' management, con-

tinue to provide the bridge between juniors, youth and first team. Please note that we will be playing home Reserve games at Chalfont St Peter this season due to Kingsbury's pitch becoming unavailable - and the reserves will play midweek home games at Chalfont on Monday nights.

Finally I would like to thank our new sponsors, and those returning this season, in particular our main club sponsors Fleetline and our programme sponsors Warwick Wright. Your support is very valuable and much appreciated. Also we are delighted that Tim and Spaul have taken on the programme responsibilities - it is a vital job. Good luck! It goes without saying that anyone's help be it in the form of time, an extra pair of hands on matchdays or simply a donation would be most welcome.

Enjoy the season.

Nick

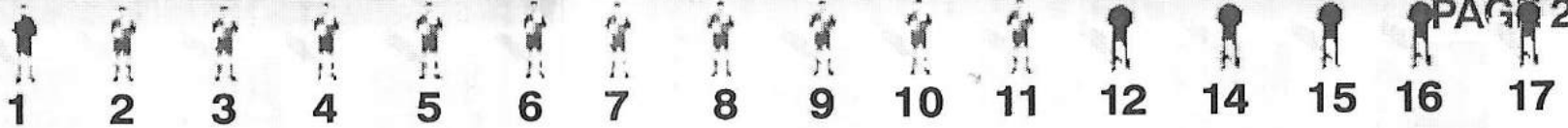
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## competitive games

date, opponents, comp, venue result att

Aug 16	YEADING	RL	H
Aug 19	Tilbury	RL	A
Aug 23	Chesham Utd	RL	A
Aug 25	ARLESEY T	RL	H
Aug 30	Brook House	FAC	A
Sep 6	Thame United	RL	A
Sep 9	ENFIELD	RL	H
Sep 20	Barking & EH	RL	A
Sep 23	BERK'MSTED	RL	H
Sep 27	WIVENHOE T	RL	H
Oct 1	Aveley	RL	A
Oct 4	Leatherhead	FAT	A
Oct 11	Uxbridge	RL	A
Oct 14	BOREHAM W	RL	H
Oct 18	G.WAKERING	RL	H
Oct 21	Leyton	RL	A
Oct 25	Waltham For	RL	A
Nov 8	CHESTHUNT	RL	H
Nov 11	DUNSTABLE	RL	H
Nov 15	Barton Rov	RL	A
Nov 22	HARLOW T	RL	H
Nov 25	Oxford City	RL	A
Nov 29	E THURROCK	RL	H
Dec 6	Hemel Hemp	RL	A
Dec 13	Yeading	RL	A
Dec 20	TILBURY	RL	H
Dec 26	Wingate & F	RL	A
Jan 1	CESHAM U	RL	H
Jan 10	Boreham W	RL	A
Jan 17	UXBRIDGE	RL	H
Jan 24	Gt Wakering	RL	A
Jan 31	LEYTON	RL	H
Feb 7	BARTON ROV	RL	H
Feb 10	Dunstable T	RL	A
Feb 14	Cheshunt	RL	A
Feb 21	WALTHAM F	RL	H
Feb 28	Harlow Town	RL	A
Mar 2	OXFORD C	RL	H
Mar 6	Berkhamsted	RL	A
Mar 13	BARKING	RL	H
Mar 20	Wivenhoe T	RL	A
Mar 27	AVELEY	RL	H
Mar 3	THAME U	RL	H
Mar 10	Arlesey Town	RL	A
Apr 12	WINGATE	RL	H
Apr 17	Enfield	RL	A
Apr 24	HEMEL HEMP	RL	H
May 1	E.Thurrock U	RL	A



## 1st XI pre-season results

JULY 19	Windsor & E (N)	L2-3	M.Carter,Beckford
JULY 22	Hendon	(N) D1-1	Jolly
JULY 26	Crystal Pal	(H) L0-5	
JULY 29	Aylesbury	(H) W4-3	Carter,Morgan,Swaysland 2
JULY 31	Ashford T	(A) L1-6	Palmer
AUG 2	Whyteleafe	(A) W4-3	o.g.Julienne,Kodra,Alexander
AUG 5	Edgware	(A) W3-2	Jolly,Carter, Kodra
AUG 9	Hayes	(H) L1-2	Ryan

## our record v yeading

Played 18 Won 4 Drawn 8 Lost 6 Goals For 24 Against 29

### Isthmian League

1998-99 (Div One)	Home W 2-0	Away W 1-0
1999-00 (Div One)	Home L 1-3	Away D 1-1
2000-01 (Div One)	Home D 0-0	Away D 2-2
2001-02 (Div One)	Home L 0-2	Away L 1-2
2002-03 (Div1 N)	Home W 2-0	Away D 1-1

### Isthmian League Full Members Cup

1998-99 (2nd round)	Away W 5-2
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### Middlesex Senior Cup

1987-88 (1st rd)	Home D1-1	Away (replay) L 1-3
1989-90 (semi-final)	Home L 1-2	

### Middlesex Charity Cup

2001-02 (3rd rd)	Away D 2-2	(Won 4-2 on penalties)
2003-03 (2nd rd)	Away D 1-1	(Won 5-4 on penalties)

### Friendlies

1993-94	Away L 0-5	Away D 2-2
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## reserves' opening suburban league (south) games

Sat Aug 16	Havant & Waterlooville (A)	3pm
Mon Aug 18	Chertsey Town (H) at Chalfont,	7.45pm
Sat Aug 23	Tonbridge Angels (H) at Chalfont,	3pm
Mon Sept 1	Epson & Ewell (A)	7.30pm

## Ryman Div One North: final table 2002-2003

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Northwood	46	28	7	11	109	56	+53	91
2 Hornchurch	46	25	15	6	85	48	+37	90
3 Hemel Hempstead T	46	26	7	13	70	55	+15	85
4 Slough Town	46	22	14	10	86	59	+27	80
5 Uxbridge	46	23	10	13	62	41	+21	79
6 Aveley	46	21	14	11	66	48	+18	77
7 Berkhamsted Town	46	21	13	12	92	68	+24	76
8 Thame United	46	20	12	14	84	51	+33	72
9 WEALDSTONE	46	21	9	16	85	69	+16	72
10 Harlow Town	46	20	12	14	66	53	+13	72
11 Marlow	46	19	10	17	74	63	+11	67
12 Barking & East Ham Utd	46	19	9	18	73	76	-3	66
13 YEADING	46	18	11	17	77	69	+8	65
14 Great Wakering Rov	46	17	14	15	64	70	-6	65
15 Oxford City	46	17	13	16	55	51	+4	64
16 Arlesey Town	46	17	12	17	69	71	-2	63
17 East Thurrock United	46	17	10	19	75	79	-4	61
18 Wingate & Finchley	46	15	11	20	70	74	-4	56
19 Barton Rovers	46	15	7	24	53	65	-12	52
20 Tilbury	46	14	7	25	55	96	-41	49
21 Wivenhoe Town	46	9	11	26	56	94	-38	38
22 Leyton Pennant	46	9	7	30	38	81	-43	34
23 Wembley	46	7	11	28	57	111	-54	32
24 Hertford Town	46	6	6	34	46	119	-73	24

NB: The Tilbury v Oxford City match was not played. It was deemed a 0-0 draw

## Coming down.. bottom of the Ryman Premier Division

15 Ford United	46	15	12	19	78	84	-6	57
16 Braintree Town	46	14	12	20	59	71	-12	54
17 Aylesbury United	46	13	15	18	62	75	-13	54
18 Harrow Borough	46	15	9	22	54	75	-21	54
19 Grays Athletic	46	14	11	21	53	59	-6	53
20 Heybridge Swifts	46	13	14	19	52	80	-28	53
21 Chesham United	46	14	10	22	56	81	-25	52
22 Boreham Wood	46	11	15	20	50	58	-8	48
23 Enfield	46	9	11	26	47	101	-54	38
24 Hampton & Richmond	46	3	14	29	35	86	-51	23

## Coming up.. top of the Ryman League Division Two

1 Cheshunt	30	25	3	2	91	29	+62	78
2 Leyton	30	21	5	4	77	22	+55	68
3 Flackwell Heath	30	17	3	10	52	44	+8	54
4 Abingdon Town	30	14	11	5	65	42	+23	53
5 Hungerford Town	30	12	12	6	49	36	+13	48
6 Leighton Town	30	14	3	13	61	43	+18	45
7 Witham Town	30	12	8	10	40	43	-3	44

## Stones Appearance 2002-2003

with substitute appearances in brackets and not including friendlies

Marvin Morgan 47(4), Dave Ryan 46(4), Andy Carter 46, Matt Carvell 44, Mick Swaysland 42, Jason Shaw 40(3), Martin Carter 38(4), Robin Tucker 35(1), Dan Tilbury 29(17), James Fisher 29(8), Rob Courtnage 27(8), Bill Amarteifio 23(1), Danny White 22(3), Charlie Mapes 21(8), Richard Jolly 21(2), Tyrone Hercules 17(9), Tommy Williams 15(2), Mark Burgess 11(2), Lee Gardner 9(2), Carl Hunt 8(8), Gulad Adan 7(3), David Godfrey 7, Jermaine Beckford 6(28), Joseph O'Reagan 6(5), Matt Graves 6, Matt Perry 5(6), Ben Alexander 4(4), Andy Myhill 3(6), Charlie Leary 2(1), Nathan Cob 2, Matt Campbell 1(2), Darren Morley 1(1), Danny Reeve 1(1), Simon Conway 1, James Duncanson 1, Stuart Milne 1, Chris Phillips Mark Shannon 1, Justin Wilson 1, Alec Gedeking (2), Justin Bailey (1), Fred Cummings (1), Jake Meah (1).

## Goalscorers for 2002

with penalties in brackets and including friendlies

Swaysland 29(11), Morgan 28(4), Beckford 13, Jolly 10, Mapes 9, Tilbury 9, Olatunji Bamgbola 6, Ryan 6, Hunt 4, Alexander 3, Conway 3, Ismail Kocak 3, Paul Carter 2, Courtneage 2, Hercules 2, Myhill 2, Ricky Pither 2, Williams 2, Adan 1(1), Papa Agyemang 1, Volkan Calcioglu 1, Campbell 1, M Carter 1, Terry Chamberlin 1(1), Terry Cunningham 1, Dennis Fenem 1, Gedeking 1, Graves 1, Perry 1(1), Wayne Pilgrim 1, Jordan Rocque 1, Landi Sakala 1, Sha 1, Tucker 1, White 1, Own Goals 3.



# ryman and other non-league round-up

## Division Two fixtures amended

Following the decision by Tring Town to withdraw from the competition the Board of the Ryman League has decided to make changes to the league fixtures for clubs in Division Two. Subject to FA approval, the remaining 15 clubs will now play each other three times rather than twice and the Associate Members Trophy competition will not be run this season.

## Harold makes Nationwide move

Striker Matt Harold has left Harlow Town to join Nationwide Division Two side Brentford. While no fee has been paid, Harlow Town will receive a small payment, should the player be sold on. Hawks Chairman, Jeff Bothwell, commented "This is a wonderful opportunity for Matt and everyone at the Club wishes him all the very best for the future. He is one of the first crop of Harlow Town Football Academy students and it goes to show how these youngsters can be discovered."

## Shelton takes over at Barking

Barking & East Ham United's new manager is Mark Shelton, Billericay's 37-year-old assistant manager. Chairman John Edgeworth said "This is Mark's first opportunity to manage a first team at this level although he comes with ten years experience as assistant manager of various teams most of which have been at Ryman Premier level. In his playing days Mark was a centre half and actually played for Barking reserves 20 years ago and also turned out for Barkingside first team and for Grays Athletic reserves among others."

## Williams back for his second spell

Hitchin Town have re-signed Carl Williams from

Bedford Town a year after the former Fulham wingman left Top Field. Williams, 26, made 265 appearances for the Canaries, scoring 26 goals before making the short move to Hitchin's Ryman Premier stablemates. A popular figure with the Top Field crowd, Williams joined the club for his first spell in 1996 after being released by Fulham and making a brief stop off at Carshalton.

## Yeading prepare for Charity Shield

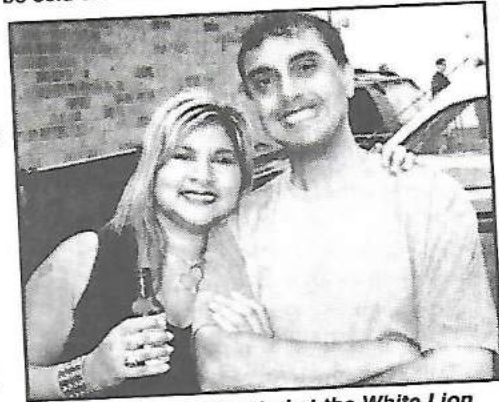
Today's opponents and Bryco Cup winners Yeading have a glamorous game on Tuesday as they face League Champions Aldershot Town at the Recreation Ground to contest the Isthmian League Charity Shield. The game is a 7.45pm kick off.

## Devonshire goes to Middlesex

Alan Devonshire has been appointed as the new manager of Hampton & Richmond Borough.

The former West Ham United and England midfielder joins the Beveree Club after nine years in charge of Ryman Premier Division side Maidenhead United, whom he took to a 10th placed finish last season and victory in the Berks & Bucks Cup Final over Aylesbury United.

He began his footballing career at Southall before a £5000 move to West Ham in 1976. In 14 years Alan made 446 appearances,



**Celebrity corner: Spotted at the White Lion for the Palace friendly... It's Jon Tickle out of Big Brother and the frankly scary Kelly Osborne**  
Picture: Graham 'Papparazi' Jones

scoring 32 goals and became one of their most popular players of recent times.

## New names, old faces

Alongside Kettering Town and Dunstable Town, two other new names appear in the Ryman League membership list this season. Purfleet are now known as Thurrock – not to be confused with East Thurrock – while Leyton Pennant have been renamed Waltham Forest.

## last season's top Ryman attendances

3,553 Canvey v Aldershot  
April 15 2003  
3,419 Aldershot v Hendon  
April 25 2003  
2,002 Sutton v Aldershot  
April 21 2003

1,146 Staines v Carshalton  
Feb 22 2003  
1,003 Bognor v Lewes  
April 16 2003  
932 Worthing v Bognor  
April 21 2003

583 Hornchurch v Berkhamsted  
April 26 2003  
567 Northwood v Wealdstone  
Dec 26 2003  
517 Slough v Marlow  
Dec 28 2002

# it's the matrix... reloaded!

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## who's playing who, where and when...

We've had to split the matrix into two sections to fit the pagination but it's still very easy to follow. Refer to your instruction manual, Section 14, sub-section 36 (c) for full details

### RYMAN LEAGUE DIV ONE NORTH 2003-04... PART ONE

Team	Arls	Aveley	Bark	Bart'n	Berko	B.Wd	Chesh	C'hunt	Dun	E.Thu	Enf	G.Wakg
Arlsey T		18/10	07/02	08/11	26/12	17/04	13/03	22/11	19/08	06/09	23/09	27/09
Aveley	24/01		26/12	10/01	10/04	23/08	22/10	12/11	20/03	17/04	08/11	07/02
Barking	15/11	12/04		03/04	06/12	30/09	01/05	06/03	24/01	20/03	16/08	25/08
Barton R	14/02	14/10	06/09		19/08	10/02	23/09	29/11	26/12	24/04	13/03	31/01
Berk'sted	12/04	25/08	24/04	20/12			20/03	09/09	20/09	21/10	28/02	03/04
B Wood	09/09	01/01	27/03	11/11	27/09		12/04	21/02	02/03	21/10	06/12	22/11
Chesham	20/09	31/01	29/11	06/03	17/04	26/12		24/04	22/11	10/04	21/02	11/11
Cheshunt	28/02	10/02	23/09	01/05	13/03	25/10	06/12		11/10	25/11	12/04	20/12
Dunstable	20/12	27/09	18/10	12/04	31/01	25/11	28/02	17/01		14/02	27/03	01/01
E Thurrock	03/04	09/09	27/09	06/12	22/11	31/01	25/08	02/03	08/11		11/11	23/09
Enfield	06/03	14/02	13/12	20/09	06/09	24/04	25/10	26/12	29/09	09/02		13/10
G Wake'ng	20/03	15/11	10/04	21/10	13/12	28/02	10/02	19/08	23/08	06/03	10/01	
Harlow T	11/02	06/12	31/01	25/08	18/10	17/01	15/11	15/10	20/09	25/10	01/01	10/09
Hemel H	01/05	17/01	17/04	22/11	21/02	13/12	27/09	23/08	07/02	19/08	02/03	13/03
Leyton	01/01	16/08	08/11	11/10	27/03	29/11	20/12	07/02	21/02	10/01	24/01	02/03
Oxford C	16/08	25/10	17/01	01/01	14/10	14/02	27/03	18/10	01/05	15/11	27/09	03/04
Thame U	21/10	13/03	22/11	02/03	11/11	19/08	11/10	17/04	06/12	13/12	07/02	08/11
Tilbury	10/01	23/09	11/11	21/02	07/02	10/04	24/01	13/12	06/09	26/12	11/10	27/03
Uxbridge	06/12	03/04	21/02	09/09	02/03	06/03	16/08	30/09	10/01	24/01	20/12	01/05
Waltham F	30/09	28/02	19/08	20/03	23/08	15/11	25/11	06/09	17/04	20/09	01/05	17/01
Wealdstone	25/08	27/03	13/03	07/02	23/09	14/10	01/01	08/11	11/11	29/11	09/09	18/10
Win & Fin	25/10	25/11	23/08	30/09	01/05	20/09	14/02	10/04	13/12	11/10	21/10	06/12
Wivenhoe	25/11	20/12	14/10	16/08	17/01	18/10	03/04	31/01	06/03	30/09	25/08	12/04
Yeading	11/10	01/05	02/03	24/01	08/11	06/09	10/01	20/03	10/04	23/08	22/11	21/02

### ...AND PART TWO

Team	Harlow	Hemel	Leyt	Oxfrd	Thame	Tilb'y	Uxb	W.For	Weald	W & F	Wiv T	Yead
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Berko	25/10	30/09	10/01	10/02	15/11	25/11	01/01	06/03	29/11	11/10	14/02	
B Wood	11/10	16/08	01/05	08/11	20/12	25/08	23/09	07/02	10/01	13/03	24/01	03/04
Chesham	14/10	20/03	19/08	30/09	17/01	18/10	13/12	02/03	23/08	08/11	06/09	14/10
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Tilbury	02/03	21/10	17/04	24/04	29/11		27/09	08/11	19/08	22/11	23/08	13/03
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### Ryman

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### TOP SCORERS

2002-2003

(League & Bryco Cup)

#### Premier Division

45 Lee Boylan (Canvey)  
32 Craig McAllister (Bas'gstoke)  
25 Tim Sills (Kingstonian)  
22 Neville Roach (Basingstoke)  
22 Drew Roberts (Bedford)  
*(inc 21 for Barton Rovers)*  
22 Lawrence Yaku (Maid'head)  
21 Darren Lynch (Bedford)  
21 Craig Maskell (Aylesbury)

#### Division One North

28 Matt Miller (Yeading)  
27 Scott Fitzgerald (Northwood)  
25 Brian Hammett (Hemel H)  
25 Chris Moore (Northwood)  
24 Deji Davies (Wembley)  
24 Sammy Winston (Slough T)

#### Division One South

30 Gavin Geddes (Horsham)  
29 Matt Russell (Bognor)  
28 Elliott Onochie (Tooting & M)  
23 Lee Newman (Lewes)  
21 Mark Hynes (Dulwich)  
*(inc 14 for Whyteleaf)*  
21 Mark Knee (Worthing)  
**Division Two**  
28 Emmanuel Williams (Leyton)  
25 Jeff Wood (Leyton)  
23 Leon Archer (Cheshunt)  
23 Daryl Cox (Cheshunt)

## Past: Arthur Littlejohn (1949-1957)

**Born:** 16th August 1929  
(Happy Birthday Arthur!)  
**Stones Statistics:** 59  
1st XI appearances, scoring  
one goal (in a 3-3 draw at  
home to Enfield, November  
21, 1953)

Apart from his regular outings with the Lower Mead elite, club man Arthur also featured regularly for the reserves during his time with the club, and captained both Reserves and First team. He started his Stones career as a full back, but Arthur soon became more accustomed to the role of centre half. He achieved Middlesex County Junior and Senior honours while with Wealdstone, his only Senior club. One particular memory of his time at Wealdstone is a match against Arsenal on 2nd November 1953 in the London FA Challenge Cup Semi-Final. To play at Highbury under floodlights was really something special. Now living in Norfolk, widower Arthur is retired.

**Why did you join Wealdstone?** "On completing my National Service (I had played for the services as well), a friend of mine, Ron Bell introduced me to the club. We had both belonged to the same Chelsea Central Boys Club - as did goalkeeper Jacko Muller.

"I enjoyed my time with the club, but at the end of 1956, I decided that living in West Brompton with family commitments, the travel was too much. We had to be at Lower Mead on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as travelling to matches, home and away, so I 'retired' although I did play the odd match afterwards."

**If there was one thing you could change about your time at Wealdstone what would it be?** "Nothing. The club were extremely good to me. One example was taking me on the tour to Devon and Cornwall even though I was injured

# Past Present & Future

every issue, ROGER SLATER will rake up a wealdstone name from the past, get the low-down from one of our current squad...and talk to a star in the making



Stones star: Arthur Littlejohn in 1953 (left) and today

with no hope of playing. I always look out for the results, even now with a divided loyalty - Wealdstone and Chelsea. In that order!"

**What is the best goal you have ever seen, at any level?**  
Well, any goal by me for a start would have been a miracle, but Puskas for

Hungary against England in 1953 comes to mind....."

**Would you change football in any way to improve it?** In football terms as a whole, I think the game these days is far too physical, but to improve it, I'd do away with the 'Offside' rule. It would make play flow much better.

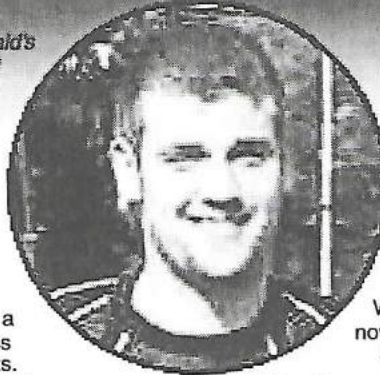
## Present: David Godfrey

**Born:** 30th January 1984.

**Stones statistics:** Joined Wealdstone a couple of years ago, making his first team debut on March 9th 2001 in the shock 1-0 win over Aylesbury. Prior to this season he has made 12 First Team appearances, and he also made 14 Reserve Team appearances last season.

David is single, and he is learning his trade as a Carpenter. He also plays tennis.  
**Dave Godfrey on the analyst's couch:**

McDonald's or KFC? McDonald's  
Bacardi Breezer or Smirnoff  
Ice? Breezer  
Vauxhall Vectra or Lotus  
Elise? The Vauxhall  
Wayne Wooney or Michael  
Owen? Rooney  
Robbie Williams or Rolling  
Stones? Stones!



**Our analyst writes....**  
David 's choice shows that he is conscious of his health, with a sweet tooth, he prefers a secure environment and is less likely to take unnecessary risks. He prefers to be entertained and excited rather than educated, and will probably go deaf if he continues to listen to his Dad's record collection.

**Why Wealdstone?** "I joined Wealdstone as my first club really. There was also some interest from QPR, but I thought this would be a better start to my career, and allow me to progress.

"The only thing I really want to improve about the club is the facilities. Now with the new ground under way this will happen!"

**Who do you look up to - who motivates you?** "Myself. I am my biggest critic and my biggest motivator. I really try to push myself all the way! Peter Schmeichel is the best keeper I've seen....."

**What about the worst moment so far?**  
"That's easy. It has to be the injury I suffered against Hendon. I made a couple of good saves on a very difficult, icy pitch and then damaged my ribs. It has to be the worst moment and it \*\*\*\*\* hurt!!"

**If you had to drive a car to an away game, who would you chose to have with you?**

"Jermaine, James Fisher and Carl Hunt. They're all easy going and easy to get on with, and they are all my age.

"I enjoy talking about & watching football too - the best goal I've ever seen has to be that David Beckham shot from the half way line at Palace a couple of years ago."

**Would you change anything about the game?** "Yes. We'd win every match!"

*Wayne Pilgrim*

**Future: Wayne Pilgrim**

**Born:** 18th October 1983.  
Midfielder Wayne is yet to break into the First Team, but last season, as a youth team player,

**Self-motivator: David Godfrey**

he made one start and six sub appearances for the Reserves in the Suburban League. He is with the Reserves again this season having now finished and gained a B-TEC in sport Science while part of the Wealdstone FC PASE scheme, now the Wealdstone FC Scholarship scheme.

**Why Wealdstone?** "I joined Wealdstone because I wanted to play professional (or semi professional) football. I've been playing since I was 10 and I want to learn and improve to do the best I can. Prior to Wealdstone, I was at QPR for five years but they released me when I was 16 because of my height."

**Do you follow Rangers?** "No! I'm a Manchester United fan. I've supported them as long as I can remember because they are one of the best teams there is and a lot of my family are from there. In fact, my 14-year-old cousin is on the books there and doing very well."

**Who is the biggest influence so far on your game?** "Ryan Giggs. He is my inspiration when I play. I sometimes pretend I'm him! If I had his natural ability I would be a very happy man."

**What do you enjoy outside of football?**  
"When I'm relaxing I like Bodypopping - Breakdancing - it relaxes me and it also helps to keep me fit.

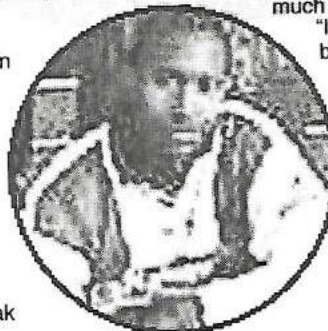
"I also watch a lot of sport. Rugby, Athletics and Basketball, but I don't really play anything else.

"I did do athletics for a while when I was younger but it got in the way of my football!"

**What are the best and worst things about the game?** "Football can be the most exciting thing in the world, with the atmosphere of the crowd all around you. The worst thing is that there is too much cheating in the game.

"If I could change one thing, it would be the offside rule!"

**What would you like to improve about your own game?** "Actually there are two things I am working on: My heading needs to improve and I need to be stronger in the physical side of the game."



**Pilgrim's progress: Wayne**

*Wayne Pilgrim*

**Y**es, another fab new feature for Stones Magazine is launched today... Tom Piffle's Alphabet, in which the noted literary editor of Jack's Wealdstone website leads us through the maze of the English language. This feature replaces the much-anticipated *Stones Readers' Wives* column, which was removed at the last minute after a raid by the Vice Squad. So, naturally enough, Tom kicks off with the letter A...



*Piffle's pals: Tom (far right, front row) at the inaugural meeting of the Fat Stones club at Edgbaston last month. Among the famous Wealdstone faces are Big Dave, Patsy Chamberlain, Tony Plat, Dom Whyley, Paul Rumens, Roge Slater, Tony Maidment and Hughie Marshall. Kat Kelly and Don Cross were, apparently, on a toilet break (together, but that doesn't mean anything)*

**ABC...** after all, where should any alphabet start? Of course, without the **ABC CINEMA**, there would have been no cinema end, the end where as a lad I recall we always seemed to attack in the second half and run out 4-1

winners. The records tell me that we did in fact win by that scoreline 5 times during seasons 73-4 and 74-5, maybe the Couches can elaborate on how many of these were after attacking the cinema end in the second half.

**ALDERSHOT 1974.....**my first experience of Wealdstone in the big time! Having started watching the Stones in 1969, our trip to Aldershot in the FA Cup 1st Round should have been memorable for different reasons. Naivety ruled in those days, so a 13-year-old sporting four Stones scarves – including 3 of the blue turned purple silk variety – was a fairly obvious target for Aldershot's unofficial souvenir hunters. I was not alone, and truth be known I was pretty scared most of the afternoon, retiring to the coach well before the end of the game. The coach – which cost £1 return or 80p for us juniors – was fairly well populated by 4.30 that day (in

# tom piffle's alphabet

those days, games finished at 4.40). We were that naïve, it now seems so illogical to have thought that a coach driver could protect us from the local youth, but as it happened, we didn't get bricked that day. Worse perhaps was that somehow all the responsible adults of the day involved in organising our coaches failed to stop the younger generation from drinking so much alcohol. Unfortunately, a rather young Peter Worby (now chief turnstile operator) could not contain himself on the journey home (well, Aldershot is such a long distance from Harrow). His attempt at relieving himself into a bottle or can was mostly unsuccessful, and so fellow passengers (I was in front) were treated to rivers of urine flowing freely up and down as the coach stopped and started.

In those days, supporter Tony Platt helped clean out Venture coaches too, and used to collect loose coins that may have

dropped to the floor, poor boy. We lost 4-3 by the way.  
**AYLESBURY'S DRUMS.....**if ever there was a case for the return of Corporal

Punishment, then the perpetrators of the worst, most repetitive, monotonous, tedious and pointless noise in non-league football provide the best one I've come across in years.

## **ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE**

..We were there when it started in 1979, later to become the Gola League and now the Conference. Our promotion into the Southern League Premier Division in 1974 played a crucial part in developing my geographical knowledge, suddenly north of Watford (or at least Bletchley) really did exist as we ventured into the Midlands, even as far as Telford. But the APL was a superb step, as coach journeys suddenly became train trips, to Barrow, to Scarborough, Northwich, and later Bangor and Gateshead amongst others. Supporter Kevin Bright was responsible for many a hangover, as he arranged for many of us to fill

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our gallon containers up with Abbot Ale straight from the cask at the Merton Wine Store in Watford. Kevin, I recall would sup from a leather tankard he took with him and once got off the train at York en route to Scarborough before it had completely stopped and was duly nicked for the crime!

**ALAN ALAN CORDICE...** A regular and fondly remembered chant hailing one of our greats. Although part of a great team, his pace was a major contributing factor to our success in the 80's. A memorable rendition of this chant came from a Mr David Morrill, I can still see him staggering into the back bar at Lower Mead singing "Alan Alan Cordice, score two goals on Monday." The reference I assume, but my memory is vague, related to the forthcoming second leg of the Southern League Championship in 1982, in which Alan Alan Cordice was to score nil. But we did beat Nuneaton 2-1 to pull off the Southern League "triple".

**"A,G,AGR, A,G,R,O... AGRO"** ...another chant, not heard for many years now, but one which grew as I grew up in the 70s. As chants go, it was rather out of

place on the terraces at Wealdstone, only heard on occasion at "big games" where mobs of local Harrow youths would join the masses behind the goal and on Station Road after the game. On the whole, Wealdstone fans were a bit on the soft side in an era when occasional violence would mar football even at Southern League level. Trips to Barnet were always a little sad, as Stones fans would try and get lost in the ground rather than group together as usual, although actual "incidents" were few and far between.

**AP LEAMINGTON...** the team that relegated us in that infamous match in 1981. See S for Sweetzer later in season.

**ABUSE..** A controversial topic indeed, but as long as I can remember, football supporters have been abusing each other, opposition players, their own players, officials and anyone else in or out of earshot for that matter. To what extent this abuse has moved from light hearted stick to mindless swearing over the years is debatable, as is the extent abuse actually helps or hinders our own team's cause. One thing is for sure

though, for all the distasteful abuse that we sometimes have to endure, without the gems that flow from the terraces with regularity, Wealdstone would be a dull team to support. Football alone has not been enough to ensure the club's survival through the traumas of recent years, and who on our terraces would swap places with any other clubs' supporters?

**KEN ALLEN...** or Kenallen as he was once misprinted in the programme. We're back to Abuse again. Ken was one of the first goalkeepers I remember being abused, not least because he was in the region of 7 foot tall and a former jailbird. Bath City's No 1 pulled off a superb penalty save from George Duck (no less) on Adriaan Eglite's debut in November 1974, an early sign that Bath were going to become one of our bogey teams.

**Jon Taffel**

*Tom's plea : If you have any notable contributions to include in my alphabet during the season, please drop me an-mail to [tompiffle@wealdstone.net](mailto:tompiffle@wealdstone.net) or alternatively have a word with me at any home game.*

**PS: It's B next Monday!**



**Friendly fire: Danny Tilbury attacks a far post corner as Stones attack in the impressive 1-1 draw with Hendon at the British Airways ground back on July 22**

Picture: ADAM WILLIAMS

# with the reserves and youth

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**T**hank God the 2003-04 season is about to get underway! Yep, I'm really happy that the new season is about to start, as hopefully things will now quieten down after a very busy closed season and we will be back into the old routine of arranging and playing matches for our Football Scholarship lads.

As many of you are aware we took the decision to leave Bedford College and the Pase Scheme at the turn of the year for educational reasons, and instead form a new partnership with Stanmore Sixth Form College.

A tremendous amount of work has been put in by both parties to get the Football Scholarship off the ground in the past few months and now we find ourselves just three weeks away from the start of the new college term.

Let me put on record my thanks to Archie Foulds, Steve Stansfield, Michael Daisy, Kelly Baker and Stephanie Chittenden - all from Stanmore College - and Nick Symmons and Gordon Bartlett for all their help and hard work in putting together such a splendid package for our students.

On the academic front, students with six or more GCSEs at grades A-C are able to select up to 3 AS Levels and they have 24 to chose from. Those students with less than 4 GCSEs grades A-C will be able to follow a BTEC First in Sport with progression to a BTEC National Certificate or Diploma in Sport. Students with mostly Fs and Gs at GCSE are offered a Foundation GNVQ programme.

Students are also able to re-sit English and Maths GCSEs.

Leaving Bedford College did put our place in the Nationwide Pase Youth Conference under threat, but after a lot of hard

work I'm pleased to say our place is safe and we kick-off our Conference season on Wednesday 17th September at home to Beaconsfield SCYOB.

I would like to place on record my thanks to Kellie Discipline at the Conference office for her help over the past few months in ensuring our place in the league.

And I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Head Coach, Frank O'Brien, and look forward to working with this season.

As you'll be aware, Francis Joseph will work along side Frank during the week and will continue his terrific work running the reserve team.

At the time of writing our Allied Counties fixtures are yet to come out, however we do know our opponents in the F.A Youth Cup having been drawn away to Bugsbrook St Michael with the date still to be arranged.

There will be some 65 students /players as we launch our first year of the Football Scholarship and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them success in their studies and on the field of play.

Our students have been back



**Sharp Swayze: A typical leap from Mick Swaysland in the friendly draw with Hendon** Picture: ADAM WILLIAMS

in training since July 21st and have a number of friendlies arranged before they get down to the real business in September:

Sunday Aug 17: Under 18s v Henley United away (provisional)  
 Sunday Aug 24: Under 18s v Clapton away KO 11am  
 Sunday Aug 24: Under 19s v Clapton away KO 1pm  
 Sunday Aug 31: Under 18sv Haywood United away (provisional)

**Early league fixtures:**

<b>PASE Youth Conference</b>	
Wed Sep 17	Beaconsfield SCYOB H
Wed Sep 24	St Albans City A
Wed Oct 1	Kettering Town H
Wed Oct 8	Stevenage Borough A
Wed Oct 22	Yeading H
Wed Nov 12	Bedford Town A
Wed Nov 19	Hitchin Town H
<b>Allied Counties League</b>	
Wed Sep 10	Bracknell Town A
Wed Sep 17	Aylesbury Utd H
Wed Sep 24	North Greenford Utd A
Wed Oct 1	Thame United H
Wed Oct 8	Thame United A
Wed Oct 15	Barton Rovers A
Wed Oct 22	Uxbridge H
Wed Oct 29	Bicester/Holmer Green (Allied Counties League Cup) H
Wed Nov 5	St Albans City A
Wed Nov 12	Hayes A
Tue Nov 18	Flackwell Heath A

**Full fixtures in next programme**

**G**ood afternoon everyone and a warm welcome back to the White Lion ground for what could prove to be a high-octane season of Ryman League football with the proposed restructuring of the non-league game.

There has been a lot of debate, for and against, but the advantages far out weight the disadvantage in my opinion and will certainly be a good thing for those clubs who have the ambition to progress upwards.

So where does that leave Wealdstone FC? From a Supporters Club and fans point of view we would love to have a go at winning this league and being part of the new Alliance South, but from the football club's point of view and being a board member the restructuring has probably come a year or so too early for us to make any real challenge this season with the limited funds that are being made available to Gordon on the playing front.

In 1978 the Stones had to finish in the top 13 to ensure being a founder member of the Alliance

League, I would hope that now the PEPF site is underway and we are now just a year away from having our own home once more, it will give everyone involved in the football club the boost to push for a top seven finish and be part of the higher levels of the new format.

So here we are back in the football season, from a personal point of view I'm really pleased the league season has started as it's been a very busy summer with the Football Scholarship and then pre-season matches and I am looking forward to getting into a less hectic routine, at the time of writing these notes I'm looking forward to next Sunday and a day off having spent the last 14 days at matches, training, trials or meetings.

I would like to welcome a very familiar face back on the supporters club committee in Mike Canning, who will be looking after the Junior Stones this

# come on wealdstone

## SUPPORTERS SCENE by paul fruini



### Wealdstone abroad

**Latest entry in our super competition – in which you have to be photographed in Stones clobber as far as humanly possible from Harrow – is this (above) from the Venerable Peter Worby. But hold on, wasn't this taken just 30 miles up the road on the canal, on the way to Oxford last season? Sorry Wobs, close but no cigar (or in Pete's case, no roll-up) for this effort.**

**Send pics to [timparks@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:timparks@blueyonder.co.uk)**

season. Whilst talking about the committee I must not forget to mention Adam "Hillsy" Hills who arranged our first ever Supporters Club 5-a-Side Tournament earlier this summer and did a fantastic job, well done Hillsy, and I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Meanwhile everyone's favourite "Bookie" Jez Albert is currently arranging the first Supporters Club event of the season, an evening at the Greyhounds after the Stones game at Waltham Forest on Saturday 25th October, more details will be available shortly.

Have you visited the new-look Supporters Club website yet? Graham Jones and in particular Terry Dollman have put in a tremendous effort in making it one of the best in non-league football, well done gentlemen.

Everyone at the football club was very shocked and sadden recently to hear of the death of Dan Helen, a number of supporters have spoken and posted messages on the website with the kind thoughts about Dan.

To me Dan was someone I always looked up to from an early age of supporting the Stones in the 70's, indeed he was one of the first people to welcome me onto the Supporters Club committee.

Dan would always make time to speak to you and enjoy a joke, certainly many opposing players and a few of those in the blue shirt of Wealdstone come in for a bit of stick from Dan's Irish tones, but Dan was always able to say it with a smile on his face and soon had them laughing along with him.

As well as his work for Wealdstone F.C, Dan was a volunteer for St Lukes Hospice and more recently The Shooting Star Trust.

We have an opportunity to remember Danny with a minute's silence before this afternoon's match, and at half-time we will hold a collection for Dan's chosen charity *The Shooting Star Trust*.

Farewell Dan. May God bless you.



# time for a commercial break

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I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our sponsors and advertisers, new and old, for this 2003/04 season.

We are delighted that Fleetline have signed up again as our main Club sponsors and also that they have demonstrated their confidence in us by increasing their sponsorship this season. I know that Alan, Steve and Brian enjoyed their first season with us and we hope that the relationship will continue to grow this season.

Once again Warwick Wright are continuing as our official programme sponsor this season. I know that following the event last April, David Meager and his team are already looking forward to this season's Sportsmen's evening and we hope to welcome David to a game here at the White Lion shortly.

This season we are delighted to welcome City & Guilds, Café Jardin, Harish Auto Services, David Conway and The Malcolm Group as new advertisers in our programme. We are also pleased to welcome back the St George's

Centre, Manor Brokers, Juma, Lee Associates, Wealdstone Motors, SFC Wealdstone and our Prince Edward partners Stadia Management who have renewed. Remember these advertisers support the Club – please do your best to support them.

We are also grateful to Kate the manager at Fitness First Harrow who this year have supported us by donating training equipment, t shirts and water bottles for the playing squad.

As last year Mike Canning has been a big help in securing these ads and I am personally grateful to Mike for his time and effort – couldn't do this without you Mike!

The matchball donor grid seems to be filling up faster than ever this pre-season, so if you would like to sponsor a matchball

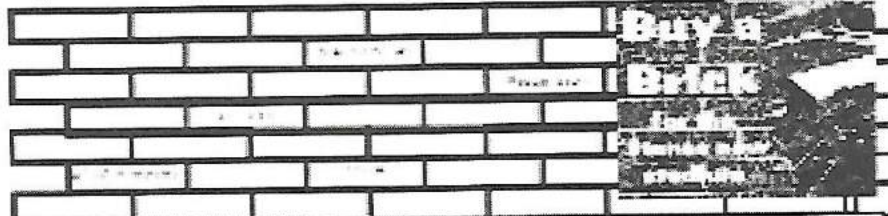
please see Roy Couch as soon as possible. Roy is also taking money for the kit grid, which we also hope will fill up quickly. These do remain important sources of income for us.

Below are details of our new 'Buy A Brick' scheme. I am grateful to Graham Jones and 'Megaphone' Mike Vincent for their time on this so far – I don't need to say much about this scheme here except it is more evidence that Prince Edward is actually happening.

This means these are exciting times to be involved with Wealdstone FC so if you want to invest in the Club through sponsorship or else have any suggestions who we should be talking to then please come and find me.

Enjoy the season. **Howard**

## sponsor-a-brick 2004-2005



Wealdstone's **Buy A Brick** campaign.. the opportunity to have your own piece of the new stadium. Whether for an individual or for a company, a dedication or a sign of your support for the club, you will be buying a **personalised place in history** that will be on permanent display within the stadium complex. For just £50 (or £100 for a company) you can have your name on a brick forever. Wealdstone are coming home.. make sure you're a part of it! Help fill in the brick grid here: Complete the form at the turnstile on your way in, or access the clubshop at [www.wfsc.co.uk](http://www.wfsc.co.uk) or e-mail [buyabrick@wfsc.co.uk](mailto:buyabrick@wfsc.co.uk)

# sponsor-a-stone 2004-2005

Help us fill the grid! Boots cost £25, shirt £20, shorts £5 and socks (children only) £3  
...or a complete kit for £40. Please see Roy Couch, Howard Kraiss or any Board member



**Andy Carter's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: Polly Parks



**David Godfrey's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: Jessica Parks



**James Fisher's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: Katy Parks



**Matt Graves' boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Billy Amarteifio's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Matt Carvell's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Robin Tucker's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Rob Courtnage's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Martin Carter's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Dave Ryan's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Jason Shaw's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Tommy Williams' boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Mick Swaysland's boots, shirt,  
shorts and socks:**  
**ROY COUCH**



**Jermaine Beckford's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Marvin Morgan's boots, shirt,  
shorts and socks:**  
**MATTY SNELL**



**Richard Jolly's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Danny Tilbury's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Danny Julienne's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Ellis Kodra's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_



**Charlie Leary's boots:**  
Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shorts: \_\_\_\_\_ Socks: \_\_\_\_\_

...or you can also help the club by kitting out our management team.  
Bench jacket £20, track suit £15, throat lozenges (children only) £3



**Gordon Bartlett's jacket:**  
Track suit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lozenges: \_\_\_\_\_



**Leo Morris' jacket:**  
Track suit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lozenges: \_\_\_\_\_



**Fred Cummings' jacket:**  
Track suit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lozenges: \_\_\_\_\_



**Richard Crook's jacket:**  
Track suit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lozenges: \_\_\_\_\_

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Good afternoon to you all, and welcome to today's first Ryman league division 1 North game of the season against our former landlords, Yeading. I would like to open the new campaign by saying a big thank you to Fingers, who over the last few years has done a sterling job with the junior stones, but has now passed his duties with the juniors over to me... it will be a hard act to follow! For those of you who are not aware of whom I am, I am the Santa look-alike with the big belly who usually stands at the entrance to the ground! Hopefully, this season I will see a lot of you at all of our home games, as per usual I will be writing to you regularly in the programme, and will be running the usual "junior stones quiz" at home league matches. "COME ON YOU STONES!" *Mike*

Happy birthdays to the following for July:  
*Robert Platt, Leo Werin, Megan Clark, Stephen Fairman, Alfie Thomas-Linden, Will Stonton, Chloe Jackson and Penny Bartrick.*

be a ball donor... join  
the wealdstone family

● If YOU, or a group of friends, would like to sponsor a match or a matchball, please contact Roy or Alan Couch, Howard Kraiss, Tim Parks or any board member. Then we can get down to the enjoyable bit, compiling a "My Wealdstone" feature about YOU for the programme.

● This feature was going to start with Mick Fishman - but the sad death of Dan Helen, and the decision to sponsor today's game in his honour - made the article inappropriate. Mick's "My Wealdstone" column will now appear in the Enfield programme on September 9.

● Ball donors for 2003-04 are already filling up fast, with Mark Snell claiming the Arlesey game, Mick Fishman (Enfield), Tony Short (Berkhamsted), Nick DuGard (Wivenhoe), Charlie Walker (Boreham Wood), Kevin Bright (Great Wakering), Ken Wiggins (East Thurrock), Roy Couch (Tilbury), Graham Clarke (Chesham United), Ken Wiggins again (Aveley), David Free (Thame United), Ron Moore & Others (Wingate) and Roger Slater (Hemel Hempstead). See fixture guide in centre pages for the unclaimed games, and we look forward to hearing from you!

The collage features a newspaper page layout with the following elements:

- Top Left:** "stones PAGE 40" header.
- Top Center:** A circular portrait of Mick Fishman.
- Top Right:** "stones PAGE 41" header.
- Center:** Large text "mick fishman 'my wealdstone'".
- Bottom Left:** "my first stones game" and "my favourite person".
- Bottom Center:** "my favourite match" and "my best all-time wealdstone line-up".
- Bottom Right:** "my worst stones line-up of all time" and "my own stones categories".

Join the merry band of ball donors and get your own showcase

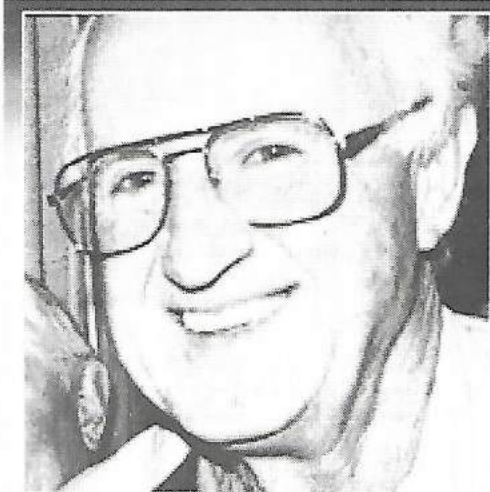
Amidst all the flurry of early-season fund-raising activity it's easy to overlook the continuing impor-

tance of Teamdraw. This vital source of income - with all profits going straight towards the team playing budget - has been chugging along as usual through the summer months.. and well done to our lucky winners. There are nine winners each month and please keep us informed of any change of address... Mr J.Casey has a cheque waiting for him once he

..and don't forget  
**TEAMDRAW**

gets in touch with us! The July/August winners are:

1. Nick Woolford - £100
2. Dave Albert - £50
3. K. DuGard - £30
4. G T Farr - £20
5. L J Stanton - £10
6. Rob Saville - £10
7. Roger Slater - £10
8. J. Wiseman - £10
9. E Hinton - £10



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It's not often that you read an obituary where nobody has a bad word to say about the deceased...especially not in the world of football, where passion and emotion can spill over into ugliness and bile. But Dan Helen was different.

It was with deep sadness that we heard of his death at end of July: "A true loyal fan and a lovely bloke" in the words of so many of his friends at Wealdstone.

Dan, who died of a Leukaemia-related complication, was famous at club meetings for his vocal but considered contribution and his formal addressing of the head of the meeting "Mr Chairman Sir". He was Supporter of the Year in 1999/2000 and supporters club committee member for many years.

This is what the people said about him....

# danny helen

## 'wealdstone icon'

"Dan will be sorely missed. My wife, Beryl, remembers him fondly from a dinner held at the social club back during our days at Lower Mead. Dan was on the same table as us and he was delightful company, making Beryl's evening a most enjoyable one (she had been very nervous about coming with me to a function where she knew no-one).

I'll also always remember his twinkling eyes as he made scandalous comments to the opposing goalkeeper! He will be fondly remembered".

**-Nick (much sadder today) Woolford**

"Terribly sad news. Danny was a key Lower Mead icon whose vocal presence at both Yeading and the White Lion always helped to remind me of the great games in the dark nights during the early 1980s, big games against Enfield and the truly brilliant, witty atmosphere of the Elmslie End. You couldn't find a more passionate advocate of the Wealdstone cause. He was also one of the reasons behind me taking up support of the Stones in the first place. Against Gravesend in 1979, I'm sure it was his shout of "hit it, McVeigh" to our right back (Jimmy of that ilk, who duly cracked home a tremendous goal) which helped inspire me to give the stones a go. Enthusiasm like that is always infectious. Can't believe he won't see the new ground. Awful news."

**-Martin Read**

"A shame for him as I'm sure one of his ambitions was to see the Stones play at their own ground again. He was a diamond. One of my fondest memories of him was at Harefield during our 4-1 win there in the Cup in 1997. The second half had start-

ed and he made his way behind the goal and started abusing their number 3 at point blank with "you're rubbish three, you can't even kick a ball, you're bloody rubbish, that's what you are!" ...no real swear words, no aggression, just abuse with a smile and a laugh.

The look on their number 3's face was a picture."

**-Attic Man**

"That is indeed very sad news. He will be missed. Top bloke. Very sad day."

**-Keif**

"I'm gutted that he won't get to see the new stadium. Few would have deserved it more."

**-Quentin Fox**

"A real gent... I feel privileged to have known him. R.I.P."

**-Miriam Goodman**

"Sad news indeed...Mr Helen was a smashing bloke and will be sadly missed...I for one remember his immortal words of "Bad ball Dennis!" in his quaint Irish accent as a fond reminder of the old Alliance days..."

**-Sateesh Khanna**

"Bad news about Danny. He was one of those blokes who was always there, pissing alongside you in the bog at half-time – except when he was at his other love Fulham, of course!

He'll never see the Stones play at the new ground but at least he saw Fulham play in the Premiership at the Cottage. A gent. Hats off to you "Mr Chairman" – the scourge of Rumens!"

**-Neale Harvey**

## and finally...

**T**he Wealdstone show goes on the road after today, with tricky away matches at Tilbury on Tuesday and at Chesham United on Saturday.

The trip into Essex is dreaded by many of our fans, partly because of the drag round the M25 and partly because of our abject record in that county – witness last season when we managed to lose 2-0 to a lowly Tilbury side who weren't even playing at home.. they were ground-sharing at the equally unlovely East Thurrock.

Nevertheless we'll all be there at St Chad's Road, if only to find out if the Dockers are another Div One North side who have suddenly discovered a stash of cash to aid their rush towards a place in Level Three of next year's pyramid. We still intend to print maps to help our fans find these grounds, but technical problems mean it's a no-no today. But directions to Tilbury's ground are as follows:

**Follow M25 to Junction 30 then follow the A13 signpost - ed to Tilbury. After 4 miles turn off to Tilbury & Docks (A1089). Leave the A1089 at**

**the next exit, signposted Chadwell St Mary, to the junction with the A126. Turn right to the roundabout and right towards Tilbury. The ground is 400 yards on the right. The ground is a 1 mile walk from Tilbury Town BR station.**

Next Saturday sees a much more pleasant trip up into the foothills of the Chilterns for our first-ever League encounter (unless I'm mistaken, Couches please check) with Chesham United.

We very nearly played a whole season at Chesham three years ago, when our ground-share deal with Edgware looked to be on thin ice, and many will remember the marvellous night in April 1999 when we last played at their picturesque ground. Romford's pitch was deemed unplayable so they borrowed Chesham for the night... and we won 4-0 in an exhilarating performance. We seemed destined for promotion from Division One, but it wasn't to be....

The Bucks side were surprisingly relegated from the Premier Division last season after a desperate run of results in the last few months. Not that our fans

will mind as this promises to be one of the most convivial away trips of the season... nice ground, excellent location, plenty of good pubs in the town centre, just ten minutes' walk away, and doubtless a fine summer afternoon.

The only time I remember travelling to Chesham for a game between our two clubs was in September 1973 for an FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round tie. The home side were in the Athenian League and Stones were assembling the Southern League Division One (South) Championship side... but we were held 1-1 and astonishingly lost the replay 4-2 at Lower Mead to a much livelier Chesham team. So don't believe the old days were always great!

**Directions to Chesham: M25 Junction 18, follow the A404 to Amersham then the A416 to Chesham. Follow the road to the roundabout at the bottom of Amersham Hill, then turn sharp left into Amy Lane then the stadium, just up the hill from cricket ground. It is 10 minutes walk from Chesham underground station (Metropolitan Line).**

## stones predict-a-score

THE ever-popular Wealdstone Predict-A-Score is running for the 11th successive season this year but, to take part and avoid losing crucial points, your form must be returned to Roy or Alan Couch BEFORE kick off today.

We had 144 entrants last year and, at £10 a time, it made a valuable contribution to the club's finances.

The rules are the same as last year: Three points for a correct forecast of the day's score and one point if you get just the result (i.e. win, draw, defeat) correct.

Top man last season was Stephen Bird, who collected the £225 prize, while "Mick the Dobe" (aka Tony O'Rourke) finished second, Tracey Syer third and D.J.Gloor fourth. They pocketed £100, £75 and £50 respectively.

Prize money this time will be similar, assuming there are around the same number of entrants. There will be regular updates in the programme, but Roy Couch will be pinning up the complete list in the supporters club shop at home games for those who like to follow their Predict-A-Score fortunes every week.

**Stones v Arlesey magazine deadline: all e-mail contributions, please, by Wednesday morning, August 20. Address: [timparks@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:timparks@blueyonder.co.uk)**