

Today's Line-Up

THE MATCH

Wealdstone v AFC Wimbledon

Blue/White quarters

All Yellow

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Graham HALL 6 Jake LIBERL

Lee O'LEARY 7 Steve FERGUSON

(C) Chris O'LEARY 8 Sam HATTON

Stephen HUGHES 9 Richard JOLLY

Peter DEAN 10 Daniel WEBB

Luke MULDOWNEY 11 Tony FINN

Ryan ASHE 12 Paul SEUKE

Graeme MONTGOMERY 14 Anthony HOWARD

Josh COOPER 15 Richard BUTLER

Fergus MOORE 16 Robin SHROOT

Andre DELISSER 17 Steve GODDARD

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MATCH SPONSOR: In Memory of Steve Sommers

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Promising start should make for closer game this time around

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome to this evenings Ryman Premier League encounter between Wealdstone and AFC Wimbledon. May I extend this welcome to tonight's match officials, and wish them a safe and pleasant journey home.

I trust you have all enjoyed what has passed for summer, and are keen to get back into the groove of watching football every weekend again! Tonight's game will surely see the biggest crowd of the season in the League, as its no secret that AFC Wimbledon are the best sup-

ported club in this division. They will be formidable opponents, and I believe are rated as the favourites to clinch that Championship spot, having twice failed to get through the play offs during the previous two seasons. We have played them twice in the League before during the 2005-2006 season. The first match was played at Kingsmeadow, where having fallen behind, Stones battled back superbly and secured a 1-1 draw thanks to a Jermaine Beckford goal. The return match at home was a rather one sided affair, as Stones were fielding a scratch side, having recently lost prolific forwards Richard Jolly and Beckford. The final scoreline was 5-1 to AFC, who included Rob Ursell. He had made a number of appearances for us on loan earlier in the season.

I have just had a look back at my previous editorial, which was

Sponsorship deal is announced

As Wealdstone enter their final week of preparations for the Ryman Football League Premier Division kick-off on Saturday 18 August, the Club have announced the renewal of their main sponsorship agreement for the 2007/8 season with CAMS Associates and CROSSITE Associates.

The deal will cover sponsorship of first team home and away shirts and other new innovative incentives for the club. Stones Chairman Howard
Krais said, 'We are absolutely
delighted that CAMS and
CROSSITE have agreed to
renew their sponsorship of
the club for the coming season and we are most grateful
for their fantastic support.
We look forward to working
together in a successful
partnership.'

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the final home game of the season against Corby. With Stones in a spot of relegation bother, this was a must win game of the highest order. To say this game was tense is an understatement! Having fallen behind early on, super Theo Robinson equalised just before half time and Stones more or less dominated the second half. Just when it looked like we were going to be held to a draw, up popped Dean Clarke to fire the ball home to win the game! Stones then travelled to Yate needing another win. A rollercoaster of a game saw us twice fall behind, but we completely dominated the second half and should have won by more than the eventual 4-2 scoreline. This win meant we had secured level 3 football for next season. The final game of the season away to Kings Lynn was therefore meaningless, but it will certainly go down as a cracking away trip for the supporters who went by train. A very difficult season had ultimately ended in success for the Stones.

And so on to this season. A number of new signings have been made over the summer, all of whom will be covered in the managers programme

notes. Results have been pretty encouraging pre season, and although we were comprehensively outplayed in the Watford game, the evening was a great success and can only have strengthened the relationship between the two clubs.

We kicked off the League season against Folkestone last Saturday and before I go into this, lets quickly analyse our previous three results against them away from home. Lost 3-0 in the league, lost 3-5 in the FA Trophy and lost 2-4 in the league! However, 65 minutes into the game, it was payback for the Stones as we cruised to a 4-0 lead courtesy of Peter Dean's strike. There were a few glimpses of genuine quality on show, and lets hope we

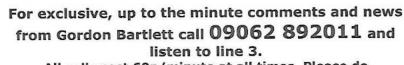
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Ryman League 2005/06 (Prem Div.) Home L1-5 Away D1-1 Friendly 2002/03 Home W2-0

continue to show these qualities as the season progresses. Its certainly not time to get carried away after just one game, and there is a lot of hard work to do over the coming months. The next 3 games against difficult, tricky and evenly matched opponents will provide a good yardstick as to how we have progressed from last season.

Tonight's game is in memory of Steve Sommers, who tragically died of heart failure aged 37. He has been supporting the club since the early 1980s and has more or less been ever present since. He will be sorely missed and may I personally thank him for his support down the years. Enjoy the game



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Thanks for your great support... and keep calling.

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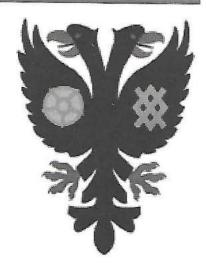
Player Profile: Marcus Gayle

Terry Brown's first Wimbledon signing couldn't have been more fitting in bringing former Dons legend Marcus Gayle back to the Dons. Gayle played 285 games for WFC scoring 47 times in a seven year spell after Joe Kinnear signed him from Brentford in 1994. During his time with Wimbledon he earned 14 international caps for Jamaica and went to the 1998 World Cup in France before a £900,000 move to Glasgow Rangers. For many his most memorable moment in the yellow and blue came in February 1997 when he headed home to seal a 1-0 victory over holders Manchester United in the FA Cup 4th Round replay at Selhurst Park.

His move to Glasgow didn't work out, only playing four times before Gianluca Vialli signed him for Watford. It was here that manager Ray Lewington made use of Gayle's renowned defensive qualities converting him to centre back. The switch was so successful he was voted supporters' player of the year for the season 2002/03. He rejoined Brentford before linking up with new boss Terry Brown at Aldershot in 2006. 'He is a fantastically gifted footballer and gives you that option to play him left midfield, centre forward or as a centre back.

'At 37 he may not play 50 games a season but wherever he plays he will do a great job. When I spoke to him about rejoining the club, he never asked once about money and to be perfectly honest it was the easiest signing I have ever made. He was delighted with the reception he got at the recent Wimbledon heroes v Chelsea legends match and all he wanted to do was to come home.'

Wombles of Wimbledon, common? Are we?



Andy Little

Experienced goalkeeper who joined Crawley Town from Sutton United in 2000, winning a Southern League Premier Division title with the Red Devils in 2003/4 signing for the Dons in the summer of 2005. Andy quickly made the number one jersey his own. Sound when dealing with crosses, an agile shot stopper and has made vital penalty saves. Won the WISA Player of the Year award for 2005/6 and picked up a Ryman League 'Safe Hands' award last season as the Dons defence conceded the fewest goals in the Ryman Premier Division overall.

Paul Seuke

Big experienced shot-stopper, still only 23, whose early career saw spells at Staines and Chertsey before a successful three year stint at Dulwich Hamlet (2003-2006) where some sound performances led to a move to Conference South Carshalton Athletic and then onto Yeading, where he became the first signing of new 'Ding manager Garry Haylock during Christmas 2006.

An injury-disrupted 2006/7 and Yeading's recent merger with Hayes prompted Terry Brown to bring Paul to Kingsmeadow, where he is expected to provide quality competition for Andy Little's goalkeeping position.

Antony Howard

Talented young central defender now becoming a fixture at the heart of the Dons defence. One of a number of players recruited from Hendon by Dave Anderson, 'Frankie' has now clocked up well over a century of appearances for the club and this former Fulham, Hampton and Slough defender is proving to be something of a crowd favourite who is able to use his aerial ability at set pieces to weigh in with the occasional goal, which included a 'perfect' hat-trick in the 9-0 demolition of Slough. Certainly a player with the talent to keep pace with Wimbledon's ambition to rise through the non-league pyramid whose displays earned both the WISA and Player's Player of the Year awards last season.

Jason Goodliffe

Well known to manager Terry Brown after playing for him during a nine-year spell at Hayes, Jason went on to Stevenage Borough making over 150 Conference appearances and earning England Non-League International recognition. Enjoyed an impressive loan spell at York City after not featuring in Mark Stimson's plans at Stevenage and did well enough at Bootham Crescent to be offered a deal for 2007, before AFC Wimbledon stepped in to secure his signature in May. Unflappable with a never-say-die attitude, Jason will lead by example as the new club captain at Kingsmeadow and is a welcome and experienced addition to an already impressive Dons defence.

Michael Haswell

Rated by many as the best left back in the Ryman Premier League, Michael began his career as a junior with Wimbledon FC before switching to Southend United. Dropping into the non-league game, he

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spent time at Harlow Town and Grays Athletic before spending three seasons at Southern League Wingate & Finchley. Chelmsford City signed him in January 2005 but was snapped up by Dave Anderson for an undisclosed fee the following close season after winning both the Supporters and Players Player of the Year Awards with the Essex side. Still in his early twenties, this whole-hearted young defender settled in well at Kingsmeadow with some assured displays during 2007 and looks set to have a bright future with the Dons.

Karl Beckford

U22 year-old former Charlton Athletic trainee, whose spell at The Valley included an FA Youth Cup Semi Final appearance against Manchester United at Old Trafford. Moved on to Conference South Lewes where the free-scoring central midfielder notched a season a high tally of 18 goals before signing for Aldershot in December 2006. Well known to both Terry Brown and Stuart Cash - having previously played under both of them - Karl is expected to provide some much needed firepower to support the strikers and has already been set a target of 15 for the coming season by the new Dons management duo.

Anthony Finn

Fast tricky winger signed from Metropolitan Police after two very successful seasons with the Ryman One club. Able to play on either flank and has the ability to both create and score goals. Previously with Hayes, Gravesend & Northfleet, Northwood and Colliers Wood United, Terry Brown pipped a number of Blue Square National and Southern sides for his signature in June 2007, once Anthony's contract had expired

and the 24 year-old left Imber Court with a glowing tribute from his former manager Jim Cooper, 'Finny was excellent for us over the past two seasons. It is a joy to watch him play, let alone manage him. Any club at non-League level will be very lucky to secure his services.'

Luke Garrard

Joining the Dons in March 2006 to replace Martin Carthy, Luke is a former Tottenham youngster who rose through the ranks at Swindon Town to make 14 League One appearances for the Robins during his stay at the County Ground. A versatile and energetic player equally at home at his preferred position of right back or in midfield, where his 'box-to-box' stamina is an asset. Rejected a full-time contract to move into the nonleague game in 2005 firstly with Boreham Wood and later Bishops Stortford, before a spell with Southern League Premier Division Northwood where he was quickly made captain. Won the club's Young Player of the Year accolade for 2006/7 season.

Sam Hatton

A product of the Stevenage Borough youth academy, Sam made the Boro first team on two occasions in 2005 before impressive loan spells at Yeading, Maidenhead United, Northwood and Diss Town. Still only a teenager, this tall skilful midfielder can also fill in at full back and was a prized capture by AFC Wimbledon in May 2007. 'He will need to fight for his place, but is very comfortable on the ball and has a good engine. To be honest I'm amazed that Stevenage have let him go,' said a delighted Terry Brown.

Rob Quinn

Signed from re-named Ebbsfleet

United in May 2007, Rob began his caeer at Crystal Palace, where manager Dave Bassett recognised his strong captaincy of the Eagles youth sides with a string of first team appearances including a start in the 1996 Playoff Final at Wembley. Gained 3 Republic of Ireland U21 caps at Selhurst Park before moving on to Brentford and then Oxford United for fees in excess of £100,000, preceding spells with Bristol Rovers, Stevenage and Gravesend. A tough tackling central midfielder who can also fill in at centre back.

Robin Shroot

A Dons supporter who came through the schoolboy and academy ranks of Wimbledon FC, arriving at Kingsmeadow in September 2006 after a short spell at Staines and quickly made his first team debut. A skilful ball-playing winger who likes to take on opponents and deliver telling crosses. Gained two Northern Ireland under 20 international caps in March 2007 and after being patient during 2006/7, will hope for more first team opportunities under new manager Terry Brown.

Kevin Warner

A diminutive, busy left sided midfielder with a good attitude and team ethic who played under Terry Brown at Hayes, where Kevin spent five years before moving to Staines in July 2006 - a few days before his brother David arrived at Wheatsheaf Lane! Began his career as a junior at Wimbledon FC, before spells at Yeading, Uxbridge and Brook House. Enjoyed a successful 2006/7 with the Swans scoring 5 goals in 50 appearances. When he arrived at Kingsmeadow this summer, Staines boss Steve Cordery was quick to pay tribute

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to his departing player. 'His honest and professional approach to the game will stand him in good stead and I'm sure the fans of AFC Wimbledon will quickly take him to their hearts. He will do a good job wherever he plays.'

Richard Butler

Former manager Dave Anderson's first signing in the summer of 2004, when 'Little Buts' was acquired from Ashford Town (Middlesex) in exchange for the proceeds of two preseason friendlies. And what a first season the young striker enjoyed as he bagged 30 goals in all competitions and picked up all four club Player of the Year awards in the process. Strong and brave, he will always chase seemingly lost causes for 90 minutes - turning many of them into goalscoring opportunities for himself and others. A niggling groin problem caused him to miss vital weeks of 2005/6 as the Dons chased a playoff spot and sadly Richard sat out the majority of last season as well with a troublesome pelvic injury.

Steve Fergusson

Joined the Dons in January 2007, initially on a month's loan from Woking. Began his career in his native Scotland with East Fife before a £100,000 move to Tottenham Hotspur in 2000. Although Steve scored many goals for the youth and reserve teams at White Hart Lane, he didn't find favour with Glenn Hoddle and was loaned to Motherwell before joining Woking in 2003. Was the Cardinals top scorer in their 2003/4 Conference season and won the supporters player of the year award in his last full year at Kingfield, before moving to the Dons. Versatile striker comfortable in both a central role and out wide where he can

utilise his often devastating pace.

Richard Jolly

Prolific, pacy goalscorer whose career took off when he joined Wealdstone from Hayes in January 2003 after a short loan spell with Uxbridge. Whilst at the Stones he formed a formidable front pairing with Jermaine Beckford (later to be signed by Leeds United) with Jolls weighing in with an impressive 107 goals in 170 appearances for the Middlesex club. An undisclosed fee took him to Essex and Heybridge Swifts in February 2006 before Dave Anderson swooped to bring him to Kingsmeadow shortly before last season's transfer deadline and Richard quickly bagged four goals in five starts. A real fox-in-the box poacher with great awareness.

Daniel Webb

Son of 70's Chelsea legend David Webb, Daniel, still only 24, is an experienced centreforward who began his career as a trainee at Southampton before a £10,000 transfer to Southend in 2000. A loan spell at Brighton preceded a permanent move to Hull and then spells with Lincoln, Cambridge, Yeovil, Weymouth, Rushden and then Woking during the Spring of 2007 where a strong performance against Aldershot first brought him to the attention of Terry Brown. A short stint in Malta under Brian Talbot with Marsaxlokk this summer included an appearance in a Champions League qualifier against FK Sarajevo just one week before Daniel signed for AFC Wimbledon!

Terry Brown Manager

Appointed as AFC Wimbledon's first full-time manager in May 2007, Terry's managerial career

rose to prominence during a nine-year spell in charge of Hayes, whom he took from the lower half of the Ryman Premier Division to third place in the Conference in 1999. Moved onto Aldershot Town in 2002 and in his five years in charge at the Recreation Ground he steered to Shots to a Ryman Premier League title and a 2004 Conference Playoff Final where they were agonisingly denied a Football League place losing a penalty shootout to Shrewsbury Town. Left Aldershot amidst emotional scenes in March 2007 but was soon able to return to football and along with trusted lieutenant Stuart Cash, is relishing the challenge of lifting the Dons into the Blue Square League and hopefully beyond!

Stuart Cash Assistant Manager

After a playing career as a left back which saw him signed by such managerial luminaries as Brian Clough (Nottingham Forest) and Martin O'Neill (Wycombe Wanderers), Stuart joined Aldershot Town in 1997 as Assistant Manager to George Borg with the pair winning promotion from Ryman Division One in their first season. Appointed as the Shots caretaker boss following Borg's departure in 2002, his retention as second-in-command at the Recreation Ground to new manager Terry Brown proved a popular decision as the duo took Aldershot to within a penalty shootout of returning to the Football League in the 2004 Conference Playoff Final. Cash left his last post as Assistant Manager of Conference South Lewes in the summer of 2007 to team up with Brown once more, for the challenge of piloting AFC Wimbledon into the upper echelons of the non-league

Wombles and Italians, welcome one and all!

Welcome to one and all to a new Ryman League season and what a way to start against title favourites AFC Wimbledon.

A special welcome back for Richard Jolly who is one of the many stars with AFC now, and coming the other way we are delighted to have Lee O'Leary back with us as well as JT, Jon Turner, who is a valuable acquisition to our coaching staff.

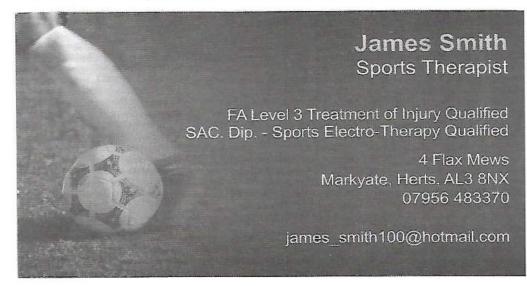
So the season is upon us again. I'm not sure why we start a week after everyone else but nevertheless I cannot believe how quickly the summer has gone.

Having taken on the role as Chairman on 1 May, the 110 days to now have been full of all sorts of dramas, tests and the odd enjoyable moment—but most of all plenty of hard work.

Let me first thank all those people who have committed to helping us out this season, including Adam and Minnie on the programme, Alan Hill on our Share in the Budget and Friends of Wealdstone schemes, Nick Dugard on the press side, Matt Hill on the new look Stones website, Roy Couch with the ball donor grid, Grant McCann on matchday fund-

raising, Ray Kemp and Tony Short on the predict-a-score and finally to Barry Benveniste who has agreed to take on a much greater financial role within the Club.

There remain plenty of positions vacant and we are particularly looking for support on the commercial side of things. We are also delighted to renew a sponsorship agreement with CAMS and Crossite, the two businesses run by Roger Slater. We continue to talk to various companies (big and small) about further sponsorship but it is great to get this agreed. Fund



Chairman How

raising will be a major theme over the coming months and we have plenty of ideas/plans about how to go about this. More ideas or help would be welcomed.

We had some good news about the Prince Edward development recently which has been well publicised. We will keep you up to date as events take their course. Could this be the year it finally happens? Let's hope so.

We've tried hard to keep you up to date with developments at the Club through the close season, whether through the website, the club call line, the local and non league press or through my blog (http://howiejk.wordpress.com/).

We will continue to try and be as open as we can through the season - but remember there is no better way of communicating than talking - so feel free to stop me or any director for a chat at any time. We want to know what you think of what's going on.

It is great to welcome AFC Wimbledon here tonight. As title favourites everyone expects that they will be there or thereabouts this season. Someone said to me recently that as well as a good history of matches against each other, our two clubs have much else in common.

AFC are known as being a leading light in the 'Supporters Direct' movement but of course Wealdstone are also a fans club, run, as we have been, by fans for the past 15 years. Our main aim is to secure a long term future for the club where new generations of Wealdstone fans will enjoy their football, hopefully in great facilities and at a good

senior standard of football. Let's hope both clubs achieve their respective objectives. I for one really enjoyed the meeting at Kings-meadow the season before last because it was between two 'proper' clubs, I hope tonight's game will be equally as enjoyable.

Finally a welcome tonight to one of the main members of our Italian Supporters Club, Matteo Tonna who is joined by his daughter Elena, having chosen to make Wealdstone v AFC Dons one of the highllights of his English summer holiday. Matteo is a passionate Stones fan, well known to many who follow our fortunes from far away. Welcome to you both.

Enjoy the game and enjoy the season.

Howard

Predict a Score

Friends, Romans, Predictors, lend me your ears or better still your money!

Despite being one game into the new season we are still happy to see, nay we still expect, some more of our citizens to sign up for the Predict-A-Score extravaganza. Antonios Shortass has been scouring the legions of ex-members and located some deserters who have been threatened if they fail to re-enlist, to have their ashes scattered at the cinema end of Tesco's Harrow.

For only £15 you can experience nine months of endless highs and lows as we scour the countryside for that elusive away win. We will announce the prize money for 1st to 4th places as soon as final numbers have been collated.

But 'we want don't to give you that, do we', because we all know that the real reason for entering the competition is to support the club, no the real reason is to win the incredible trip to the Hastings United away game with Antonios Shortass and Raymondus Kempus, all expenses paid, well most of them anyway.

Onward to Victory. Doctor Death.

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The match ball for this evening's game has been donated by long time supporter Tim Parks. Thanks Tim.

If you would like to follow Tim's example by donating a ball for a future home game please see Roy Couch, his brother Alan, or any director. The price is £70 and this entitles you to two complimentary matchday tickets, two programmes, boardroom hospitality and a football signed by our players.

Buona sera! Quando smetterá di piovere?

An old friend flies in from Italy

If you think to 1986 and do not realize that 21 years are a very long time, just try for a second to remember Maradona winning the World Cup, the Chernobyl disaster or even Oxford United in the very top division of English football.

Personally speaking, 1986 was a particular year especially because as an English-studying teenager I had the opportunity of visiting London for the very first time.

I was already interested in British football as an avid reader of weekly magazine 'Guerin Sportivo, the bible of serious international soccer followers in Italy, in a time when internet or satellite televisions were just incomprehensible words. Such names as Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur or even Queen's Park Rangers had a fascinating aura which is difficult to explain today.

During my five-week-long stay in London, my imagination was obviously captured by Highbury (yes, it used to be a football ground back then), Stamford Bridge or Craven Cottage, but, being a keen follower of non-league football in Italy, I also tried to discover something about the semi-professional scene in England and particularly in London.

I then discovered that just some months earlier Middlesex-based Wealdstone FC had the honour of playing at Wembley Stadium (no less): I knew from that moment that the Stones were the club I wanted to follow! (They were also the nearest Conference club to the house where I was lodging in Maida Vale – a technicality, I know, but that's it!).

Visiting the outside of a locked-up Lower Mead on a summer Sunday morning was the first step of my Wealdstone initiation which was completed when, back in Italy, I received an enthusiastic letter from

Toby Jackson on behalf of the club as a reply to my request of information. I was hooked, and my love affair with Wealdstone FC had officially begun.

Home programme subscription and regular visits to Lower Mead (the very last match there in 1991 included), Vicarage Road and the White Lion Ground followed season after season, during which time my relationship with Wealdstone grew stronger and stronger.

I also developed a deep interest in the club's history and became a legendary pain-in-the-neck for my



Tonna

various correspondents with unbearable questions about obscure Spartan League results or elusive Willesden & District League final tables! (That's until Roger's book was published, of course).

Now my obsessive need of information about Weald-stone is satisfied largely thanks to the internet, where forums, newspapers and especially the various sites devoted to the blue-and-white-quartered shirts help me forgetting the fact that I miss the real thing - that is the action.

Tonight we meet AFC Wimbledon, a name famous in football of course, but which brings my memory back again to 1986 for non-football related reasons:

that year, in fact, I queued for the Tennis Champion-ships tickets and from Court No 2 experienced first-hand the magic of one of the most celebrated sporting events in the world.

Talking about Wimbledon and football, my personal links extend from 1988, when I saw them play a pre-season friendly at Underhill, to 2005 for Wealdstone's visit to Kingsmeadow and an entertaining 1-1 draw.

The most recent Wealdstone match I watched live was last season's away fixture at Bath City's Tiverton Park where we lost 2-1 despite playing some exquisite football.

I hope for a better result tonight, of course.

That would be the nicest way to celebrate so many years of supporting Wealdstone from afar and also to complete a full circle for yours truly: after all this time, I now regularly write articles about English football for 'Guerin Sportivo', I know much more about the Stones' history than I ever thought it possible and tonight another Italian teenager - my elder daughter Elena - is attending her first Wealdstone match.

Oh, and thanks to the public ballot, last month I had the privilege of entering the Centre Court for the Wimbledon final. Because history, as they say, repeats itself. Well, nearly always.

Matteo Tonna

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Winning start

The faithful travelled in hope rather than expectation to the Buzzzlines stadium for the opening league game of the season. Missing last seasons top scorer, Dean Papali and defender Carl Martin with hamstring injuries and unable to call upon new signings James Gray and Chris Owens due to injury and suspension respectively manager Bartlett shuffled his squad to put out an interesting starting 11 which had bite, pace and invention. The commanding figure of Marcus Cross at the back and the equally muscular Steve Hughes, signed on dual basis with Blue Square Conference side Maidenhead up front complemented by the midfield guile and muscle of the O'Learys' the team had alook of a Southern league side.



Lee Chappell (above) and Peter Dean in action at Leatherhead. Both starred against Folkestone



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A great result for the 'Stones. Only a couple of disappointments from yesterday were losing Gross early on with what looked like a pulled muscle and conceding late on from a quickly taken free kick. Mitch made a couple of good saves 1st half and a superb bit of bravery second, rushing out to smoother when the forward looked favourite. All the defence played well and looked in

control Fergie replaced Gross and slotted in with Massey and Hall nicely. Both Chappell and Thomas offered plenty getting forward with Chaps scoring a superb diving header from Jomos cross.

The middle three were led as always by Chris O'Leary who battled for every ball and covered every blade of grass, while Lee O'Leary pulled the strings and fed the forwards with some good passing and composed touches, his goal was class, fed through by Peter Dean he found himself around the penalty box, with the ball bouncing through he checked where the defenders were and calmly

lobbed the onrushing custodian. The final part of the midfield jigsaw was Luke Muldowney who harried and chased down players whilst having time to cover the wing backs as they used the wide space allowed them.

Upfront were two lads making their debuts and they took time to gel, but Stephen Hughes used his height and strength to good effect and worked hard all game, he could of got himself a debut goal when he misjudged an in swinging Monty free kick which just cleared the far post. Peter Dean chased everything, whinged and moaned at decisions and gave the Folkestone back

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line no respite. He set up the first, scuffed a first half attempt at goal but kept showing and searching. We were two up and he still did not stop chasing down defenders, and then he had his chance, a deep cross was headed back by Fergie to the edge of the six yard box and he was there to volley home. A minute later he was fed down the left where he manoeuvred the ball onto his right foot and fired low for the right hand corner, but the keeper was alert. Not to be denied he found himself free down the left channel again, this time he pulled the trigger early and with his left peg. The keeper was beaten and the ball nestled in the far corner.

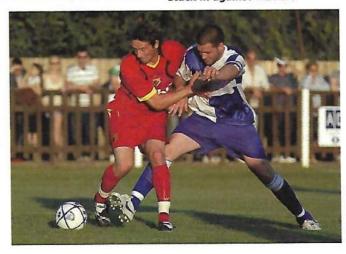
The addition of Ryan Ashe showed that he can be more than just a squad player in his brief debut and it was good to see Monty get a late run as he looked lively and almost won a header, but it is early days.

Down to Sandgate (thanks for the recommendation Tim) for a Fish & Chip supper on the seafront and a steady drive home, lets hope there are more days like Folkestone this year and less like Halesowen last year.

Thanks to Matt Hill and Don Cross for providing these words, and of course Attic Man for all the photos in the programme. More pix can be found at : atticsnaps.fotopic.net/

Wealdstone: Swain, Faal-Thomas, Chappell, Massey, Gross, Hall, L OLeary, C OLeary, Hughes, Dean, L. Muldowney. Subs used: Fergie, Monty, Ashe.

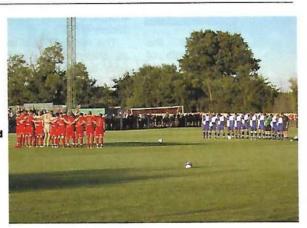
Below:Stones' Captain getting stuck in against Watford





Left: Steve Sommers

Right: Immaculately observed silence at the Watford game.



BGB Southern League Table 2006/7

Final League standings BGB Southern Premier Division 2006/07

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Team Bath	42	14	3	4	39	19	9	6	6	27	23	78	24	W2-1	L1-2
King's Lynn	42	15	3	3	37	12	7	7	7	32	28	76	29	D1-1	L0-1
Maidenhead U	42	11	6	4	31	17	9	4	8	27	19	70	22	L0-3	L0-3
Hemel H'std T	42	12	6	3	44	22	7	6	8	35	38	69	19	D2-2	L2-5
Halesowen T	42	11	6	4	43	30	7	7	7	23	23	67	13	L1-3	L3-5
Chippenham T	42	11	6	4	35	20	8	3	10	26	36	66	5	W3-1	L0-2
Stamford	42	10	4	7	31	23	6	7	8	34	39	59	3	L2-5	D2-2
Mangotsfield U	42	5	11	5	21	22	8	8	5	23	23	58	-1	D1-1	L1-3
Gloucester City	42	6	6	9	28	40	9	7	5	39	30	58	-3	L0-1	W2-0
Hitchin Town	42	11	3	7	31	28	5	6	10	24	40	57	-13	W4-0	L2-4
Merthyr Tydfil	42	10	7	4	28	15	4	7	10	19	31	56	1	L1-2	L0-3
Banbury United	42	6	6	9	33	33	9	4	8	27	31	55	-4	W4-0	L1-3
Yate Town	42	7	7	7	41	36	7	5	9	18	35	54	-12	L0-1	W4-2
Tiverton Town	42	10	3	8	30	26	4	5	12	26	41	50	-11	W2-1	L1-2
Cheshunt	42	10	3	8	34	29	4	4	13	22	42	49	-15	W5-2	D0-0
Rugby Town	42	10	2	9	32	32	5	2	14	26	47	49	-21	W2-1	L0-2
Clevedon Town	42	6	7	8	32	30	6	5	10	28	31	48	-13	D3-3	D2-2
Wealdstone	42	8	6	7	38	36	5	3	13	31	46	48	-13		
Corby Town	42	5	6	10	27	33	5	3	13	25	36	39	-17	W2-1	W4-2
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Northwood	42	4	4	13	23	37	4	6	11	21	37	34	-30	D1-1	W2-1

Wealdstone FC Team Draw Results - July 2007

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2	P O'Neill	£50	3	L Klyhn	£30	4	C Fine	£20
5	J Harvey	£10	6	C Glen	£10	7	C Andrews	£10
8	D Glanfield	£10	9	A Chapman	£10			

Well done to all of our Team Draw winners.

If you haven't yet received a prize from a previous draw, please call Nick DuGard on 01727 872675 - it could be that we don't have a current address for you. Don't forget to update us with address changes or advise us if you withdraw your standing order (or change it).

Thanks to all our previous winners who donated their prizes back to club funds. Teamdraw currently contributes £1000 a month to the playing budget.

Fixtures & Results 2007/8

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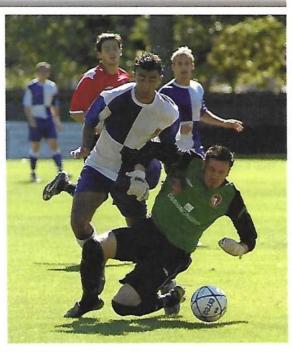
APPEARANCES (all matches excluding friendlies). Final Totals for 2006-07 (Substitutes who played are shown in brackets)

	SL	EC	FAC	FAT	LSC	MSC	MCC	TOTAL	CAREER
Max Possible	42	1	1	4	3	1	1	53	
Chris O'Leary	36	1	1	4	3	1	-	46	46
Dean Papali	33(5)	-	(1)	4	3	1	-	41(6)	47
Fergus Moore	35	1	1	1(1)	2	1	<u>≃</u>	41(1)	267
Graeme Montgomery	31(7)	(1)	1	4	1(1)	1	1	39(9)	76
Josias Carbon	23(6)	(1)	-	4	2(1)	-	1	30(8)	38
Kevin Swift	18(1)	1		4	2	1	1	27(1)	28
Lee Carroll	19	1	1	2	2	1		26	38
Carl Martin	21(2)	-	1	-	-	-	1.5	23(2)	30
Matt Gooderick	15(8)	1	1	3(1)	(2)	1	1	22(11)	33
Graham Hall	21(1)	-	-	- (-/	1	-	-	22(1)	39
Lee Chappell	17(2)	-	-	3(1)	2	-	-	22(3)	63
Stuart Bamford	14	1	1	4	1	1	2	22	22
Gavin Bamford	14	-	1	3(1)	1(1)	1	2	20(2)	22
Theo Robinson	18	-	-	J(1)	-(-)	_		18	18
Dean Clark	15(7)				1		1	17(7)	24
Scott Donnelly	16(1)	-		-	-	-	-	16(1)	17
Ben Martin	16	472		_		-		16	16
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Andre Delisser	7(3)						1	8(3)	11
Dave Lawrence	4(4)	-	1	1(1)	1	17	-	7(5)	12
John Armand	6	7	(1)	1	-	7	7	7(1)	8
Wayne Cort	4(5)	(1)	-	1(1)	1(1)	-	3.5	6(8)	17
Scott Cousins	6	-	-	-	_	+	-	6	6
Josh Cooper	1(11)	1	-	-	2) =	1	5(11)	52
Simon Martin	5(5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5(5)	10
Lee Holland	5	+	-1	2	-	2	-	5	40
Stuart Goodall	1(10)	1	1	(2)		1	-	4(12)	16
Stanislav Rozboud	1(4)	1	-	1(1)	1(1)	-	(7)	4(6)	10
Michael Currie	3(1)	1	-	(1)	7	-	-	4(2)	6
Neil McDonald	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	8
John Henry-Hayden	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	4
Paul Smith	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Ernest Simon	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	3
Chris Zoricich	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	21
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Leigh Wooldridge	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	1	1(1)	2
Anton Innocent	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Matt O'Connell	1	-		2	4	-	_	1	1
Ashley Francis	4	-	-	-	-	_	1	1	1
Lee Wooldridge	-	-	7	-	-	-	1	1	1
Ricky Perks	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
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Julian Edwards	(3)	-	-	-	-	4	- /	(3)	3
Sam Sharples	-	-	_	(1)	-	(1)		(2)	2
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Pre Season Stones

Injuries take their toll on **Stones** first outings



A competent performance from the Stones saw them hold the newly formed Conference South outfit to a draw before losing the penalty shootout 2-3... Injuries and unavailability meant that Stones were Papali being tackled just as Moore, Lee O'leary and Ben effort at goal. Alexander. Marcus Gross and

without Carl Martin, Fergus he was about to unload an changes made by both

Chris O'leary both played gone, a 20yd shot from Lee game lost some of the qualdespite having minor inju- Chappell crept in off the post, ity that had been on show in with the keeper slow to get the first half. Tempers The hottest day of the year down. They equalised became frayed though after so far, and an immaculate straight away when former a terrible challenge on looking newly laid pitch Stones loan player Simon Graham Hall went unpungreeted the teams. The Martin tapped in from close ished. Dean Papali found Stones started fairly brightly range. The same player had himself through on goal, but and played some nice an unmarked header on goal, was hacked down by their passing football on the but Swain pulled off and ex- advancing keeper outside of superb surface. A nice one- cellent diving save. With the box. Even though the two between Papali and Mul- around 35 minutes gone, game was a friendly, he downey ended with Papali was hauled down in should have been asked to

the box and stepped up to fire home the spot kick in style. Once again, Stones could not hold onto their lead and from a corner, a firm header gave Swain no chance. Half time 2-2.

The second half saw a few teams, and with With about 25 minutes temperature in the 80s, the

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leave the field of play, but a yellow card was all that was shown.

They forced a number of corners but we actually dealt with them quite well. Both Cooper and Dean should have done better with the good chances that they had as the game became rather scrappy.

The final score was 2-2, but the game was to be decided on penalties. Lee Chappell had a chance to win the shootout with the final penalty, but fired well wide. They scored their sudden death penalty, but unfortunately we didn't.



Above: Could be construed as a foul tackle Below left: Captain in the thick of things Below right: Pressure on Hayes' goal Below bottom right: Chappell hasn't lost any of his pace







It's the Gordon, Brown reunion

Whilst acknowledging the class of the Wombles, Mr Bartlett is pleased with his promising youngsters.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Terry Brown and his Wimbledon team to Chestnut Avenue for our first home game back in the Ryman League. Terry is an old mate of mine, having played together at both Slough Town and Hayes back at in the seventies and I'm sure neither of us had any thoughts about a career in management at that stage. Last time I saw him, he still looked pretty good after the stress and strains of managing, which is more than can said for me over the last few years. I've certainly got more grey hairs!

Another welcome visitor in Wimbledon colours tonight, is our old goal scoring favourite Richard Since his departure from us a couple of seasons ago, he has continued his prolific scoring record at both Heybridge and currently at Wimbledon and although delighted to see him doing so well, I hope he forgets to bring his shooting boots this evening. Which reminds me that Heybridge still owe us the 'sell on' fee after they sold him last season.

On the subject of goal

scorers is was interesting to see three of our 'ex' players scored in the Football League on Saturday, with Theo Robinson getting his first at Hereford, Sam Sloma for Dagenham and Jermaine for Leeds. I also saw Marvin scored again for Woking in the Conference. It's good to see the lads doing so well.

Last weekend produced victories for both Wimbledon and ourselves, although I'm sure our comprehensive 4-1 win at Folkestone would have raised a few more eyebrows than their 2-0 home win against Ramsgate. Wimbledon have high expectations and with the ambition at the club, Terry's background, the impressive squad list and the enormous fan base, it's not surprising they are favourites to take the title this season.

Our own win was very satisfying especially without Deano and Carl with hamstring injuries and the suspensions to James and Chris. We got down there nice and early so decided to stretch our legs by the sea after our long coach journey. It was pretty bleak down there and certainly would not be on any of my

recommendations for a holiday destination but it did offer the chance for Leo to tuck into prawns he purchased from the seafood cafe we all sat outside. 'Grossie' couldn't resist nicking a few, claiming they were high in protein and were good for you before a game. He promptly lasted 30 minutes in the match before he pulled his hamstring!

We started really well and it was no surprise when Lee O'Leary opened the scoring after great hold up play by Peter Dean. We created another couple of chances, but our general dominance started to waver midway through the half allowing Folkestone more possession. After half time, we picked up the tempo and proceeded to score further goals from 'Chaps' and two from Peter Dean which virtually killed off the game early in the second half. We switched off with about ten to go and gave them a consolation goal which did take the icing off the cake to a certain extent, but we'd have settled for that before we left in the morning.

Thanks to all the support-

From the Dugout



Major Honours since 1950

1951-52 Athenian League Champions 1958-59, 1962-63,

1964-65 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, FA Trophy Winners & Middlesex Senior Cup Winners

1996-97

Isthmian League Division 3 Winners

1997-98

Promoted from Isthmian League Division 2 (3rd)

2003-04

Middlesex Charity Cup Winners and promoted to Isthmian League Premier Division (via play-off) ers who travelled down last weekend and I'm glad you enjoyed your trip and the result. Lots of you came up to congratulate us after the game but don't get too carried away with one result and be prepared for a few 'hiccups' along the way with this very young squad, but we are obviously delighted with the three points and the great start.

My last notes were written over a month ago, prior to the Watford friendly and a lot has happened since. The friendly games came along thick and fast and we ended winning five, drawing three and losing three of our eleven games. We feel we got a great deal out of those games and it gave us chance to try various things, as well as gaining match fitness and organisation. Incredibly, four of the new players I listed in that programme are no longer with us and three of the potential players who were supposed to be returning, drifted away. It seems six changed their minds and went elsewhere and we decided that the other one was not up to the standard we were striving to achieve this season. Our target for the players was to try to get as many of the squad a minimum of 360 minutes under there belt before we went to Folkestone. Considering we used nearly fifty players in those games, we did pretty well to achieve it with 13 of the squad hitting that target or even more.

Those injuries we picked up, coupled with the suspensions meant a few more phone calls, even as late as last Friday when we managed to capture Stephen Hughes from Maidenhead. The

previous week we signed Alan Massey, on loan from Wycombe, which only came about when 'Fergie', 'Swifty' and Carl weren't available for the Hayes friendly. He did an excellent job and the rest is history. Two more valuable additions are midfield players Luke Muldownie and Ryan Ashe who have also signed since my last notes. These four have given the squad a more solid look about it and I hope they all have a long a successful stay at the club.

'Monty' deserves a mention as well. He has worked hard since his operation in the summer and despite very little fitness work with the lads, he has come back way ahead of schedule and made a welcome return to the bench last week.

I would like to finish by saying a big thank you to 'Gilly', Jon, Leo, James, Steve and Rick for their tireless, enthusiastic and unpaid work over the last seven weeks. We've had numerous setbacks during this time and even the training at Broadfields has been made more difficult, trying to keep off seeded areas and not able to use a pitch for most of the time. Coming from a big club like AFC Wimbledon, I think Jon has realised some of the added difficulties we have had over the last few years without our own home or training facility. It has not been plain sailing by any means, but he. and the others have all stuck to the tasks and we all hope we have laid the foundations for a decent season. In nine months time, we'll all know the answer and just maybe nearing a home of our own!

Parks puts his money where his mouth is

Personal nostalgia from one of our most loyal supporters, someone whose passion for the Stones stills burns bright.

Tim Parks, one of the Stones' longest-serving and best-known fans, steps ironically into the 'My Wealdstone' spotlight as he is donating tonight's match ball. I say 'ironically' as Tim sort of invented this column five years ago when he edited the programme (just for one season) and introduced a whole range of ideas which are still going strong today. But he always shied away from appearing in the column, though that was probably more due to the cost of having to sponsor the ball!

Tim has lived in Enfield for 25 years, a legacy from his days covering Enfield FC for the local paper, and has four girls from his first marriage and apparently another Junior Stone on the way in January from his second marriage to the lovely Harriet, who is often in the vicinity when Wealdstone play (though rarely in the ground!) In the time-honoured fashion, Tim answers our questions...

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST WEALDSTONE GAME? Wow, that was nearly 40 years ago: early September 1969, the Stones last-butone season in the old amateur Isthmian League. We were playing Sutton United at Lower Mead and lost 1-0. I used to get taken to Chelsea as my uncle and grandfather were season ticket holders in the Peter Osgood-Charllie Cooke era, which was a brilliant time to be watching top flight football (I was there the night Man Utd's George Best was sent off, the day Don Revie's Leeds won 5-2) and there were occasional visits to Watford which somehow seemed a more daunting place.

I used to go to Vicarage Road on the train from Hatch End (where I grew up) with my mate Phil West, who lived round the corner, but was always faintly aware of Wealdstone, mainly through the Harrow Observer. One Saturday afternoon me and Phil were planning to go to Watford v

Middlesbrough but somehow got on the Southbound rather than the Northbound Bakerloo line train at Hatch End. We were chatting away a bit gormlessly, as you do when you're about 10 or 11. and realised our train was pulling out of some station called Headstone Lane. Doh! We got off at the next stop, the fragrant Harrow & Wealdstone of course, and while we were waiting for the train back up the Watford the penny dropped that 'that other team Wealdstone' must play around here somewhere. Then we thought no more about it.

It was the next season when we decided to go on an adventure and watch a Stones game, although my dad actually dropped us off in his car at Hindes Road that first time (very charitable of him as he hated all sports). We walked round the corner, into the car park and I immediately felt an affinity with the place. It was small, it was passionate and it felt more real than my visits to

My Wealdstone

Chelsea or Watford.

In years to come I would go with friends to most of the First Division grounds and only QPR or Millwall came close to replicating that. And that's what the telly-watching fraternity don't realise about watching non-League football - if you watch a Conference game on TV it's not going to be a great spectacle compared to Man Utd-Liverpool or Chelsea-Arsenal, but when you watch it live it's a different animal. It's real sport with rough edges and humour. It's not a game of chess but it has a great quality all its own.

We've lost a bit of that passion over the years at Wealdstone as the crowds have fallen away, but AFC Wimbledon fans here today are experiencing what I felt all those years ago. They're part of a big, tight family enjoying their successes along the way. Enjoy the journey.

I'm convinced we can reinvent Wealdstone once the
new stadium is open, open
people's eyes to the joys of
watching affordable, local
football that has more
relevance to them than the
Premier League's impersonal prima donnas. That
was quite a long
answer, wasn't it...

FAVOURITE GAME?

Every game, to be honest. Still gives me a thrill to see a Wealdstone team run out through the tunnel. An even bigger thrill to have worn the Wealdstone shirt in my



The joys of supporting The Stones, Tim Parks celebrates.

playing days, and then wear a Stones kit when SFC Wealdstone (the Sunday League side) rampaged through the Marathon League divisions in the 1980s and 1990s. On my wall at home is a picture of me, in the famous blue & white quarters, lifting the Middlesex Sunday Cup for SFC Wealdstone Reserves at the age of 45. Alongside people (like Gordon McKay, Sudhir Rawal, Mickey Kane) who I've known and played with for 25 years. All dyedin-the-wool Wealdstone.

What a great morning that was at Yeading, five years ago. But back to the question... My purest moment of elation was probably at Maidstone, Easter Saturday in 1983, when Allen Batsford's magnificent team played our Conference rivals off the park. We won 3-0 and everyone was convinced that the title (Gola League as it was then) was ours for the taking. We had run neck-and neck with Maidstone and Enfield all season but crucially, a week or so after the titanic win at Maidstone's old London Road ground, we lost 3-1 at home to the Es in a pulsating match that eventually led to Eddie McCluskey's side winning the Championship by a point from Maidstone, with ourselves third.

A trip down memory lane for supporters' chairman

After the Stones impressive 4-1 win at Folkestone on Saturday in the opening league match of the season, we look forward to tonight's first home league match of the season against AFC Wimbledon. We welcome their many supporters and we hope that we see a healthy attendance and an exciting match. I remember with fond memories the home encounter with the Dons on New Years Day in 1975 which we won 1-0 with an own goal from Dickie Guy. That day saw a very large attendance and it was only a few days before the Dons beat Burnley (then in the First Division) at Turf Moor in the third round of the FA Cup

It has been quite a busy close season for me personally. As stated in the Watford programme, I feel quite privileged in taking over as Chairman of the Supporters Club.

I first started supporting the Stones funnily enough in the same season that we played Wimbledon in that New Years Day encounter described above. I actually joined the Supporters Club committee in 1987 and therefore have been on the Supporters Club committee for 20 years. We have had a

couple of Supporters Club committee meetings since I took over as Chairman and really in these two meetings, I have tried to emphasise the fact that we are an independent group with its own views and opinions but we want to continue what we think we do best in actually promoting and supporting Wealdstone Football Club. However, in order to continue to do this, we really do need the help of the supporters of this great club. We need to inject some new blood on to our committee. We have a number of tasks that need to be regularly undertaken.

At our last meeting, we invited Nick Symmons to our meeting and discussed the possibility of ordering souvenirs through him and Pam, his wife. He seemed enthusiastic to assist us in our quest to start producing souvenirs like we have done in the past. We hope to produce scarves and skihats for the coming season. Are there any other souvenirs that you would like to see being produced? Perhaps there is someone out there who would like a role on our Committee to look after the souvenirs side of the Supporters Club. This can be a great income gen-

erator for the Supporters Club and hopefully as a result, we can help the main club financially. We are in urgent need of a Secretary and if you a person who likes administration, this could be the position for you. A secretary would deal; with correspondence relating to the Supporters Club, the issuing off membership cards, keeping an accurate record of all members during a season and life members, ensuring that regular committee meetings are held together with our Annual General Meeting and writing minutes of committee meetings. We would like to hold regular events during the season, some of which we have done in the past such as quizzes, race-Nights and perhaps there is a person out there who would like to get involved on this side.

For your information, at present the Supporters Club committee is made up of myself as Chairman, Nick Dugard (President), Sarin Rawal (Treasurer), Miriam Goodman, Jeremy Albert, Adam Hills and John Harvey. Over the next month or so, it is our intention to speak to as many of our Supporters as possible at matches to see if

Supporters' Club

any of you are interested and committed enough to join our willing band of volunteers.

Next February actually sees the 50th anniversary of the Supporters Club, We are in the initial stages of planning a Celebration Dinner at the end of the season which we really hope to be a very special evening. In fact we have now set a date of Sunday, 4th May 2008 which is over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend giving all the supporters the opportunity to have the Bank Holiday Monday to get over the excesses of the previous evening! The venue and hopefully a very special guest will announced in due course. We will need help to organise this evening and if there any supporters out there who would would like to get involved in this very special evening, please get in touch with us.

During the close season, we were pleased to see that the open letter we wrote with regard to the Prince Edward Playing Fields were published in prominent positions in the letters pages of both the Harrow Observer and the Harrow Times. There were no responses for a couple of weeks which did seem to illustrate the apathy in the Borough of Harrow. Every week there seems to be letters written on different subjects from the London Borough of Harrow Councillors but not a word on this subject. It was left to fellow supporter and

Supporters Club committee member, Miriam Goodman to express her feelings in a short but well phrased letter and I was also pleased to see that Stones supporter and ex-chair of the Supporters Club, Layne Patterson (now living in Norfolk) wrote the following:

'Now much longer is the Prince Edwards Playing Fields site going to be left to fall into complete disrepair? Wealdstone Football Club is still regarded as one of the biggest outfits outside the Football League, something that the local council should be celebrating. The club has given much to the borough over the years and surely deserve some real support from them, why are they allowing this to drag on so long? Although I no longer live in the area the Stones are still my team and deserve full and prompt support in their efforts. Come on, stop dragging your heels and cut the red-tape to get the biggest club in the area into its own ground at last!'

It was interesting to see that only a few weeks later, there was the announcement that there was an agreement between Barnet and the London Borough of Harrow resulting in the goahead of the development of Prince Edward Playing Fields. Perhaps the letters had some effect. We like to think so!

At our committee meeting in July, when looking at our finances, we decided to give the main club a donation of £1,500 which will be used for the players budget for this coming season. We also hope to be able to sponsor one of the early home matches of the season in return for the main club paying for the trophies that the Supporters Club presented at the very successful awards evening at the end of last season.

We will be selling Golden Goals this evening. Tickets costs £1.00 each and you will all have the opportunity to win £50.00 if your ticket matches the time of the first goal scored and £10.00 if your ticket matches the time of the last goal scored. From this season onwards, the times of the first goal of each match and the time of the last goal of the match will be published on the Supporters Club website and therefore if you do not check you ticket during the match, you have the opportunity to look up our website and see if you have the winning ticket. Committee members will be available during home matches to check tickets and distribute prize-money to Golden Goal ticket winners.

If you want to be updated regularly with news regarding the main club and the Supporters Club, please check our website, www.wfcsc.co.uk

Let's hope tonight sees a large attendance and is a very successful evening both on and off the pitch.

UP THE STONES!

David Albert, Chairman



ON THIS DAY with Tim Parks

ON THIS DAY 36 YEARS AGO

Saturday August 21, 1971: Southern League Cup Group Stage Lockheed Leamington 0 Wealdstone 1

THIS was a bizarre arrangement to greet the Stones entry into the semiprofessional ranks, 36 years ago - the League Cup played on a league basis, much as the early rounds of the Champions League are played today. But at our non-League level it had never happened before, and never happened since! With so many old-established amateur clubs like ourselves turning pro around that time, the Southern League Division One was re-organised into North and South sections and the fixtures needed a bit of padding out hence we found ourselves in a group with Banbury, Stevenage, Leamington, Dunstable and Banbury.

Life among the pros began at Lower Mead the previous Saturday when a 1,800 crowd saw Cliff Jones (the ex Spurs and Welsh international) inspire us to a 3-1 win over Banbury, and after losing 1-0 at Stevenage in midweek we travelled to Leamington for this Saturday game needing a win to keep alive our chances of qualifying for the

Southern League Cup's First Round, when the "big boys" of the Premier Division came in.

A Mickey Brown strike saw us to victory, and sure enough we beat Dunstable 2-0 and Bletchley (who, curiously, became Milton Keynes City and now, ironically, Milton Keynes Dons) 3-1 in our remaining group matches. Stones topped the group and gave a good account of themselves in the twolegged First Round clash with Cambridge City - we lost 2-1 at Milton Road and 0-1 at Lower Mead, going out 3-1 on aggregate. But the biggest fuss surrounded the transfer of the mercurial Cliff Jones to Cambridge after the first leg... we got £200 which doesn't seem much now, but the Stones board were quite happy to accept it at the time.

Wealdstone: John Barr, Tommy Mahon, Dave Bielkus, Dave Cockell, Derek Gibbs, Bill Bailey, Trevor (Human Dynamo) Watson, Mickey Brown, Gary Townend, John Furie, Cliff Jones.

Don't Forget — Golden Goals

On sale today: £50 for the first, £10 for the last

Keep track of sponsored players: Call the Soccerline on 09062 892011

Kit Donors

Once again, it is time for you to find a player or coach to sponsor for the season. Please speak to any club official who can help you through the process. The contribution this makes to the club is very valuable indeed. If you want your photograph taken with the player whose kit you have sponsored then that can be arranged.





Leo Morris



Mark Gill



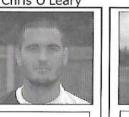
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Polo Shirt Donors

The club would like to thank Mark Snell, Quentin Fox, Peter Worby, Howard Krais, Graham Clark & Nick Woolford for donating polo shirts to all the club's personnel.

To donate kit please contact Pete Worby or Howard Krais

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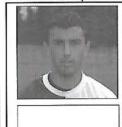




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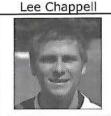
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Welcome to the new 2007-08 season

Best wishes to all Member Clubs of the Ryman Football League in season 2007/08.

Last season the three Divisions were particularly competitive, with two titles only being settled on the last Saturday of the season, and I see no reason that 2007/08 will be any different.

We warmly welcome the seven new member clubs to our League, competing in a very strong Premier Division and two regional First Divisions.

At the same time we have had to say goodbye to a similar number of clubs, and we wish them every success and enjoyment in their respective new Leagues this season.

Hopefully, we will also see success in the national cup competitions – the FA Cup and the FA Trophy – as well as in the respective County Cup games.

I also look forward with much anticipation to the newly formed Youth League having a very successful first season.

Good luck to every Club in our League, and thank you for your support.

Alan Turvey. Chairman

Isthmian Football League appoints representative to the FA

The Isthmian League Board of Directors has asked Alan Boon to be the League's representative on the Council of The Football Association. The appointment follows the restructuring of The FA, allowing the League to have a representative on their Council for the first time.

Alan, who has been a member of the League's Board of Directors since 1992, is Chairman of Premier Division Staines Town Football Club.

WEEKEND REVIEW

The Ryman Football League once again hit the road running on the first Saturday of the season, with Billericay leading the way with six goals at home to Hastings United and Dover Athletic scoring five on their visit to Horsham YMCA in Division One South. The Ashford Town (Middx) vs. AFC Hornchurch match saw nine goals in total, the visitors winning by the odd goal of that score-line.

Overall there were 103 goals recorded in a full

League programme of 33 League matches, including six penalties and two own goals.

And the good news was the increase in crowds – up overall by 16% – showing the value of football at Ryman league level.

Premier Division

Billericay Town led the way in the Premier Division, hitting promoted Hastings United for six without reply in Essex. AFC Hornchurch, leading 4-1 at half-time, recorded a 5-4 win on their visit to Ashford Town in Middlesex, whilst Wealdstone celebrated their return to the Ryman Football league with a 4-1 win at Folkestone Invicta.

One of the title favourites, AFC Wimbledon, got off to a good start for new manager Terry Brown with a sound 2-0 win at home to Ramsgate, whilst Jeff King's Chelmsford City returned from a difficult opener at Margate with a point from a 1-1 draw.

With only AFC Wimbledon and Billericay Town winning at home, it was left to Horsham to win at promoted Maidstone United 2-0 and Carshalton Athletic to get off to the start they wanted be beating hosts Harrow Borough 3-1.