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Rhys Tyler and Bradley Bubb remember the fallen from the Great War that ended 100 years ago, in the black & white shirts then worn by Wealdstone *Picture: Steve Foster* aqueoussun@googlemail.com



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– Wealdstone FC Board of Directors



WEALDSTONE v BATH CITY

BY MARK HYDE



Written in Stone

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors Bath City, including Manager Jerry Gill, his back room team as well as the Players and supporters.

As always, we are proud to mark Remembrance Day here at Wealdstone, so please ensure that you are in the stadium nice and early.

At around 2.45pm this afternoon two serving members of our support, Andy Gibbs and Sam Morris, will present our newly commissioned War Memorial to Club Chairman Peter Marsden (full details behind this stunning work can be found later in the programme). There will then follow the traditional two minutes silence and laying of wreaths before we start the match. Wealdstone will be playing in a special commemorative kit which is a modern interpretation of the kit from 1919, the first season after the war. Wealdstone will take the field in black and white hooped shirts, white shorts and black socks with white rings.

I was privileged to visit the battlefields of the Western Front with a group of Wealdstone supporters earlier this year and I can only say it is a pilgrimage that everyone should make at least once in their life time. Probably the biggest lesson I learnt was that my perception of the conflict was influenced by the modern interpretation of historians who often, intentionally or not, twist the story to fit their personal politics or agenda. The best way to get a real picture is to read the diaries of the ordinary 'Tommies'. You will very soon unearth a different story to the one of popular culture. This was not the great Patriotic War we are lead to believe, in fact a large proportion of the common soldiers had no idea what the big picture was, or in a lot of cases why the war was even happening. This was a war of empires, a war far removed from the world the footballers, clerks, farm labourers and factory workers came from. The truth is that those at the front were fighting for their families, friends and as mentioned in almost all the memoirs, those who stood in the trench alongside them. Today they are with us and we stand with them.

Please forgive us if we are a little top heavy on content commemorating the Great



War but I am sure you will agree the marking of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice is of great international importance. I would personally like to thank Roger Slater for all his help in researching and providing the historical content contained in this issue and for his dedication to the War Memorial and commemorative kit.

That said, Roger's vision needed the help and input of many others around the club. I know he would like me to pass on his sincere thanks to Paul Fruin and Peter Marsden for arranging with the National League that we can wear shirts unadorned with logo's and images, and GPF Lewis who similarly have agreed that they will not carry a Sponsor's logo. To Bath City FC who have kindly agreed to travel with their change kit for the game. To Tony Waugh for arranging the kit and Pro-kit for providing it. To Amy for her help with the memorial, to Andy and Sam and the rest of the military team present today while we all take a moment to reflect. Finally, to Alan Hill and Steve Foster for helping put his thoughts into action. I'm sure there are others and I apologise for anyone who is missing.

When the whistle blows, we will remember them.

Mark

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From the Gaffer and management team



A warm welcome to Jerry Gill his management teams, players and officials of Bath City Football Club.

Firstly, we must pay our respects to the fallen and the club who do a great job will ensure we mark the 100th anniversary of Armistice day with the respect it deserves.

We come into today as one of only 5 league games in the National South this weekend. With the tight nature of the league it presents an opportunity to put points on the board that will see you make a big move in your league position and more importantly put pressure on the teams around us to have to win. We aim to continue our good start to the season.

A trait of this team has been its ability to bounce back from defeat. After all 4 of our league losses this year we have followed them up with a win which is a credit to the attitude of the boys and underlies the ethos of the team we are building. Torquay were without doubt one of the best sides to visit the Vale a fortnight ago and deserved their win. However, to come back 2 days later and put in a dogged performance against a Gloucester side who setup to frustrate was pleasing and ensured we stayed in touch. The game

against Welling was a good contest against the team second in the league and we had to go there, fight and make it hard for them. The boys were exceptional on the day and got a well-earned point that could have easily been 3. We stated a few weeks back that the squad players were very important to us and praised the work ethic of those players who hadn't got many minutes so far this year. As we reach the 3 month mark we are now seeing the need for the squad and for the players who have come in and performed like they have is an absolute credit to every one of them.

The games don't get any easier as we play Bath who currently sit 5th in the league and on the same points as us. They have had an impressive start to the season and come here with plenty of confidence. They are a good attacking footballing side which will make for an exciting game. The boys are prepared and are ready for yet another tough challenge. Enjoy the game!

Enjoy the games!

Bobby and the management team.

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



WEALDSTONE v BATH CITY
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The Elmslie Ender



'They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old. Age shall not weary them or the years condemn.'

As I mentioned in the first programme of the season, a few of us travelled over to France during the early part of the summer to visit a number of World War 1 sites, across the length of the country. We saw at first hand the futility of war, the bravery, and the carnage from all sides. Much of our early trip was to the south west of the country where the war was between the French and the Germans in the main. The incredibly well preserved trenches at La Man de Maages, the French cemetery at Dounamont where 26,000 souls are buried, with another building holding a quite staggering bones of 130,000 soldiers in an Ossuaire, to the killing mountain of Le Linge, in the Alsace, which I mentioned in that article at the start of the season.

We moved on to the Somme, a name etched in the history of this country and the War, where we visited the grave of our editor's great Uncle, Ernest Henry Hyde, together with paying our respects to Wealdstone player and one time captain William Henry Cozens' whose name was

inscribed on the wall of a memorial, his body was never found. In the Somme, there isn't much to see in terms of "war or battle" sites, as the battles were in fields, which turned into a quagmire of mud and have been either ploughed or grown over. What you cannot fail to see is just the number of cemeteries, mainly small, that dot the landscape. As you drive around the countryside, the sheer volume of small sites is somewhat chastening. Bewildering in fact.

We saw all creeds and religions represented amongst those that had fallen. In French cemeteries were not only those from France, but men of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. In one German graveyard of over 30,000 soldiers, we saw Christian and Jew lay side-by-side, twenty years before the Nazis perpetrated against their own kith and kin the unspeakable. In British cemeteries, Christian, Jew, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist and Muslim were laid to rest - Brit, Indian and Chinese together.

We visited sites commencing South Africans, Australians, Canadians and Kiwis.

We never saw any of the immaculate American monuments, but paid our respects to the Footballers Memorial at Delville Wood. We stayed one night in Auchonvilliers, at a guesthouse owned by the mercurial Avril Williams, where a number of footballers, mainly from Clapton Orient, were commemorated on the wall of part of the museum that Avril has built. There are communication trenches at the rear of the building, which makes the guesthouse quite a unique place to stay.

Most poignant for me was the visit to the Indian War Memorial at Nueve-Chapelle, which commemorates the near 5,000 Indian soldiers with no known grave, though obviously where possible Hindus and Sikhs would have been cremated rather than buried. The Indian army of 1.4 million was the largest volunteer army ever assembled and over 87,000 were killed in the year that they fought in the Somme before moving over to Middle East and Turkey. The French are constructing another monument

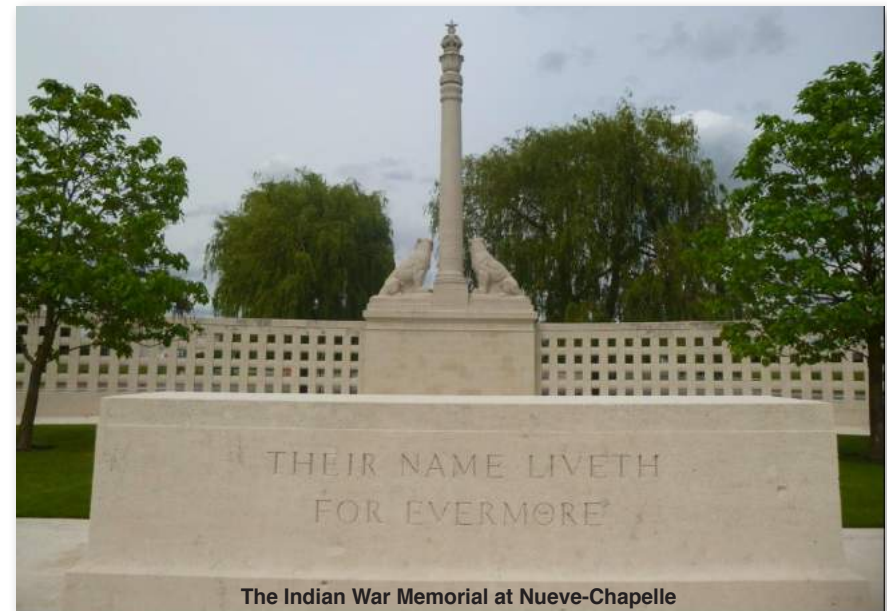
in Villers-Guislain. Strangely in the UK there is only a small memorial in Brighton, where Indian troops were sent for treatment for their wounds, but there is a larger campaign to have one erected in London to the "forgotten heroes" and you might be interested in visiting www.india1914.com.

'We saw all creeds and religions represented amongst those that had fallen'

Most people will have had a relative, somewhere along their lineage, that would have fought or can find a connection with people from their forebears motherland for like me. Wear your Poppy or not, it is up to you, but remember them nonetheless.

Remembrance Sunday is actually just that. Not a glorification of war. Just remembrance. Remembering those individuals that went to war and made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that we now enjoy. A cliché maybe but something worth taking a little time, once a year, to reflect upon.

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The Indian War Memorial at Nueve-Chapelle

STONES INTERVIEW  **BY TIM PARKS**

WEALDSTONE v BATH CITY 10.11.2018

Jake Sheppard

He's not easy to play against and he's not easy to talk to either.. Just don't mention Jake's appearance for Scotland under-21s in Macedonia..

Jake Sheppard is right - he's not the easiest person to talk to!

Some of our lads are outgoing, some are self-effacing, some are a bit defensive but Jake.. well, he's just non-committal.

"Who's the toughest player you've played against?" "Mmm, not sure."

"What about your most memorable game?" "There's been a few".

"How would you take a penalty, if you got the chance?" "I don't think I'd get the chance".

But the 21-year-old warmed up after a while. After all, he'd had a long day working at GPF Lewis and maybe my questions weren't to his liking.

"Okay Jake, didn't you play for the Scotland under-21s? How was that?"

"Ah yes, that was memorable but not in a good way. We got stuffed by Macedonia, three or four-nil in Skopje in front of a 25,000 crowd. And I had an absolute mare!"

"Does it bother you when the crowd gets on your back?" "No, not really - yes you hear the odd comment but I'm too focused on the game. And I don't really care.. it's the team and the result that matters".

Jake signed for the Stones in the



Jake tangles with Torquay's tricky Kalvin Kalala in the game at the Vale and (below) at Welling



summer after an impressive spell on loan from Reading at the end of last season. But the capture of Rhys Taylor gave Bobby Wilkinson the happy headache of having two of the best right-backs in the National League South.

"I didn't come back from holiday in the best shape and Rhys was ahead of me" admits Jake. "And if he didn't get that injury he'd probably still have the shirt. But I've enjoyed the last few games... even if the Sutton match finished in such an extraordinary way. Now that WAS memorable... I doubt I'll ever be involved in a game like that

again. Nobody had much to say at the end of it, it was just so cruel. I was right there at the death, a yard from the guy who got the winner and I thought about sliding in but the referee would probably have given another penalty if I'd gone to ground."

"I imagine the games against Brackley last season will stay in the memory too?" I asked him. Jake laughed: "Yes, that first leg, I've never been so cold! And we played well, didn't deserve to lose. Brackley were very tough, got stuck in but they didn't have any stand-out players. Just a good unit and we couldn't get through them. But if you ask me who's the best team we've faced, that was probably Chelmsford away last season when we lost 3-0. I was impressed with them: very quick and creative".

Jake was born in Chertsey and brought up in the village of West End, between Woking and Camberley. He played Sunday League football for an under-15s team that fed into Farnborough Town's college side, until he was scouted by Reading.

"Yeah, I was at Reading for six years. I guess I was a bit unlucky, never getting close to the first team but I played a lot of games in their reserves, the under-23 team in Premier League Two.

"I went out on loan at 17 to Hayes and Yeading in the Conference South, when they were groundsharing with Maidenhead, and then the following year to Eastleigh and Guiseley, in the National League. And then to Dagenham, also in the National League."

I noticed that, despite being primarily a full back, Jake has also scored a few goals. But he can't remember them!

"Yeah I scored one or two. Quite far out actually. But don't ask me who were playing or anything".

A quick gander on You Tube throws up a 25-yard left footed strike against Chester... and then another cracking effort from outside the box (right foot this time) in the 88th minute to win a home game against Bromley. Two goals in ten appearances for Dagenham... some strikers would be happy with that!

And the last time Jake played against today opponents Bath (at the tail end of last season) he drilled in a sweet strike from a difficult angle to set up a 2-1 win.

I asked him: "When WFC TV interviewed you at the start of the season you said your favourite position is 'up top'. Is that just a dream?" I asked.

"Yes, that was a bit tongue in cheek but I'd love to play further forward. I don't mind defending but it's more enjoyable if you can join in with the strikers... I suppose my favourite realistic position is right wing back. But I'm not too fussed about where I play. I just want to get a shirt".

It was a blow to drop out of pro football in the summer but Jake is happy to have signed for the Stones - especially as our main sponsors GPF Lewis have fixed him up with a job at their Watford office.

"I'm training to be a quantity surveyor - it's a two-year HNC college course combined with helping out with other projects. I've got no previous experience in construction but I'm really enjoying it. It works well with football and training... the office is just down the road from the Harefield Academy".

So all that's left to ask our hotshot defender is.... are you taking the next penalty?

"Ha! I don't think so. I think that job will be rotated between the lads who've already taken one.

Greenie is back in the frame I think - his penalties are always decent but the keeper just got lucky and guessed right last time."





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JAKE SHEPPARD



On the 2nd of September Lieutenant General Sir Francis Lloyd had unveiled a Memorial Plaque at Lower Mead, adjacent to the Pavilion, in memory of those members of the Wealdstone Club that had lost their lives in the First World War. As reported in the Middlesex Advertiser & County Gazette on Friday 15th September 1922.

On the memorial were inscribed the names of the ten club members who were killed or died on war service, the inscription being as follows; "1914 – 1918 In affectionate memory of Andrews, P. Bellchambers, C.F., Bird, C., Bowells, H., Bradberry. R.W., Cozens, W., Goodage, R., Howman, W., Martin, F., Robertson, J., Members of the Wealdstone Football Club who gave their lives for their country in the Great War. Patriae Amicum Armai Deus"

Wealdstone is one of the comparatively few football clubs in the country that has commemorated the sacrifices of its members in this permanent manner.

The club had in fact written to The Duke of York in an attempt to encourage him to unveil the memorial, but it was reported that this request, although met with a pleasing and courteous reply, had been declined. The local public confirmed the feelings of a local reporter and agreed that the tribute that has been paid by the Wealdstone Club is worthy of the affection that the club still retains for the memory of its departed servants. The closing words of the speech by Lieutenant General Sir Francis Lloyd at the unveiling were to instruct the two teams to go out and play the game that they (those named on the plaque) loved so well.

That Memorial plaque, although later moved to a position adjacent to the entrance of the ground, was to remain displayed at Lower Mead until the ground was eventually demolished. Some



years later, in fact around 1998, I was pleased to help when Paul Rumens suggested we establish a 'Friends of Wealdstone'. One of my first decisions in setting that up was that one day, when the club had a home of its own, a new Memorial would be provided, not only to the memory of those lost in the Great War, but also to encompass those lost in World War Two. Money was put aside, and even transferred with a strict instruction, when Alan Hill took on the 'Friends' mantle in the mid 2000's.

Now ensconced at The Vale and with the Centenary of the Armistice falling this year, the time is right...About eighteen months ago, I had an idea and I discussed and tweaked it with Alan and Steve Foster. I then drew up an image and met with a glass artist local to me in Devon, Amy McCarthy @ amyorangejuice <http://www.amyorangejuice.co.uk/> who works with Stained glass, Leaded glass and Fused glass where images are 'burnt' into the glass then used to create a picture.

From the original sketch Amy added her thoughts and we commissioned a new glass memorial panel towards the end of last year. I collected it about a month ago, and have built a frame around the panel, the frame itself symbolising a First World War Trench with aged oak sides, a duck-board floor and an Elephant (corrugated) Iron top. Those bits of barbed wire are finds from field walking on Great War battlefields too...This has been back-lit and hopefully, as you read this on Matchday, you will have seen the memorial presented by two serving servicemen who follow Wealdstone, Andy Gibbs and Sam

Morris to Peter Marsden and Paul Rumens, and hopefully, it will be installed in its permanent location in the clubhouse during the game.

Roger



WEALDSTONE AT WAR

TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE REPRESENTATIVES OF WEALDSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN TWO WORLD WARS.

1914 - 1918

Percival Andrews, DoB 28.04.1889 in Hendon, Middlesex. died on 4th May 1918, aged 29 in 30 General Hospital, Calais, France.

Charles John Francis Bellchambers, DoB 16.09.1882 in Hendon, Middlesex. died as a result of his wounds received at the Battle of Poelcapelle, on 11th October 1917, aged 35

Charles Henry Bird, DoB --.1894 Died of wounds received in the final advance with his unit in Picardy, at the battle of Mons between 17th October and 11th November 1918.

Henry (Harry) James Bowell, DoB -.04.1878. killed in action on 27th September 1915.

Russell William Bradberry, DoB -.10.1884. died of fever in Rouen Hospital on 3rd December 1917 aged 33. Died 03/12/1917 Age 33.

William Henry Cozens, DoB -09.1877 in Fulham, London. Killed in Action on 21st March 1918 aged 41 in the Battle of St Quentin

Frederick Farmborough, DoB - - c1881 Killed in action 12th October 1916 in an attack on Baghdad.

George Richard (Dicky) Goodege, (Incorrectly recorded by the club originally as Goodage R) DoB --.1888 Killed in Action on 22nd November 1915 aged 27

Walter Langston Howman, DoB -.04.1885, Killed in Action on 19th August 1916 while serving with the 1st Middlesex in the region of High Wood on The Somme

Frank Tingay Martin, DoB --.12.1888 in Harrow. Killed in Action on 30th July 1915 at Hooge, near Ypres, Belgium.

James J Robertson, (Incorrectly recorded by the club as Robertson G). DoB unknown. died of wounds received aged 30, on 16th August 1918 at Vignacourt.

The records show that many of the Wealdstone FC squad enlisted at the beginning of the Great War, some joining regiments in which they had previously served, but may 'doing their bit' for the very first time. Some shared their experiences over the next four-and-a-bit years, fighting alongside their peers, other former squad members, while many fought alone, with family members in other regiments, battalions and services.

At the end of the Great War, nine players from the year immediately preceding the war were to return to play once again for the club. A handful more returned home with wounds and injuries received during the war, while eleven were destined never to return home. Of these, six have no known grave, their bodies never recovered.

On Easter Monday, April 14th 1914, with the ever-changing situation in Europe well known, the War Department had arranged a display in Harrow by the local Brigade Voluntary Aid Detachment. It was part of the recruitment drive as a number of the local volunteers had joined a Naval Auxiliary Reserve and numbers were not as high as wished. The demonstration took two parts – the first a simulation of a mine accident – acknowledged as not very common in Harrow – and a second, a football accident, “comprising a stretcher drill under Sergeant Ketley and bandaging by the Nursing Division under Miss Pitcairn. The latter performance was most creditable, being warmly applauded by the audience who closely inspected the work. The concluding scene was the collapse of a Football Stand, arranged by Corporals Hutt

and Manson and the very common accident was realistically carried out.

The good humoured crowd assembled, the teams entered from the back of the hall and the enthusiasm of the crowd caused the collapse of the stand. There were of course Brigade men on hand who administered first aid and removed the injured. As the company passed out of the hall they inspected the ambulance station fitted up in the adjacent room, under charge of Corporal Oram, where everything was neat and orderly and ready for an emergency.”

Some twelve days later, the end of the season saw the club established after their second season in Senior football and looking forward with anticipation. The summer progressed with the normal references to the forthcoming season and the confirmation of which competitions were to be entered, however, this was all put to one side on August 4th 1914. War was declared and before the club could commence their second season as seniors, in common with all other clubs, Wealdstone FC closed down for the duration.

A number of events were organized locally both to encourage enlistment and to raise money for the various support services that were required both at home and overseas and it was highlighted in the Harrow Observer that a good number of local sportsmen were among the first to enlist. This was supported by, on the 11th September, the first published list of those from Harrow and Wealdstone that had joined up, this list alone showing eighteen names of former and present players from Wealdstone FC that had answered the call to arms. Nine more were included on the second list, and by the end of September almost thirty names were listed.

The following would be the War Diary of Wealdstone FC's fallen in The Great War, showing that players from different era's served together and often were in the same location or battle as other members of the club, whether they knew them or not. We can only image what their conversations would have been were they to meet at the time...

George Goodege
4.8.14 - Enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment 9th Battalion at Larkhill Camp at the outbreak of the war, and was later attached to the Norfolk Regiment as a Private,

Service Number TF/1651.

5.8.14 - Entrained on route to Sheerness, where it dug trenches until relieved by a Special Reserve Unit.

William Cozens

19.8.14 - Service Number G/19948 joined the 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, part of Kitchener's New Army, at the age of 37.

James Robertson

6.9.14 - Service Number 58824, joined the forming 11th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), at Hounslow, becoming part of 54th Brigade of the 18th Division.

Charles Bellchambers

8.9.14 - Joined up entering The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, 2nd Battalion, as Private, Service Number 207213

Henry Bowell

10.9.14 - Rejoined the 7th Northants Regiment, with whom he had previously served, taking up his previous rank Lance Sergeant Service Number 3/10684. The 7th Northants were under command of 73rd Brigade in the 24th Division.

Russell Bradberry

10.9.14 - Lance Bombardier Russell William Bradberry Service Number 70878, joined the Royal Garrison Artillery 301st Siege Battalion.

Frank Martin

12.9.14 - Joined the 7th Rifle Brigade, Service Number B/2070

13.9.14 - Joined the battalion at Winchester before moving to Aldershot to join 41st Brigade of the 14th Division.

Charles Bird

14.9.14 - joined the Royal Horse Artillery Service Number 123176. RHA served with 7th Infantry Division on the Western Front.

Frederick Farmborough

14.9.14 - Enlisted as a Private, S/No TF/265283, 1/9th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment

Charles Bellchambers

19.9.14 - 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, moved from Southampton to Lyndhurst to join the 22nd Brigade of the 7th Division.

Walter Howman

21.9.14
PS/2879, though deaf, he was recruited to



the 24th and subsequently 16th Middlesex (Public Schools) Regiment.

Frederick Farmborough & Walter Howman 1.10.14 - Different units but both mobilised at Kempton Park Racecourse.

William Cozens

1.10.14 - Billeted around Brighton and the South Downs.

Charles Bird

4.10.14 - RHA crossed to Zebrugge, Belgium and immediately took station at the Siege of Antwerp.

Charles Bellchambers

6.10.14 - 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment mobilised for war and landed at Zeebrugge and engaged in various actions on the Western Front

George Goodege

10.10.14 - Instructed to prepare to relieve forces of The Raj in India with the Regiment.

Russell Bradberry

10.10.14 - Deployed in the UK initially defending Military bases. By 1916 many of the battalion were dep-loyed to Air Defence.

Frank Martin

12.10.14 - Towards the end of the year was promoted to Acting Corporal then Corporal.

Charles Bellchambers

19.10.14 - First Battle of Ypres, 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment suffered heavy casualties in the battle which lasted for almost a month, and the unit was not restored to full strength until mid 1915.

Charles Bird

First Battle of Ypres, RHA also involved in the battle.

Frederick Farmborough & George Goodege

29.10.14 - Different units but both left Southampton on route to India.

Henry Bowell

1.11.14 - Billeted on the South Downs before moving to Southwick.

Frederick Farmborough & George Goodege

2.12.14 - Both arrived in Bombay after a 34 day crossing by sea and assigned to the Presidency Brigade based in Calcutta.

Walter Howman

4.12.14 - Relocated to be billeted in Warlingham.

William Cozens

10.12.14 - Now part of 73rd Brigade of the 24th Division, relocated to Portslade

Charles Bellchambers & Charles Bird

10.3.15 - Both fought in the battle of Neuve-Chapelle

William Cozens

5.4.15 - Relocated to Shoreham.

James Robertson

1.5.15 - Relocated to billets on Salisbury Plain.

Charles Bellchambers & Charles Bird

9.5.15 - Both fought in the battle of Aubers Ridge, Part of the Second Battle of Artois

Charles Bellchambers
15.5.15 - Both fought in the battle of Festubert was an attack by the British army in the Artois region of France. The ten-day offensive formed part of a series of attacks by the French Tenth Army and the British First Army in the Second Battle of Artois (3 May – 18 June 1915).

Frank Martin

20.5.15 - Mobilised and moved to France disembarking at Boulogne-sur-Mer before moving up the line into Belgium.

Henry Bowell & William Cozens

1.6.15 - Both relocated to Woking.

Percival Andrews

1.6.15 - Running the family business since the age of 20, he was not called up, but he attested to the Derby Scheme (Group Scheme) in June 1915 meaning he could continue the business but would agree to a deferred call-up if required.

Charles Bellchambers

15.6.15 - The 7th Division which by now included the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, moved into the Givenchy sector shortly after their costly involvement in the Aubers Ridge and Festubert assaults. It proved to be a very difficult line to hold, being subject to constant mining, sniping and trench mortar activity.

James Robertson

7.7.15 - Mobilised for war and landed in France

Walter Howman

15.7.15 - Joined 100th Brigade, 33rd Division based at Clipstone Barracks.

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Frank Martin

30.7.15 - Frank was Killed in Action in the first German Liquid Fire attacks (flamethrower) at Hooge Crater, near Ypres, Belgium. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, panel 46-48 & 50.

Frederick Farmborough & George Goodege

4.8.15 - The battalion supplied its first draft to the 2nd Battalion Norfolk Regiment serving in Mesopotamia.

Walter Howman

4.8.15 - Commenced final training on Pereham Down.

Charles Bellchambers

12.8.15 - After the battles of 1915 (Vimy, Lorette, Aubers Ridge, Festubert and Ypres), the front under British control in Artois and Flanders enjoyed a relatively quiet summer with no major attacks being attempted; although both sides continued to lose hundreds of men to sporadic shelling and sniper fire...

William Cozens

31.8.15 - Now 9th battalion, landed in France at Boulogne-sur-Mer.

Henry Bowell

2.9.15 - Deployed overseas, travelling to Boulogne-sur-Mer as part of the 73rd Brigade, for service on the Western Front.

George Goodege

9.9.15 - After volunteering for a transfer, he disembarked in the Persian Gulf and embarked on the 300 mile march to Baghdad.

Charles Bellchambers & Charles Bird

25.9.15 - The Battle of Loos (24 days) was the British Army's contribution to the major Allied offensive launched simultaneously with the main French offensive in Champagne.

William Cozens & Henry Bowell

Took part in the Battle of Loos where Henry was Killed in action, with no known grave, he is named on Panel 91 – 93 of the Loos Memorial, Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos-en-Gohelle.

Frederick Farmborough

5.11.15 - Wounded in the Battle of Ctesiphon, fought between combined British Empire and British Indian forces, against the Ottoman Empire, in Mesopotamia. The campaign in Mesopotamia was to defend

the oil refinery at Abadan at the mouth of the Shatt al-Arab. Adopting a forward defence policy, the British army under General Townshend fought off a series of small Ottoman forces, then after a string of defeats, the Ottoman forces were able to halt the British advance in two days of hard fighting at Ctesiphon.

Walter Howman

17.11.15 - Disembarked at Boulogne-sur-Mer and marched on to Morbecque, serving with the 99th Brigade, 33rd Division

George Goodege

22.11.15 - Killed in action in Baghdad. He has no known grave, but is commemorated on the BASRA Memorial – Panel 30 and 64

Frederick Farmborough

1.12.15 - Returned to his unit and to action in the Siege of Kut, which lasted a number of months. Cut off, the British attacked and tried to relieve the siege throughout the early part of 1916.

Charles Bellchambers

20.12.15 - The 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment transferred to the 91st Brigade of the 7th Division

William Cozens

14.2.16 - Battle of Hooge Crater, Ypres Salient.

30.4.16 - Defended a German Gas Attack at Wulverghem.

15.5.16 - Returned to the Somme.

7.6.16 - The Battle of Messines Ridge, where a series of underground mines secretly planted by British tunnelling units beneath the German 4th Army lines were detonated to start the battle. The battle lasted until 14th June. The nineteen craters (of twenty-six charges laid) ranks among the largest non-nuclear explosions of all time.

Charles Bellchambers, Charles Bird & James Robertson

1.7.16 - Different units but each fought in the battle of Albert which comprised the first two weeks of Anglo-French offensive operations in the Battle of the Somme. The Allied preparatory artillery bombardment commenced on 24 June and the infantry attacked on 1 July, on the south bank from Foucaucourt to the Somme and from the Somme north to Gommecourt, 2 miles beyond Serre.

William Cozens

1.7.16 - The Battle of the Somme (In



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Walter Howman

8.7.16 - Arrived on the Somme front, detained at the railhead at Longeau.

10.7.16 - Joined the ongoing Battle of Albert
Charles Bellchambers & James Robertson

14.7.16 - The second big push, just two weeks after the first assault; the Battle of Bazentin Ridge from July 14-17, when the British scored a rare victory but then failed to exploit it, giving the Germans a chance to regroup and dig in again.

Walter Howman

15.7.16 - Took part in an attack on the Switch Line near High Wood, Regiment suffering 321 casualties

Charles Bellchambers & James Robertson

16.7.16 - The Battle of Delville Wood which lasted until 3rd September was a series of engagements between the Allied and German armies. As part of a general offensive, General Douglas Haig, Commander of the British Expeditionary Force, intended to capture the German second position between Delville Wood and Bazentin le Petit. The attack achieved this objective and was a considerable though costly success.

William Cozens

31.7.16 - The Battle of Pilckem Ridge, the opening attack of the Third Battle of Ypres.

11.8.16 - The Battle of Delville Wood.

James Robertson & William Cozens

16.8.16 - The Battle of Langemarck. After an unusually large amount rain, the poor natural drainage and lack of evaporation turned the ground into a morass. This was worse for the attacking British than the defending Germans, as they occupied the lower-lying ground and were attacking areas which had been frequently and severely bombarded. Mud and flooded shell holes severely reduced the mobility of the infantry and poor visibility hampered artillery observers and artillery-observation aircraft. Rainstorms and German defensive success during August led the British to stop the offensive for three weeks.

Walter Howman

19.8.16 - Killed in Action while serving with the 1st Middlesex Regiment in the region of High Wood on The Somme. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 12D and 13B.

Charles Bellchambers & William Cozens

3.9.16 - The Battle of Guillemont was an attack by the Fourth Army on the village of Guillemont. The village was on the right flank of the British sector, near the boundary with the French Sixth Army. The eventual capture of the village was the culmination of British attacks which began on 22/23 July.

James Robertson

20.9.16 - The Battle of Thiepval Ridge was the first large offensive mounted by the Reserve Army (Lieutenant General Hubert Gough), during the Battle of the Somme. The battle was fought on a front from Courcellette in the east, near the Albert-Bapaume road to Thiepval and the Schwaben Redoubt (Schwaben-Feste) in the west, which overlooked the German defences further north in the Ancre valley, the rising ground towards Beaumont-Hamel and Serre beyond. Thiepval Ridge was well fortified and the German defenders fought with great determination, while the British co-ordination of infantry and artillery declined after the first day, due to the confused nature of the fighting in the mazes of trenches, dugouts and shell-craters.

1.10.16 - The final British objectives of the Battle of Thiepval Ridge were not reached until the reorganisation of the Reserve Army and the Battle of the Ancre Heights, which lasted a further six weeks.

Frederick Farmborough

12.10.16 - Killed in action during an attack on Baghdad. Remembered on the BASRA Memorial.

Charles Bellchambers

13.11.16 - The five day Battle of the Ancre, was fought by the Fifth Army, against the German 1st Army. The battle was the final large British attack of the Battle of the Somme.

Percival Andrews

1.1.17 - This eventually came in January 1917 when he joined the Royal Naval Air Service serving as a Mechanic 1st Class.

Service Number 225242, believed to have been serving in 'B' Squadron, No 5 (Naval) Wing, a bomber unit equipped with Sopwith 1½ Strutters, which it used to carry out raids against the Belgian ports of Ostend, Zeebrugge and Bruges as well as attacks against German airfields

Charles Bird

10.2.17 - 7th Infantry Division became the XIV Army Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery

Russell Bradberry

2.4.17 - The 301st (S) Bty RGA depolyed to France (Le Havre) armed with 4 x 6in Howitzers as part of an HAG (Heavy Artillery Group).

James Robertson

9.4.17 - Attacks as part of the Battle of Arras, a British offensive that lasted until 16 May. British troops achieved the longest advance since trench warfare had begun, before the advance slowed and the German defence recovered. The battle was a costly stalemate for both sides, by the end of the battle, the British Third and First Armies had suffered about 160,000 and the German 6th Army about 125,000 casualties.

Russell Bradberry

Commenced a four-day bombardment in advance of the battle of Arras, (lasted until 16 May).

William Cozens

9.4.17 - An attack on Bois en Hache, part of the Battle of Arras, a British offensive that lasted until 16 May. British troops achieved the longest advance since trench warfare had begun, before the advance slowed and the German defence recovered. The battle was a costly stalemate for both sides, by the end of the battle, the British Third and First Armies had suffered about 160,000 and the German 6th Army about 125,000 casualties.

Percival Andrews

10.4.17 - 'B' Squadron, No 5 (Naval) Squadron began to be equipped with DH4s to replace the Sopwiths

Russell Bradberry

7.6.17 - Battle of Messines Ridge

Charles Bellchambers & James Robertson

10.6.17 - The Hindenburg Line was a German defensive position of World War I, built during the winter of 1916–1917 on the Western Front, from Arras to Laffaux, near Soissons on the Aisne. British troops

pushed the Germans back during the spring and summer of 1917.

Percival Andrews

1.7.17 - 'B' Squadron, No 5 (Naval) Squadron adopted a day-bomber role

James Robertson

31.7.17 - The Battle of Pilckem Ridge (31 July – 2 August 1917) was the opening attack of the Third Battle of Ypres. The British Fifth Army, supported by the Second Army on the southern flank and the French First Army on the northern flank, attacked the German 4th Army, which defended the Western Front from Lille northwards to the Ypres Salient in Belgium and on to the North Sea coast. On 31 July, the Anglo-French armies captured Pilckem Ridge and areas either side, the French attack being a great success.

1.9.17 - The Battle of Passchendaele, known as the Third Battle of Ypres, was a campaign fought by the Allies on the Western Front, from July to November 1917, for control of the ridges south and east of the Belgian city of Ypres in West Flanders, as part of a strategy decided by the Allies at conferences in November 1916 and May 1917. Passchendaele lay on the last ridge east of Ypres, 5 miles from a railway junction at Roulers, which was vital to the supply system of the German 4th Army.

Charles Bellchambers

20.9.17 - The Battle of Polygon Wood took place during the second phase of the Third Battle of Ypres in World War I and was fought near Ypres in Belgium 26 September – 3 October 1917, in the area from the Menin road to Polygon Wood and thence north, to the area beyond St Julien.

Percival Andrews

1.10.17 - he was wounded in October 1917

Charles Bellchambers

4.10.17

The Battle of Broodseinde was fought on 4 October 1917 near Ypres in Belgium, at the east end of the Gheluvelt plateau. It was the most successful Allied attack of the Third Battle of Ypres, as the British devastated the German defence, prompting a severe loss of morale in the German 4th Army. Preparations were made by the Germans for local withdrawals and planning began for a greater withdrawal, which would entail the abandonment by the Germans of the



Belgian coast, one of the strategic aims of the British offensive.

9.10.17 - The Battle of Poelcappelle was fought in Flanders on 9 October 1917. It marked the end of the string of highly successful British attacks in late September and early October as only the supporting attack in the north achieved a substantial advance. On the main front the German defences withstood the limited amount of artillery fire managed by the British after the attack of 4 October. The ground along the main ridges had been severely damaged by shelling and rapidly deteriorated in the rains, which began again on 3 October, turning some areas into a swamp. Dreadful ground conditions had more effect on the British, who needed to move large amounts of artillery and ammunition to support the next attack. The battle was a defensive success for the German army, although costly to both sides. The weather and ground conditions put severe strain on all the infantry involved and led to many wounded being stranded on the battlefield.

11.10.17 - Died as a result of his wounds received at the Battle of Poelcappelle, aged 35. His grave is reference VI. C. 22 in the Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Charles Bird

1.12.17 - XIV Army Brigade transferred to the Italian Front

Russell Bradberry

3.12.17 - Died of Fever in Rouen Hospital. Originally buried in the Bois Guillaume Communal Cemetery extension, Grave Ref B. 11A (where the headstone remains) his body was repatriated and now lies in the Churchyard at All Saints, Harrow Weald.

Percival Andrews

4.2.18 - B' Squadron, No 5 (Naval) Squadron was attached to 5th Brigade of the Royal Flying Corps.

1.3.18 - returned to France in March 1918

Charles Bird

10.3.18 - XIV Army Brigade returned to the Western Front

Percival Andrews

20.3.18 - became ill with Bronchial Pnuemonia, transferred to hospital.

James Robertson

21.3.18 - The Battle of St Quentin part of the German Spring Offensive. This was part of Operation Michael, the largest German artillery barrage of the war (3.5 million shells fired along a 40-mile front).

William Cozens

Killed in Action on 21st March 1918 aged 41 in the Battle of St Quentin at Shepherd's Copse during the German Spring Offensive. This was part of Operation Michael, the largest German artillery barrage of the war (3.5 million shells fired along a 40-mile front). With no known grave he is named on the Poziers Memorial.

Percival Andrews

21.3.18 - Saw action during the German Spring Offensive, the squadron often bombing airfields that it had occupied the previous day, such was the rate of the German advance.

1.4.18 - B' Squadron, No 5 (Naval) Squadron it was transferred to the RAF becoming No 205 Squadron, but otherwise its operations changed little until the end of the war

James Robertson

4.4.18 - The Battle of the Avre, part of the First Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, constituted the final German attack towards Amiens in World War I. It was the point at which the Germans got the closest to Amiens. The attack was an attempt to take Amiens, where other aspects of Operation Michael had failed. The Avre marked the beginning of the end for Ludendorff's Spring Offensive.

5.4.18 - The First Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, another element of Operation Michael. The offensive began against the British Fifth Army and the Third Army on the Somme and pushed back the British and French reinforcements on the north side of the Somme.

Percival Andrews

4.5.18 - Died from Bronchial Pnuemonia aged 29 in 30 General Hospital, Calais, France. His grave is reference III F.2. in the Les Baraques Military Cemetery in Sangatte, France.

James Robertson

8.8.18 - The Battle of Amiens, also known as the Third Battle of Picardy was the

WEALDSTONE AT WAR

1939 - 1945

Kenneth George Edwin Baldwin

DoB -.01.1920
Killed in Action on 28th March 1945, during Operation Plunder, Rhine crossings

Robert William Bidewell

DoB--.09.1919 in Watford, Herts.
Killed in Action aged 25 on 25th September 1944 in Holland

Charles Edward Bunce

DoB --.---.1913 in St Albans, Herts.
died as a Prisoner of War of the Japanese on 25th June 1943.

William Ainsley Burton

a civilian killed as a result of enemy action.

William Wilfred Parr

DoB --.---.1916
Killed in Action on 8/03/1942 aged 26.

Ernest William Walker

DoB --.---.1920
Killed at Sea 3rd August 1944 when HMS Quorn was sunk by a human torpedo

Thomas William Winterbottom

DoB --.---.1924 (incorrectly recorded by the club as Winterbotham, W.)
Killed in action on 28th March 1944.

**They went with songs to the battle,
they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady
and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against
odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.**

**They mingle not with their laughing
comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of
home;
They have no lot in our labour of the
day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.**

opening phase of the Allied offensive which began on 8 August 1918, later known as the Hundred Days Offensive, that ultimately led to the end of the First World War. Allied forces advanced over 11 kilometres (7 mi) on the first day, one of the greatest advances of the war, with Henry Rawlinson's British Fourth Army playing the decisive role.

16.8.18 - Died of wounds received aged 30, in the Battle of Amiens (second battle of The Somme) a few days earlier. His grave is in Vignacourt Cemetery, Somme, France, a Field Cemetery adopted by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission after the war.

Charles Bird - 17.10.18

XIV Army Brigade took part in the Battle of Mons (up till the Armistice) as the Germans were pushed back.

10.12.18 - Died of wounds received a month after the Armistice in the Casualty Clearing Station at Namur, Belgium. He is buried in the Belgrade Cemetery, grave reference I. C. 5, nearby

In conjunction with the brochure given away with the programme last year and with this being the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice, for the time being this will conclude the research into our fallen of the Great War.

BATH CITY FC

1914 - 1918

In memory of the Men from Bath City FC who made the ultimate sacrifice during the great war

Corporal Arthur Crump

Private Bill Offer

Private Fred Strong

Billy Cook

Bert Chapman



ACTION REPLAY

Words - Sam Watts

Tuesday 6th November 2018 - GROSVENOR VALE
Midxx Senior Cup - Attendance 180



FIRST HALF

The big news for Wealdstone was the first team debuts of Luke Massingham, made captain by Bobby Wilkinson, and Femi Azeez. It was a heavily rotated team from the draw at Welling United at the weekend. New signing from Torquay United, Christopher Regis, also made his Wealdstone debut.



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Azeez, Charles,
Slew, Rodgers (2),

LINE-UP

Wheeler
Yale-Bolasic
Payne
Massingham (C)
Rodgers
Regis
Clark
Slew
Charles
Green
Azeez
Subs:
Shomoton
Mitchell
Monakana
Mensah

It was a wake-up call for Wealdstone with only 90 seconds gone in the match. A free kick just inside the Stones half called for an early long ball forward. Craig Tomkins was the man who rose to nod into the path of the unmarked James Burgess who put in from close range. Uxbridge were ahead possibly too early for their own liking.

Within 6 minutes, Stones were leading the game.

Joe Payne darted inside and fizzed the ball through to James Clark on the right wing. His cross was perfect to the back post for youngster Femi Azeez to smash home for the equaliser on 5 minutes. Azeez looked lively ever since the opener, with Wealdstone lifting the intensity. It was his terrific work that set up Slew to assist Elliot Charles, who won't score an easier goal in his career, tapping in a yard from a goal.

Stones were firmly in control. Elliot Charles smashed a shot against the bar and Slew had a shot saved, but Anton Rodgers' thumping free kick was the highlight of the first half.



SECOND HALF

Jerome Slew will be happy with his start to the second half, getting on the scoresheet after Elliot Charles flicked a ball towards goal. Wealdstone had a 4-1 lead at this point and frequent first-teamer Fumnaya Shomotun injected an extra problem for Uxbridge.

With nothing to lose, Uxbridge urged a couple of great saves from Wheeler and on 64 minutes, Tomkins slammed a penalty into the bottom right corner to keep the match in contention.

A rare appearance from Jeffrey Monakana forced Azeez into left back for the last half an hour, which gave Joe Payne a chance to rest for Saturday's game against Bath City. Wealdstone reverted to a back four and settling the game became a priority amidst a courageous attempt at a fightback. But it was a loss of concentration from Wheeler, who had made some key saves until this point, that gave substitute Zaine Gangedeen a clear shot at an empty net, 12 minutes from time. It was hard to believe the game was in contention.

Elliott Charles missed a fantastic opportunity to kill the tie after a floated cross from Monakana, heading the ball wide, whilst Monakana's curled effort ended up in a similar position. But the game was put beyond all doubt with 2 minutes from time when Anton Rodgers scored another well-placed free kick,

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Burgess, Gangedeen,
Tomkins

LINE-UP

Hassan
Tubb
Antwi
Watson
Thomas
Warner (C)
Maguire
Burgess
Tomkins
Larba
Pink
Subs:
Gangedeen
Testolin
Thomas
Woods
Zaheer



We only had to wait 40 YEARS between home wins over Bath!

Not too many years ago, our playing record against today's visitors was so lamentable that the Stones' hopes were written off even before we left Harrow. And when we were at home to Bath, our record was even worse!

Hard to believe, but in 17 home league fixtures against the Romans stretching across FOUR decades, we never beat them once. Not once!

In that dismal run of 31 games in all competitions, the Stones did manage to win twice at Bath's Twerton Park: Once in the Gola Conference (3-2) in February 1986 and then 1-0 in the League Cup 1st round, 1st leg in August 1982. Needless to say, we lost the second leg at home 2-0 and went out on aggregate.

No surprise then, that the celebrations continued long into the night when the two clubs finally met in the Conference South just before Christmas 2015 at Twerton Park and that late Joe Turner goal - in the midst of Raidermania - secured a long-overdue win.

However..... we'd still not beaten Bath on our home ground. From Lower Mead to Chestnut Avenue (Northwood) and finally to The Vale, we'd failed to win since a Tuesday evening in November 1975 - a splendid 3-1 victory in the Southern League Premier Division thanks to goals from George Duck, Willie Watson and Ray Fulton in front of a 1,283 crowd.

And then it happened...

Saturday November 22, 2015, Vanarama National Lge South: Wealdstone 2 Bath 0

On a bitterly cold afternoon and on a boggy pitch it was Wealdstone's impressive work rate and defensive determination that saw them to victory over bogey side Bath City.

Missing Wes Parker (calf) together with Micky Corcoran (Knee), Tom Cadmore (ankle) and midfielder Matty Harriott (another failed fitness test), Stones dramatically took



Matt Ball (out of picture) rams in the second goal to leave Bath players sprawling. Left: Louis and Davies celebrate the opener

the lead after only two minutes play. Matt Ball played a lovely inside pass to Scott

Davies who powered into

the box and was promptly bundled over.

Jefferson Louis stepped up to take the spot kick and smashed the ball past City keeper Steve Phillips.

City counter attacked immediately and Stones keeper Jonathan North stopped Watkins and McCootie from snatching an equaliser. But they failed to break through a resolute defence with Tom Hamblin (himself not fully fit) and Josh Urquhart on top form with full backs Olly Duffy and Dale Binns putting in great shifts aided superbly by the persistent harrying of Elliott Godfrey.

The second period was more open than the first as both sides attacked. City almost got the break they craved on 60 minutes when Kaid Mohamed found space but he volleyed wide of the target in a great position.

Shaun Lucien almost found the net on 75 minutes with a superb run and strike but Phillips produced a wonderful save as play became end to end.

As the Romans pushed up, Stones found space to counter with speed and energy and Bradley Hudson- Odoi was finding some real joy down the left flank with ten to go. With three minutes of normal time remaining it was BH-O who created the opportunity for the popular Matt Ball to sweep the ball home at the far post to seal the points.



Who's this? A familiar face in a Bath City shirt three years ago

...and who says our games are always low-scoring affairs? Twerton Park saw an eight-goal thriller at end of the 70s

Saturday October 20 1979, Alliance Premier League: Bath City 4 Wealdstone 4

What an about-turn! After years of (literally) pointless Southern League trips to Bath, we turned up at Twerton Park this autumn Saturday 39 seasons ago with no other expectation than the usual 1-0 or 2-0 defeat.

The only difference this time was that it was taking place in the newly-formed Alliance Premier League (now Conference National) that had been formed the previous summer comprising the top clubs in non-League's top competitions - the Southern League and Northern Premier League.

Having just squeaked into the 20-strong league, the Stones weren't expected to dent the ambitions of the Bostons Uniteds, Scarboroughs, Stafford Rangers, Ketterings and indeed Bath Citys of this world... and we didn't disappoint anybody.

By the time of this trip we were second bottom of the table with the most goals conceded in the division - which the Bath programme editor kindly pointed out in his

article that day (overpage).

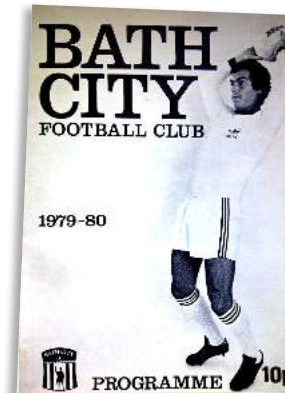
Actually, looking back at that list of non-League's 'big guns' from back in the day it's noticeable that all of those clubs have since fallen from grace, and that none of them are currently higher in the football pyramid than ourselves.

One factor in our survival was crucial, however: chairman Fred Deanus had just sacked ultra-conservative manager Alan Fogarty, appointed rookie reserve team boss Ken Payne and suddenly Stones were playing with the shackles removed.

We were no great shakes defensively, but in Neil Cordice (yet to be joined by brother Alan) we had a devastating striker on his day, backed up by ferocious England non League international Willie Watson, the artisan Robin Wainwright and the talented Nigel Johnson.

And that was why this innocuous trip to our nemesis, Bath, turned into one of my all-time favourite away days.

Travelling down with the fellow 'Skinless Bangers' Nick Symmons, Mick Fishman and Steve Paull in Nick's (t)rusty old



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WE'VE MET BEFORE (CONTINUED)

Hillman Minx - laid to rest after the journey with 98,000 miles on the clock - we'd found a brilliantly awful cafe near the ground - Bill's Bar, still trading to this day - which set us up for the anticipated heavy going at Twerton Park.

And for half an hour it went as planned. Bath soaked up some early pressure and then.. Whack! Whack! We were two down as Wheeler and Jenkins left keeper Ian Cranstone grasping.

So far, so predictable. But then Stones shocked our fans, and rocked Bath, with three goals in 13 minutes to give us a 3-2 lead going into the break!

First, centre-back Seamus Horgan headed in a freekick. Then Bobby Moss converted a low Cordice cross. And then, unbelievably, celebrated referee Clive Thomas gave us a penalty and Horgan stepped up to thrash the ball past the home keeper.

It was bizarre enough to have a World Cup referee in the middle at a Stones match - the APL drew its officials from the same pool as the Football League - but stranger things began to happen as Neil Cordice began to torment the home defence like a man possessed.

In the next home programme (for the 5-0 win over pacesetters Yeovil, when Cordice scored the Best Wealdstone Goal of All Time) I described his performance at Twerton as the greatest I'd ever seen from a Wealdstone striker and I still stand by that, even 39 years later (sorry, Mr Goodger).

Neil had already blasted half a dozen

shots at the home goal - which either narrowly missed or were fielded by the keeper - but a Cordice exocet in the 51st minute found no resistance. He stepped inside two challenges and fired irresistibly home from 25 yards.

We were just dancing around on the terraces, unable to believe what we were seeing. 4-2 up at Twerton Park! Was the Bath bogey about to be broken?

Step forward Mr Thomas. The Treorchy referee had courted controversy throughout his career (denying Brazil a World Cup goal only the previous year, left) and was happy to take centre stage as - once again - it became all about him. He pointed theatrically to the penalty spot on the hour as Bath desperately threw men forward.

Now 4-3. Could we hold on? With a run-of-the-mill referee, I rather think we would. But his piece de resistance came with seven minutes left on the clock: Cranstone was battered by two of the Bath giants coming out for a cross and the ball was half cleared. In it came again and, with the keeper lying motionless on the ground, it was headed into an empty net. Surely Mr Thomas would blow for a foul?

But no, with another Shakespearean flourish he signalled to the centre spot. We were speechless. Bath had got out of jail and the referee's part in the drama was highlighted by the dozens of small boys who ran onto the pitch at the final whistle and, ignoring the players, made straight for Mr Thomas to gain his prized autograph!

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Well, as I mentioned earlier we had a rejuvenated autumn under Ken Payne, thrashing Yeovil the following week and then Isthmian leaders Woking 1-0 at Lower Mead to win a place in the FA Cup first round - and a home tie with Third Division (League One) Southend United. We battled to an unfortunate 1-0 defeat in that one, and then in a stuttering first APL season harvested enough points to finish in 15th place... one higher than Bath, who were desperately disappointed with that showing having been Southern League champions just 24 months earlier.

Ken Payne kept his job but only until November 1980 when an FA Cup exit to Harlow saw him replaced by Allen Batsford. And then the glory years...



The club is no doubt going through a very important transitional period with new players coming into the side to replace more established members and obviously any new team takes time to settle.

However, the most alarming aspect in my mind this season is the ease with which we are being beaten away from home, especially with the win at Kettering showing the team can perform well if the attitude and the effort is there. But at Altrincham, it seems, we did not compete well enough to make up for the lack of experience in the side, as has been the case on many other occasions this season.

Nevertheless, we have the ideal opportunity to begin to put things right this afternoon as our visitors from Wealdstone have the worst defensive record in the League. We welcome their team and Manager, Alan Fogerty, to Twerton Park and look forward to a good entertaining game. This is what is needed to help bring some of our lost supporters back. In fact our crowds are very poor in comparison with other clubs, with Kettering, Scarborough, Northwich, Boston and Worcester all topping the 2,000 mark regularly these days.

Micky Brown, Bill Byrne, sadly missed

No punch 'Stones ask too much of defence

Bath City 3, Wealdstone 1

WITHOUT strikers Micky Brown (ill) and Bill Byrne (on holiday), Wealdstone showed a dreadful lack of penetration up front and a sun-drenched West Country crowd of 3,091 saw Bath City call the tune throughout, save for the opening 15 minutes.

On this form Bath seem likely to make a quick return to the Premier Division of the Southern League from which they were relegated last season. Bath, in fact, appear to have made wonderful progress considering they were on the verge of disbanding during the close season through financial problems.

A new board was appointed, and brought their finances on a sound basis to such an extent that their Development Fund alone nets them £140 weekly, compared with Wealdstone's approximate £40.

Bath's local sports paper, which carried a front page report of the game, gave the opinion: "Wealdstone will be one of the better sides in the Southern section". On this form, one feels that this was written more to add gloss to Bath's victory than as a tribute to the 'Stones', who gave the impression that they could have played all night without scoring.

Wealdstone's defence endured something like 70 minutes of intense pressure and it soon became obvious that by the law of averages they would not contain Bath's fast-running attack for the whole match and get away with a draw.

Mistakes led to the first two City goals but, in pressure, they might be, ultimately tells. Wealdstone started 4-2-4, with Dyson and Whitaker on the wings, and Duck and young Livingstone in the middle, but as the wingers were rarely in the game the two middle men

the game the two middle men were left to plough a lone furrow. Duck displayed some telling touches, laying off the ball well, but Livingstone, alas, just not yet ready for senior football.

Alick Brown seemed unhappy in his defensive midfield role, for he is a player who likes to go through. Consequently the back-four men had a murderous ordeal in the hot sun.

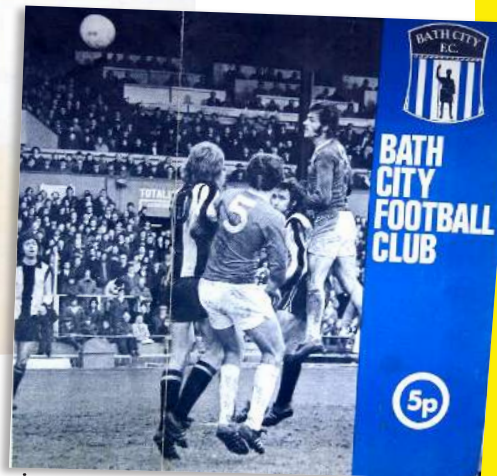
The experiment of moving Pearce to right back to allow new signing Burgess to play centre-back did not succeed as far as Pearce was concerned, and it would surprise no-one if these two were to change roles. Burgess had a good game, and Presland is playing as well as he was when the last season ended. Manager Sid Prosser's wisdom in retaining him was underlined.

reputation, but he was finally beaten after 20 minutes when Gover banged one in just inside a post.

Not until two minutes after the interval did Bath score again, Sydenham, newly-signed from Plymouth, scoring. After 60 minutes Norman made it three and Wealdstone were a spent force.

With 10 minutes to go Burgess headed in to under-line the fact that a reasonable front line would have found the home defence far from impregnable.

Wealdstone: Barr; Burgess, Pearce, Cockell, Presland; A. Brown, Furie, Dyson, R. Livingstone, Duck, Whitaker, Sub. Hale.



There were over 3,000 at Twerton for our first meeting

Saturday August 12, 1972, Southern League Div One South: Bath City 3 Wealdstone 1

The two clubs first met in 1972 when Bath - one of non-League football's great behemoths - were languishing in the Southern League's First Division (South).

After a chequered career in the Southern League, and coming close to promotion to the Football League via the nod-and-a-wink voting system (horribly skewed against 'outsiders') Bath had had some lean years and found themselves demoted. Nevertheless, a crowd of 3,091 turned out at sun-drenched Twerton Park for the first game of the 72-73 season to watch City take on a Wealdstone work-in-progress

1974 as champions, City finishing 11 points behind as runners-up, and were then bracketed with Bath right through our Southern League days in the 70s, through the formation of the Alliance Premier League, the Gola League and the GM Vauxhall Conference. And when we were relegated again in 1988, Bath even accompanied us back into the Southern League - although they made it back after just two seasons while our own downward spiral began.

The weight of history always seems to make our games memorable. Even with less than 3,000 in the ground today!



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WOKING Monday, 13th August Vanarama National League South	Wealdstone FC Supporters Club
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TRURO CITY Saturday, 1st September Vanarama National League South	Optima Site Solutions
CHELMSFORD CITY Saturday, 15th September Vanarama National League South	Optima Site Solutions
GREAT WAKERING ROVERS Saturday, 22nd September FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round	Dominic Whyley
HAMPTON & RICHMOND Saturday, 13th October Vanarama National League South	David Leigh
SUTTON UNITED Saturday, 20th October FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round	Sentinel7
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BATH CITY Saturday, 10th November Vanarama National League South	Ray Corner & Peter Carter
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MATCH	SPONSORS
SLOUGH TOWN Wednesday, 26th December Vanarama National League South	Sentinel7 Your Name Here? Your Name Here?
OXFORD CITY Saturday, 29th December Vanarama National League South	Tony Platt Your Name Here? Your Name Here?
DARTFORD Saturday, 5th January Vanarama National League South	Sudhir Rawal Your Name Here?
HUNGERFORD TOWN Saturday, 19th January Vanarama National League South	Your Name Here? Your Name Here? Your Name Here?
BILLERICAY TOWN Saturday, 2nd February Vanarama National League South	Wealdstone FC Ladies Your Name Here?
ST ALBANS CITY Saturday, 16th February Vanarama National League South	Sudbury Plastering Your Name Here?
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CHIPPENHAM TOWN Saturday, 23rd March Vanarama National League South	Turf Doctor Specialists Ltd Your Name Here?
EAST THURROCK UNITED Saturday, 6th April Vanarama National League South	Jon Taffel ProKit UK Your Name Here?
DULWICH HAMLET Saturday, 20th April Vanarama National League South	In Memory of George Mowle
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN Saturday, 27th April Vanarama National League South	SFC Wealdstone Your Name Here? Your Name Here?

KEY TO SYMBOLS

□ = Yellow Card	⊥ = Goal	⇌ = 2nd Player Substituted	NLS = National League South	MCC = Middlesex Charity Cup
■ = Red Card	⊥ = Penalty	⇌ = 2nd Substitute Used	FAC = FA Cup	
⊥ = Straight Red	→ = 1st Player Substituted	⇌ = 3rd Player Substituted	FAT = FA Trophy	
■ = Man of the Match	← = 1st Substitute Used	⇌ = 3rd Substitute Used	MSC = Middlesex Senior Cup	

RESULTS & FIXTURES 2018/2019

AUGUST		Competition	Result	Crowd	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK
4	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	NLS	4-1	750	2	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	White	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Bubb	Mambo	Lench	Monakana	Sheppard
7	Hungerford Town	NLS	1-1	435	5	North	Tyler	Sheppard	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	White	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Bubb	Mambo	Brown	Lench	Monakana
11	Billericay Town	NLS	0-1	1,152	11	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Monakana	Ahmidi	Pratt	White	Hudson-Odoi	Bubb	Mambo	Green	Wilson	Clark
13	WOKING	NLS	1-0	1,323	8	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Monakana	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	White	Bubb	Mambo	Lench	Clark	Mitchell
18	Dartford	NLS	3-0	981	5	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Monakana	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Bubb	White	Mambo	Mitchell	Clark	Lench
25	CONCORD RANGERS	NLS	1-1	786	5	North	Tyler	Grant	Okimo	Mambo	Poku	Monakana	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Bubb	Wilson	Hudson-Odoi	Mitchell	White	Lench
27	Oxford City	NLS	0-3	466	8	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	White	Lench	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	White	Bubb	Sheppard	Monakana	Clark
SEPTEMBER																					
1	TRURO CITY	NLS	3-0	743	5	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Bubb	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Mambo	Monakana	Mitchell	Lench	Sheppard
8	Dulwich Hamlet	NLS	1-1	1,103	6	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Bubb	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Sheppard	Brown	Monakana	Lench
15	CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS	2-3	856	11	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Bubb	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Sheppard	Brown	Monakana	Lench
22	GREAT WAKING ROVERS	FAC20	2-0	402	11	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Lench	Ahmidi	Brown	Bubb	Shomotun	Wilson	Mambo	Hudson-Odoi	Monakana	Sheppard
29	East Thurrock United	NLS	1-0	274	7	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Lench	Ahmidi	Brown	Shomotun	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Green	Monakana	Slew	Clark
OCTOBER																					
6	Hungerford Town	FAC30	2-1	306	7	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Shomotun	Ahmidi	Bubb	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Monakana	Lench	Slew	Clark
13	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	NLS	2-1	1,163	4	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Shomotun	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Bubb	Wilson	Charles	Clark	Slew	Lench
20	SUTTON UNITED	FAC40	1-2	1,082	4	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Bubb	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Bubb	Shomotun	Wilson	Charles	Lench	Slew
27	TORQUAY UNITED	NLS	0-3	1,241	7	North	Sheppard	Tyler	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Shomotun	Lench	Pratt	Green	Bubb	Wilson	Charles	Mensah	Hudson-Odoi	Clark
29	GLOUCESTER CITY	NLS	2-0	675	5	North	Tyler	Okimo	Wilson	Stevens	Poku	Shomotun	Mensah	Pratt	Bubb	Hudson-Odoi	Sheppard	Green	Clark	Charles	Slew
NOVEMBER																					
3	Welling United	NLS	1-1	507	7	North	Tyler	Payne	Stevens	Wilson	Poku	Sheppard	Mensah	Pratt	Bubb	Hudson-Odoi	Shomotun	Charles	Green	Clark	Slew
6	UXBRIDGE	MSC2R	5-3	180	7	Wheeler	Wheeler	Yala-Bolasie	Payne	Massingham	Rodgers	Regis	Clark	Slew	Charles	Bubb	Azeez	Shomotun	Mitchell	Monakana	Mensah
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ABOVE: Action from our superb battling draw away to pace setters Welling United last week. Only a late equaliser prevented us returning to the Vale with all three points. Picture: @dfinillphotos

FRIENDLY RESULTS 2018/2019

June 30 **Bracknell Town** (Away) **D 3-3**

Bubb, Monakana (2)

July 9 **Marlow** (Away) **W 1-0**

Pratt

July 14 **Swindon Supermarine** (Away) **W 1-0**

Bubb

July 17 **Maidenhead United** (Home) **D 0-0**

July 21 **Aldershot Town** (Home) **D 1-1**

Hudson-Odoi

July 23 **Reading U23s** (Away) **L 0-2**

July 24 **Staines Town** (Away) **W 5-2**

Pratt (2), White, Monakana, Lench

July 28 **Bromley** (Home) **L 1-2**

Bubb

July 31 **Cardiff City** (Home) **W 3-0**

Ahmidi, Harris, Bubb

Sep 3 **Potters Bar Town** (Home) **W 2-1**

Monakana, Own Goal



The World of Ball

One club or two? Or three? or four...

I'm writing this on a dark Tuesday evening as I make my way back from Bishop's Stortford in Hertfordshire. Stones fans will, of course, may well recall that one of our first matches in the National League South was away to Stortford in 2014; we came back to draw 2-2 in a match that emphasised just how tricky our transition to Step Two was likely to be. (And so it proved.)

Opposite me are two blokes on their way to Wembley to see Spurs take on PSV. Except the talk is not merely about Dele Alli, the Champions League, the likelihood of a top six finish and whenever the hell their glitzy new palace of a stadium will finally open its doors. No, there's also a little segue into the performance of their local side and their predicament in this season's Isthmian League Premier division.

It's good to hear two fans who, it seems, will be helping fill the coffers at their local town side while maintaining their connection to one of the country's top sides. It's evidence of how football fans are consuming an ever more varied footballing diet.

Multiple personalities

Don't get me wrong, we football fans have always had our favourite 'other' clubs; those we know through friends or as a result of making a fresh start in some other part of the country. Many a non-league fan has also had a familial affiliation to one of the country's top teams. Today, though, you're just as likely to have a Premier League club as your main side, yet be spending quite a bit more time with your local non-leaguers. Or, hell, even



that club you once visited while on holiday. Or the one in the colours you've always had a fancy for.

But what's different these days is the level of club minutiae at multiple clubs that fans can sustain. In time gone by, you'd of course know your main club inside out – but you'd likely have just a passing acquaintance with your 'side' club's activities.

These days it's no longer the simple equation it used to be. More and more of us get to cultivate not so much a lifelong one-club love but a personally curated portfolio of clubs and colours. It's a far more sophisticated palette.

Of course it's the internet that's changed all of this, just as surely as it is currently unravelling and redefining all public discourse. It is appreciably easier here in 2018 to keep track of every incremental announcement compared to the olden days when the most a fair weather fan could hope for is to see their team in grainy seven point text underneath all the real football results in the biggest of the Sunday papers.

The fair-weather fan may have once come down to a match in near total ignorance of the likely side and competitive nature of the

BY MARTIN READ



WEALDSTONE v BATH
WORLD OF BALL

mutually convenient association between non-league and league teams, with the former gaining skilled players and the latter able to provide much needed competitive experience to their ambitious youth. This relationship itself is today made more overt to fans, the big boy clubs now openly extolling the virtue of their fans coming to support the club they're trying out future stars with when there's an international break on.

These days the water-cooler conversations I have about Wealdstone with colleagues or work acquaintances are rarely limited to "where's that?" or "yes, but who's your *real*

team?"; I'm as likely to find that someone has boned up on the boys in blue, opening up the conversation about our patchy record on penalties this season, or the quality of our midfield. Of course, that level of awareness

has been hugely helped by the work of Ambassador Raider over the last four years - but that just shows the power of the internet. While our profile outside of the area has been improved immeasurably as a result of the Raider's own lofty profile, what we're seeing is fans made aware of us now knowing considerably

more about us had the Raider's altercation at Whitehawk been promoted solely through, say a 'And finally' item on the local Sussex TV news.

Anyway, there you have it. I've got to go to work now. Doubtless the thirty minutes of cramped hell I'll be suffering next to my fellow travellers' armpits on the London Overground will permit me the time to check out the weekend's likely starting elevens at Brentford, Fulham, Rotherham and, of course, the mighty mighty Stones. And maybe Partick Thistle. Or Palace. Or...

game; today he or she knows who's in and who's out, the strengths and weaknesses,, what the club's mood music is. Back in the day, well, he or he would just turn up and get what's given. And that would be it, until the next time.

Slick operation

It's also the case that a well-run non-league club these days can present itself to the world in just as slick a way as their Premier League cousins. Our own social media feeds are an excellent example, apeing those of clubs who, admittedly, have the budget to go the 'extra mile' with (for example) high production value staged celebratory tweets. Yet absolute high-end polish aside, we at Wealdstone are matching 95% of the output of, say, a Watford of a QPR. Hell, I'm still in awe of the fact that I can watch one of our goals going in while on a train. It's all a world away from the pre-internet era when non-league clubs promoted themselves by poster, word of mouth and local newspaper alone.

And of course, for young fans considering their own portfolio options there's the

"Back in the day, we would just turn up and get what's given"

Opposition in focus



Bath City was formed in 1889 and played at the Belvoir Ground in East Twerton until the 1st World War. After this they played at Lambridge (now the site of Bath Rugby club's training ground), returning to their roots in Twerton in 1932. The club has been at Twerton Park for the last 77 years.

Originally the Club played in local football competitions, then joined the Western League in 1908, progressing to the Southern League in 1921. City played in the Western section of the Southern League, which they won in 1929/30 and 1932/33.

During the 2nd World War City played in a number of unofficial competitions and became the only semi-professional side to win a Football League trophy, the Second Division Northern Section Championship, finishing above Liverpool, Manchester United and

Everton. After the war the Club were obliged to revert back to the Southern League.

Post-war the Club won the Southern League championship in 1959/60 and again in 1977/78, when they lost only two league matches during the whole season. In the first championship-winning season, in 1960, the Club played Brighton in the FA Cup when a record 18020 attended Twerton Park.

In 1979 the Club became founder members of the Alliance Premier League, now the Football Conference, a league in which they remained until 1986/87. Relegated in that season they bounced back to the Conference two years later. Bath continued in the Conference until relegation to the Southern League in the 1996/97 season.

Off the field, dramatic events have taken place over the last few years. Despite ten years of ground sharing with Bristol Rovers and good FA Cup runs, City continued to spend more than they earned. In December 1997, matters finally came to a head when, faced with mounting debts, the Club's major shareholder negotiated for the Independent Supporters Association to take over the running of the Club. In 2002, the Supporters Society ('Trust') was set up with the help of 'Supporters Direct' and in one year raised nearly £250,000 from Trust members and private shareholders to buy back the club and regain control from the majority shareholder.

Former City player and Wales international, Paul Bodin, managed the club for 3 seasons before making way for Alan Pridham in May 2001. The club narrowly avoided relegation by winning their final 2 matches of the 2001-02 season and improved to 14th place in 2002-03. After a poor start to 2003-04, Pridham was replaced by Gary Owers. He guided City to 6th place in 2004-05, but that season's highlight was reaching the 2nd round of the FA Cup.

John Relish took over as manager in May 2005 and after coming second in 2006, City emphatically won the Southern League title in May 2007 to earn promotion to the

BATH WHO'S WHO..

JERRY GILL - MANAGER

Jerry was named as manager of Bath City in October 2017. This marked a return to Twerton Park having played well over 200 times for the club between 1990 and 1996. He began his career with Trowbridge Town before spending 18 months at Leyton Orient without making a first team appearance. He dropped back into non-league football with Weston Super Mare from where he joined City in December 1990. Was soon a regular in the side, both in midfield and at right-back, before moving onto Yeovil Town in July 1996. He spent just one season with the Glovers, helping them win promotion to the Conference and earning a call-up to the England National Game XI side. This attracted then interest of 1st Division Birmingham City, who paid £30,000 for his services in July 1997. During his five seasons with the Blues they reached the League Cup Final and won promotion to the Premier League. After a loan spell with Northampton Town he joined them permanently in November 2002. A serious knee injury sidelined Jerry for the first half of the 2003-04 season and when he returned to fitness he joined Cheltenham Town in February 2004. He went on to spend four seasons with Cheltenham Town, helping them to promotion to League One via the play-offs. He made his first move into coaching with Forest Green Rovers in October 2008 before bringing playing career to a close at Redditch United for the 2009-10 season. In January 2010 he was named as Weymouth manager but, with the club already in financial meltdown, he resigned after 44 days. Since then he has held roles at Bristol Rovers, Birmingham City and Kidderminster Harriers, with his major appointments being at Norwich City as U18 and U23 Coach and then Wolverhampton Wanderers as U18 Coach. Jerry has held the FA UEFA A Coaching Diploma for 5 years.

RYAN CLARKE- GOALKEEPER

Ryan signed for City in the summer of 2018. He started with his home town club of Bristol Rovers but it was at Oxford United that he made his name as on of the outstanding custodians in the lower leagues. After leaving

Conference South. Relish left in October 2008 with his assistant, Adie Britton taking over. After successive 8th place finishes, City secured promotion back to the Conference National after finishing 4th and winning the play-off final at Twerton Park in 2010. After an excellent 10th place finish in their first season City endured a miserable season only climbing off the bottom of the division with one game to go. Back in Conference South, after brief flirtations with the top and bottom of the division, City finished 11th but in October 2012 saw a change of manager as Lee Howells took over from Adie Britton. Howells guided City to an improved 7th in 2013-14.

The 2014-15 season saw City lose on penalties to North Ferriby United in the FA Trophy semi-final, the furthest they have got in the competition's history. Fourteenth place was achieved in the league.

Gary Owers was reappointed manager in February 2016 after the resignation of Lee Howells and he oversaw a run of five wins in the final seven matches to preserve City's National League South status. Throughout the 2016-17 season they flirted with the play-off positions but inconsistency ensured a 9th place finish. After a promising start to the 2017-18 season Owers left to take charge of Torquay United and former City player, Jerry Gill, was appointed and took the club to a respectable 9th position.

Off the field the club has moved to Community ownership following a successful 'Back the bid' campaign during the past two years. This has given the club greater stability and the ability to move forward on and off the pitch with the redevelopment of Twerton Park the long term plan.

City have a proud FA Cup history having reached the third round proper 6 times. Wins against league clubs along the way have included Crystal Palace, Exeter City, Notts County, Millwall, Southend United, Cardiff City, Hereford United and Grimsby Town.

ROMANS FACTS

GROUND - Twerton Park
CAPACITY - 8,840 (1,006 seated)

MANAGER - Jerry Gill
2017/18 - National League South 9th

BATH CITY

THE ROMANS WHO'S WHO..

Oxford in 2015 he joined Northampton Town and then had spells at AFC Wimbledon, Eastleigh and Torquay United.

KIERAN HODGES- GOALKEEPER

Weston-super-Mare born Kieran joined City part way through the 2017-18 season. Opportunities have been limited so far but will provide valuable back up to Ryan Clarke this season. Previously with Paulton Rovers.

KEVIN AMANKWAAH- DEFENDER

Vastly experienced right-back who started his career with Bristol City. Went on to represent Yeovil Town, Swansea City and Swindon Town with some distinction whilst also featuring in shorter spells for a number of other lower league clubs. Kevin spent three seasons with Sutton United whom he left in September 2017.

DAN BALL- DEFENDER

Joined City from Bristol City having come through the youth system at Ashton Gate. Injuries hampered his progress with the Robins but he quickly settled at Twerton Park and now in his sixth season at Twerton Park and has made over 250 appearances.

JACK BATTEN - DEFENDER

Another ex-Bristol City defender. Jack initially signed for Bath on loan before joining permanently in 2016. Jack has established himself at the heart of City's defence and has chipped in with some useful goals.

ROBBIE CUNDY - DEFENDER

Robbie joined The Romans in the summer of 2018 having spent the 2017-18 season with fellow NL South side Gloucester City. Started his career with Oxford United and has had spells with Daventry Town, Chesham United, Southport and Oxford City.

ANTHONY STRAKER - DEFENDER

The Grenadian international signed for City in June 2017 having spent the previous season at Aldershot Town. Started in Crystal Palace's youth system and has also gone on to represent Wycombe Wanderers, Southend United, York City, Motherwell and Grimsby Town.

MICHEE EFETE - DEFENDER

Joined in early October on three months' loan from Maidstone United. He played for City in pre-season having previously been on Crystal Palace's and Norwich's books. Has also enjoyed a loan spell with Torquay United.

JOE RAYNES- DEFENDER/MIDFIELD

Bath born Joe has earned a place in City's team having served local clubs Odd Down, Larkhall Athletic and Frome Town with some distinction in the formative years of his career.

FRANKIE ARTUS - MIDFIELD

Bristol born midfielder who was released by Bristol City having missed out on the first team despite a host of loan spells at other clubs. Was picked up by Cheltenham Town before moving on to Grimsby Town and Hereford United. Signed for City in June 2014 and has over 150 appearances to his name.

MATT RICHARDS - MIDFIELD

Matt signed for City in November 2017 having spent a year out of the game with injury. Started at Ipswich Town making 150 appearances for the Tractor Boys before having spells with Brighton & Hove Albion (loan), Walsall, Shrewsbury Town and Dagenham & Redbridge.

SEAN RIGG- MIDFIELD

Signed at the beginning of February 2018 af-

ter his release by Newport County. Has made around 300 Football League appearances for Bristol Rovers, Port Vale, Oxford United, AFC Wimbledon and Newport as well as having loan spells at Forest Green Rovers and Grays Athletic.

JAMES MORTON - MIDFIELD

Bristol City teenager has joined Bath for a second loan spell having enjoyed a successful period during the 2017-18 season. An excellent passer of the ball who will also provide a defensive shield for his back four.

TOM SMITH - MIDFIELD

Tom has joined City on loan until January from Cheltenham Town having found first team appearances at the Robins restricted since joining in the summer. First played for City last season on loan from Swindon Town, finishing second top scorer with 11 goals.

ANDY WATKINS - FORWARD

Having started at Bideford, spent many years bulging the net for Truro City scoring nearly 150 times for the Cornishman. Joined City in May 2013 and his pace and mobility has proven to be a real asset. Racked up over 200 appearances for City.

ADAM MANN FORWARD

Adam had a successful season with Evesham United last season earning a move up the pyramid to City. Previously with Gloucester City this skilful attacker can play centrally or wide and will bring plenty of pace to City's attack.

ROSS STEARN - FORWARD

Bristol born Ross has joined City permanently for the second time having also enjoyed a successful loan period at Twerton Park. First came to prominence with impressive displays for Weston-super-Mare and after two seasons with City joined Sutton United and then Eastleigh before re-joining Sutton. A fans' favourite with his direct style and eye for the spectacular.

RYAN BRUNT- FORWARD

After being part of Stoke City's academy Ryan joined Bristol Rovers. Ryan spent two years at the 'Mem' before signing for Plymouth Argyle and then Exeter City. Has had a career blighted by injury but has enjoyed loan periods at Nantwich Town, Luton Town, Tranmere Rovers, Leyton Orient, York City and Stevenage.

RICARDO REES - FORWARD

Ricardo has joined City for a month on loan from Bristol City where he is a member of their U23 squad. He has previously had a loan spell at Mangotsfield United.



JIM ROLLO- ASSISTANT MANAGER

When Jim arrived at Twerton Park on his 26th birthday from Merthyr Tydfil it was his third spell with City, although the first time he had actually signed for the club. Two previous loans periods during the 1996-97 and 1998-99 seasons saw him make five and four appearances respectively. Made his debut against Kettering Town in January 1997 during that first spell but soon returned to Cardiff City. Spent two seasons with the Ninian Park club, making 35 first team appearances, after beginning his career as a trainee with Walsall. Left Cardiff in the summer of 1998 for Conference side Forest Green Rovers but never secured a regular starting place and spent just one season at The Lawn before heading for Clevedon Town. Spent two years there but following the clubs relegation back to the Western Division moved back into Wales with Merthyr Tydfil. Another season of struggle followed and, despite being offered the captaincy of the Welsh club, Jim switched to City in May 2002. Now one of the most popular players at City amongst both teammates and fans, he was named player of the year in 2004-05, he has passed the milestone of 450 games, putting him in 4th place of highest appearances for the club. Jim briefly joined Chippenham Town in December 2012 but returned to City ten weeks later. In February 2016 he was named assistant manager.



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WEALDSTONE U18's
SAVE THE CHILDREN - BOSTIK
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WHO'S WHO.. **RAPHAEL AZIMI**

Position: Winger

Age: 16

School: Whitmore High

Studying: Maths, Economics, English & History

Teams Played For: Ruislip Rangers, Amersham U18's

Best Football Experience: Winning 2 consecutive tournaments as captain

Worst Football Experience: Fracturing the wrist a week before a football tournament in Holland



		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Camberley Twon	5	5	0	0	22	3	15
2	Bedfont Sports	5	4	1	0	20	5	13
3	Potters Bar Town	5	4	1	0	12	5	13
4	Staines Town	6	3	1	2	15	8	10
5	Wealdstone	6	2	0	4	14	16	6
6	Hayes & Yeading	5	1	0	3	18	15	4
7	Aldershot Town	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
8	Northwood	5	1	1	3	8	13	4
9	Hampton & Richmond	4	0	1	4	3	17	0
10	Ashford Town	4	0	0	4	2	31	0

NEXT MATCH

Wednesday 14th November
 v Spelthorne Sports
 7.30 Kick Off - Grosvenor Vale

WEALDSTONE FC UNDER 18'S 2018/2019 FIXTURES - ALL HOME GAMES KO @ 7.30PM

Fan in the Stand

Whereabouts do you live Antony?

When I started watching Wealdstone I was living with my mum in Northwood, but I bought a place in Walton on Thames about 10 years ago.

Are you working? I work in IT Sales Recruitment, for a company called Robertson Sumner in Gerrards Cross.

First Stones game attended? My first game was on the 19th November 1988 at Lower Mead when the Stones were in the Beazer Homes Premier Division. We were playing Alvechurch, and we ran out 2-0 winners. Needless to say I was hooked from day one!

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan? It was my best mate from secondary school, Alan Shead (whose family have been covered in previous Fan In The Stands over the recent months) who brought me to my first game and got me to sign up as a Junior Stone. It felt so grown up, standing behind the goal, joining in with the singing (and swearing) when we were only 11 years old.

Do you follow any other team? Yes, Liverpool FC in the prem.

Do you prefer lower-League football? 100%; you feel part of the club, can interact with the players and the management and also have a beer at half time. There is also definitely less play acting/time wasting at this level, but it is creeping in....

Any disadvantages? Too many games are called off for suspect reasons for my liking.

How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life? Really easily, I work about 15 mins away so can get to almost all the evening home games after work without trouble. And lets face it Saturdays are made for football, so unless I'm on holiday I'll be there.

How big a part of your life is the game? Second only to work (just)

Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen? The England v Germany World Cup Qualifier when we won 4-1 was very special...however I'd have to pick the Champions League final in Istanbul when Liverpool came back to beat AC Milan after being 3-0 down, made more memorable because I was

"I loved it at Lower Mead ...11 years old, feeling so grown up, joining in with the singing and swearing. Nothing's changed!"



at a wedding in Cancun at the time.

And most memorable Wealdstone game, and moment? The final game at Lower Mead (v Cambridge City) was very special, getting a chance to walk on the pitch at the end and seeing people take souvenirs from the stadium has always stayed with me.

What really gets your goat watching football? People who are always so negative, and get on the backs of their own players... players are only human after all and prone to make mistake like the rest of us.

Have you ever played the game yourself and most memorable moments ? Played for Haydon School with the aforementioned

ANTONY MEEK

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Alan Shead between the ages of 11-16 years old. I never mention the own goal he scored against me though, when I was playing in goal....

Any suggestions to improve your Stones-watching experience at the Vale? Could we take beers into the ground please?

Favourite current Wealdstone line-up? North, quality keeper, probably the best I've seen in non-league football. Tyler, very solid since joining, very impressive. Grant, some excellent performances this season. Stevens, good signing, good in the air, been impressive since joining. Okimo, strong left back, made the position his own since returning. Poku, good at bossing the midfield something we have lacked for a while. Bubba, that hattrick on his debut! Lench, really impressed when he gets a chance, would like to see more of him. Pratt, give 100% every game, runs for England, chases and harries defenders. Green, ability to do the unexpected when you least expect it, on his day he is exceptional. Hudson-Odoi, fast, skilful, can beat people with his pace, good to see him back

Favourite all-time Stones line-up? Jonathan North- so consistent, great shot stopper, lucky to have him. Marvin McCoy - skilful, fast and exciting to watch, good going forward too. Lee Chappell - great character, good long throws and gave 100% when he was here. Sean Cronin - strong in the centre of defence, great penalty taker. Alan Massey - composed and strong at the back, great in the air. Chris O'Leary - passionate, still reckon he scored the best headed goal I have seen! (at Dartford in the FA Trophy) Glenn Little - great player, skilful, made opposition look stupid at times, wished he stayed longer, belied his age! Alex Dyer - good passer of the ball, able to keep the ball and find the front players. Richard Jolly - natural goal scorer, the fox in the box, Wealdstone legend. Peter Dean - gave him all for the team, scored some important goals, a fans favourite. Tom Pett - very skilful, good passing ability and also 100% committed to the cause when he played

Best away trips to watch football? I prefer any that are by the coast...I'd even include Whitehawk in that for the entertainment value.

What was your highlight of last season? Last season was all about transition, it

pleased me to see the crowds getting consistently bigger, which was helped by helped having such a great FA Trophy run, only coming unstuck against a very solid Brackley team in the semi (pictured below).

Best non-League ground you've visited? Lower Mead - still have great memories, a proper non-league ground.

Best stadium you've EVER visited? Anfield, great atmosphere and the city is literally football mad.

Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale? Always stand; behind the goal to the right hand side.

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? Confident we can get into the playoffs, hopefully we get some more exposure in the local area and the 'buzz' around the club continues to see the crowds rise week on week.

How does the current programme compare with others you see? It's the best I have seen in non-league for years

Any articles or features that you'd like to see? More 'get to know' the players stuff would be good.

What has been the most readable/least readable Fan in the Stand so far? Most readable was the recent 'Shead' trilogy - must remember not to annoy Gordon by checking other scores on my mobile during the game from now on :)

What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale? Any beers or food you'd like to be added? Bars and food are good, queues can be a little long but at least it shows we have plenty of people in the bar! Partial to a pint of Blue Moon please barman!!

Do you buy much at the clubshop? Not really one for football merch to be honest so don't often go in I'm ashamed to say.

How do you feel on the kit debate- solid blue shirts or quarters? Solid blue for me.

What is your Wealdstone 'claim to fame'? My sister was in the same class as Scott Fitzgerald, does that count?

Finally, where do you see the club in five years time?

I think we will be an established National Conference team pushing for a place into League 2, and I hope that can all be done in a sustainable way.



DAVE NEIGHBOUR WITH..

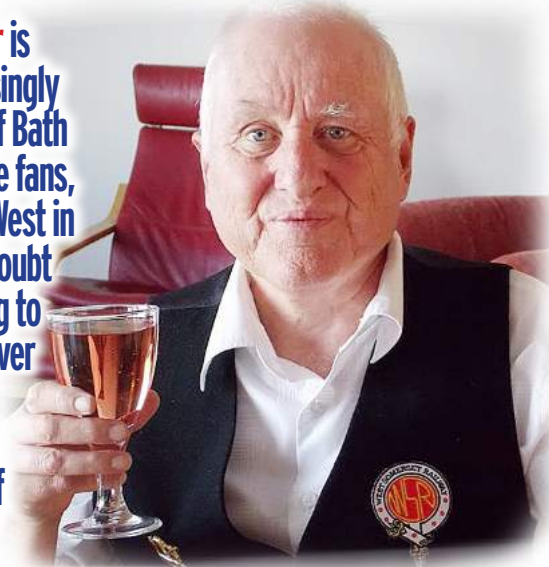
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The Romans' View

Born in London in 1945, I moved to Harrow Weald in the late 50s. My Dad introduced me to Wealdstone F.C. and we were strong supporters around the late 50s, 60s and early 70s. I remember some of the players during that period. Those that stood out were George Duck, Colin Franks, Keith Searle, Hugh Lindsay and Charlie Townsend. I remember Hugh Lindsay very well, he had a very strong kick and always took the free kicks near goal. You could almost guarantee a goal every time with him!

Dave Neighbour is one of a surprisingly large number of Bath AND Wealdstone fans, having moved West in the 1960s. No doubt he'll be listening to today's game over the internet... with a beer and wearing his half and half scarf!



I cannot remember my first match at Lower Mead but I remember the ground well. We joined the supporters Club and I remember Barbara Robson (who ran it as secretary) very well.

My most memorable game with Wealdstone was travelling by coach to Cornwall - to Torpoint FC - I think it must have been a cup match. We travelled overnight in snow and we had an incident about 3am in the morning when a lorry passing us shed its spare wheel and hit us.

We had to get another coach from Exeter to take us on to Cornwall. The pitch was covered in snow but the match went ahead. The conditions were poor and the referee said we will not have half time and just carried on with the second half. Can you imagine that happening today?! He did this because the supporters had come all that way and he didn't want to cancel the match. I believe we won the game. I wonder if any Wealdstone supporters remember this?

Around 1972 I moved to Radstock

(near Bath) and started to support Bath City F.C. and have been supporting them ever since, some 46 years!

I used to run the supporters coaches for a short while before we then we moved to Minehead to retire, and now live at nearby Dunster. I am now disabled and cannot attend matches but am grateful that I can listen to all the matches live on Bath City Internet Radio.

I do not support any 'big' clubs as I found non league football more of a friendly community atmosphere. I still follow Wealdstone as they are part of my life and I had some wonderful memories there. I was asked some years ago to write and send photos I had for a 'History of Wealdstone' book you were publishing. I never saw a copy of this book so I do not know if my photos went in or not.

Perhaps one day both Bath City & Wealdstone will be in the National League together - that would be nice!



One of three coachloads of Wealdstone supporters who set off on Friday night on the long trial to Torpoint. That "V for Victory" sign was prophetic — and if the fans look happy in our picture, what were they like on the way home? One coach had trouble at Exeter but a replacement was found and the party arrived in plenty of time for the match

Funny that Dave Neighbour remembered the 1968 Amateur Cup trip to Torpoint so well... we carried an article in this programme a few years ago and maybe he can spot himself in the coach picture (above) The Harrow Observer got in the spirit of things by sending a photographer to capture the fans as they set off on Friday evening. Left overpage: The programme for the game which the Stones won 4-2 on the way to a shock elimination by Chesham United (at Fulham FC) in the semi-final.

WEALDSTONE TRIUMPH AT TORPOINT

Torpoint Athletic 2, Wealdstone 4
(Attendance: 1,500)

WEALDSTONE battled through appalling conditions to land a worthy 4-2 F.A. Amateur Cup first round win against equally determined South Western League champions, Torpoint Athletic, on Saturday. The goals came from Dave Swain (two), Bernie Bremer and Johnny McCormack, against a penalty by Barrie Stephens and a 51-minute score by Dave Underhay.

But such were the playing conditions, a mudheap of a pitch allied to driving rain and sleet throughout, that all 22 players really earned an F.A. Cup of their own. Taunton referee Mr. E. J. Knight, too, deserves a word of praise.

Sliced

He started the match a couple of minutes early, then sliced half-time to five minutes in a gallop to give the match out of the way. He made no secret afterwards that if this hadn't been a cup-tie with Wealdstone making a 210-mile journey he would not have started at all. And even despite his determination as the rain poured down at half-time,

Torpoint side seemed to realise that this match was winnable and they gained further confidence as both Swain and McCormack, particularly the latter, fell time and again for the offside trap. Lindsay again sparked off a Wealdstone revival just on the half hour, his pass to Bremer leaving with a nice chance duly taken for 1-2.

Great save

Back came Torpoint and two brilliant saves in quick succession by the confident Williams halted their efforts before Lindsay, Bremer and Slade were back buzzing across the mud of the home penalty area. Bremer was finding life quite interesting

Cormack who gave Swain a chance for his hat-trick but the centre forward failed. Sliding tackles, deliberate or otherwise, were the order of the day as the ground continued to cut up badly. Lindsay again found McCormack who moved in and lobbed for Swain but Colin Bradford pulled off a great save.

Offside

It was Swain-McCormack again on 63 minutes as the Wealdstone forward line began to flag and then a header out of defence by Montague found Charlie Townsend to no avail. A good run by Slade ended in the mud before Bolton netted for Torpoint but Mr. Knight dis-

WHEN CITY NEARLY CONQUERED EUROPE

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Bath's 1970s Anglo-Italian Adventures



You may recall a couple of features in these pages in previous seasons, detailing Wealdstone's exploits in the 1978 Anglo-Italian competition.

It was the only time the Mighty Stones have played competitive matches abroad, following on our spectacular FA Cup successes that season. We were one of six non-League clubs invited to compete, together with Bangor City, Maidstone United, Nuneaton Borough, Minehead and today's visitors Bath City.

The groupings all seemed a bit random (see the 'Scoreboard' on the opposite page) with the six English and six Italian clubs playing two games at home (in April) and two in Italy (in June). The team with the best record from these games from each country were to meet in the final, held on June 28.

Although we beat Paganese at home (4-2), we were beaten 1-0 by current Serie A side Udinese in a mud-pattered thriller at Lower Mead and had an impossible task to qualify for the final with defeats in Italy against Arezzo (2-0) and Reggiana (1-0).

Bath City, on the other hand, were first invited in 1977 (after finishing fourth in the Southern League) and performed heroically both that summer and in 1978.

This is their story....

“Well done boys, great victory. Repeat that against Bari next week and there will be no stopping us”.

Those are possibly the words of Brian Godfrey on 21st April 1977, following a resounding 5-0 win over Margate in the Southern League Premier Division. It was the year that Wimbledon were elected to the Football League with Minehead finishing second, and the country was listening to "Save your kisses for me" by Brotherhood of Man, number one at the time. It was also the time of City's first serious venture into Europe

– the Anglo-Italian Cup.

The competition was launched in 1970 with Swindon Town crowned the first winners following a win over Napoli in a game abandoned on 79 minutes owing to crowd trouble. Blackpool won the next tournament, Roma restored some pride for Italy in 1972 by defeating the Seasiders in the final, before Newcastle picked up some rare silverware a year later thanks to a 2-1 win over Fiorentina in the final on 3rd June 1973.

It seemed that this would be the end of this short-lived venture with the competition disbanded because of lack of interest. Instead though, it was re-introduced three years later for semi-professional clubs and City were introduced as one of six English sides to take part. It was quite an eventful time as supporter **LES BINGHAM**, who travelled to some of the games in Europe, remembers:

Can you remember what the club's view on the Anglo-Italian Cup was at the time?

I don't remember now how it was that City came to be invited to take part in the tournament (Yeovil also took part in 1977), but it certainly made a change from the run-of-the-mill Southern League games against the same opponents every year. Presumably the club thought so too, and hoped that it would attract extra support.

The first game in 1977 was at home to Bari, who, not that long before, had been a force in Italian football but had dropped down to semi-professional level. As I recall, the game did attract a good crowd and City won 2-1, following that up with a 2-0 win against

Turris three days later.

How come you decided to travel abroad?

Well, back in those days I went to virtually every away game anyway, and it seemed a pretty good opportunity to continue that and combine it with a holiday in the sunshine. I went with fellow City fan Mark Davis and we travelled as part of the official party of players, directors and some of their families. We stayed at a hotel at Montesilvano on the Adriatic coast that had its own beach, with each room having a dedicated spot!

Any memories from the games in the 1976/77 season? The first game in Italy was at Parma, which was an enormous distance (Google Maps reckons 280 miles) from where we were staying. City won the game 1-0, thanks to a Kevin Griffin penalty - hard to believe that an English team would get a penalty on Italian soil, but there was a suggestion after the game that the referee came from Parma's rival city and disliked them more than he did the English! That win meant that City were the first English team to win in Italy since the tournament had become a semi-professional one.

Somehow Mark and I managed to find ourselves in part of the stand with the home supporters, and as the game neared full time one of the friendlier ones said "You leave now - they strike" and we heeded his warning and managed to rejoin the rest of the City party.

The second game at Teramo was a fairly easy 4-0 win for the home team, which was probably just as well in view of the fact that we had to watch the game from the terraces among the home supporters! I do recall that we had to help the announcer with the pronunciation of the City player names, and that he never did

quite master 'Eric Redrobe'!

Despite losing in Teramo, City reached the final, but I wasn't able to stay on, and left for England while the team set off north to Lecco.

What about off the pitch? When we tried to leave the ground after the Parma game there was an angry mob of their supporters outside and surrounding our coach; it must be the only time that Bath City have needed an armed escort away from a ground! There was a reception after the game hosted by Parma, and we eventually got back to our hotel at around 6am. In the hotel that evening at dinner, as word got around among the English guests that City had won in Parma, bottles of wine kept appearing on our tables.

What happened in 1977/78? My recollection of the 1978 tournament was that the two teams that City played at Twerton Park seemed weaker than those from the year before, and City won both games easily.

Or maybe City were a stronger team than

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SCOREBOARD

GAMES IN ENGLAND (in Inghilterra)

Wednesday 22nd March 1978 – Kick-off: 7:30 pm	
BANGOR CITY v REGGIANA	5-0
NUNEATON BOROUGH v TREVISO	2-0
MINEHEAD v REGGIANA	1-0
BATH CITY v AREZZO	5-0
MAIDSTONE UNITED v UDINESE	1-1
WEALDSTONE v PAGANESE	4-2
Saturday 25th March 1978 – Kick-off: 3:00 pm	
BANGOR CITY v TREVISO	2-1
NUNEATON BOROUGH v REGGIANA	1-1
MINEHEAD v AREZZO	3-1
BATH CITY v PAGANESE	2-0
MAIDSTONE UNITED v REGGIANA	3-0
WEALDSTONE v UDINESE	0-1

GAMES IN ITALY (in Italia)

Tuesday 20th June 1978 – Kick-off: 8:45 pm	
TREVISO v MINEHEAD	2-1
UDINESE v BATH CITY	3-1
AREZZO v MAIDSTONE UNITED	1-0
REGGIANA v WEALDSTONE	1-0
PAGANESE v BANGOR CITY	1-0
REGGIANA v NUNEATON BOROUGH	2-0
Friday 23rd June 1978 – Kick-off: 8:45 pm	
TREVISO v BATH CITY	0-2
UDINESE v MINEHEAD	4-0
AREZZO v WEALDSTONE	2-0
REGGIANA v MAIDSTONE UNITED	2-0
PAGANESE v NUNEATON BOROUGH	1-3
REGGIANA v BANGOR CITY	2-2

Kick-off times as stated unless otherwise agreed

English Clubs Table

	W	D	F	A	P
BATH CITY	3	0	10	4	9
BANGOR CITY	2	1	9	4	7
NUNEATON	2	1	6	4	7
MINEHEAD	2	0	5	7	6
MAIDSTONE	1	1	4	4	4
WEALDSTONE	1	0	4	6	3

Italian Clubs Table

	W	D	F	A	P
UDINESE	3	1	9	2	10
REGGIANA	3	1	4	6	10
AREZZO	2	0	4	8	6
REGGIANA	1	1	5	6	4
TREVISO	1	0	3	7	3
PAGANESE	1	0	4	9	3

FINAL TIE . . . On the home ground of the Italian Finalist Club on Wednesday 28th June 1978.

UDINESE 5 v BATH CITY 0



the year before. As for the away games, in those far-off days before the internet and any sort of 'social media' existed, the only way of finding out what was happening was through the Chronicle or Radio Bristol. I can't say that too much stands out, although City's win in Treviso meant that they had recorded two of the only three wins in the competition by English clubs in Italy up to that time.

But it was a triumph of sorts to reach the final in both tournaments. In 1977 City were beaten 3-0 by Lecco, and then 5-0 by Udinese a year later in front of a crowd of 3,925.

In the unlikelihood of such a tournament being devised again, would you consider travelling again? Unlikely, but if it happened when I retire in a few years time, who knows? I might just consider it.

● The tournament resumed for professional sides in 1992, six years after it was disbanded again. This time clubs from the second tier in England and Italy competed.

● Notts County were the only English side to win the trophy in this time, winning the 1995 final at Wembley against Ascoli.

The competition finally called it a day in 1996 with Genoa the final winners, defeating Port Vale 5-2. A problem in arranging fixtures plus crowd violence at matches made the decision a straightforward one.

● Sutton United were the only semi-professional team to win the Anglo-Italian Cup, this was in 1979 against Chieti. They are playing the Italian side in the summer of 2014 at Gander Green Lane to mark 35 years since the game took place.

● The U's lost two other finals, which was a common theme for English sides (including Bath). Wimbledon were the first English semi-professional side to reach the final but they also lost 1-0 to Monza in 1976.

● Chris Kinnear, now manager of Conference South rivals Dover Athletic, was part of the Maidstone United side that entered the tournament in 1978.

Some big names took part during the different spells of this competition, including Juventus (1970), Lazio (1970 and 1973) and Manchester United (1973). 2007 -



11 years since Lee O'Leary's late winner over Hendon in the mud and leaves of Chestnut Avenue

Saturday November 10 2007: Hendon (home) Ryman Premier Division: Won 3-2

This was a Ryman Premier league fixture at our ground share at Northwood.

It was our third and last season there and the first time we were not involved in a relegation battle whilst at Chesnut Avenue. In fact we were starting to put a half decent side together demonstrated by the fact we managed to put out two clubs from a level above in the National Cups that Autumn.

We started off well in this particular game and raced into a 2-0 lead courtesy of Ben Alexander and Peter Dean. Hendon managed to hang in there and eventually started to impose themselves on the game but the lead was held until half time. The second half saw a different game with Hendon going down the slope and definitely in the ascendancy so it wasn't altogether surprising that they managed to haul themselves level going into the last 15-20 minutes. This seemed to be the signal for us to throw off the shackles - without a lead to defend we seemed to find another another gear, with the remainder of the game being a real end to end affair that

Lee O'Leary celebrates the winner over Hendon with Ryan Ashe and Dean Papil on a pitch thick with autumn leaves
Pictures: Adam 'Attic' Williams

could have gone either way. However it was to be our day when Lee O'Leary poked the ball home from close range in the 89th minute to give us all 3 points. Undoubtedly one of the better games seen during our mostly miserable 3 year tenure at Northwood and a sign that things were on the up.



...and six years since ten-man Corby thwarted us in the trophy



Richard Jolly (right) lurks in the home game

Saturday November 10 2012: Corby Town (home) FA Trophy 3rd Qual Rd: Drew 1-1

This FA Trophy 3rd qualifying round fixture saw an upbeat Stones take on Corby who languished bottom of the Conference North at the time of this fixture.

We were going well in the Ryman Premier and most fans saw this as a very winnable tie. However it didn't take long for us to realise this game was going to be far from easy with Corby looking the better side - even with their striker Josh Moorman red-carded for loudly contesting a handball decision on the edge of our box. We struggled to make headway as we toiled up the Grosvenor Vale slope and disaster struck just before half time with the dubious awarding of a penalty to put the visitors ahead.

We found a bit more momentum after the break (as we often do going downhill at home) and started to force the issue, eventually drawing level after a fine run into the box from Alex Dyer saw him finish low to the keepers left to set up a rousing finale. We threw the kitchen sink at them as we desperately sought a winner but it was not to be.

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? The replay was played up in Northants a few days later with most fans quietly optimistic that there was nothing to fear but home advantage made a big difference. Corby outplayed us for most of this game but we were in a winning position after Peter Dean's opener - and Jolls missed a sitter at 2-2. However they were opening us up too readily to be overly confident of winning and the 3-2 final score in their favour was deserved. Corby then went on a good run in the league and finished the season very comfortably in mid table. Moral of the story - never underestimate a side based on their league position especially early on in the season.



Supporters' Scene

On behalf of the Supporters Club Committee I welcome you and, in particular, any serving Armed Forces personnel and veterans to today's game. For the visiting fans from the West Country, Bath City have always been a 'bogey team' proving difficult to beat away, let's hope that is not the case today.

This weekend the nation, and indeed civilisations around the globe, will be paying its respects to all those that served in the 'Great War for Civilisation'. Sadly I can't be with you today as Last Post duties take me to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. (Worth a visit for the Armed Forces Memorial alone with its 16k names) Of interest to fans of all colours, is the memorial there that commemorates the famous 1914 Christmas Truce. This was unveiled by Prince William supported by the FA, Premier League, Football League and the British Council.

Researching military history is my profession, and earlier this year I discovered that my great grandfather, Richard Hissey, served throughout the Great War as a Driver in the

Army Service Corps, and he was my age, 44, when he enlisted. He deployed to France in November 1914, possibly when the powers that be discovered it wouldn't be "all over by Christmas", and stayed until January 1915. For this he earned the medals 'Pip, Squeak and Wilfred'. The British Army was not always made up of conscripted young men and underage volunteers as popular imagination would have you believe. My Great Uncle, Robert Foster was 30 when he fell in September 1918.

Today will see the culmination of many months' planning by Roger Slater and others. It's a matter of great pride that WFC will have its own war memorial once again after an absence of many years. Not just content with that, the Stones are wearing some retro kit to step back in time to a former era. I'm sure my Northwood Royal Naval Volunteer Band colleague, Jordan Low, will do a fine job sounding the Last Post. Enjoy the matches, the ceremony and thanks for remembering. The Stones. Terry

WEALDSTONE LADIES

Wealdstone Ladies 6-0 Brentford Women

The game started tentatively, The Stones gave Brentford plenty of respect as they had a few shots from outside our box in order to test our keeper Harlee who dealt with without any problems. As we settled into our own play, passing the ball well, After 10 minutes Rosie Watts had her shot saved by The Brentford Keeper only to have Sonya Jones at hand to get the rebound. 5 minutes later Rosie then replicated Sonya's goal from a saved Catia Camposshot. The Stones got their 3rd with a well taken corner from Catia which Rosie effortlessly headed the ball in. The half time team talk from manager Gary was to keep a clean sheet, 2nd half changes with Pauldy and Natalie replacing Imogen and Maria. Wealdstone Ladies carried on where they left off and it was Pauldy's first shot on goal that made it 4-0. A few minutes later Rosie got her hatrick with another header. Rosie was then rested, With more shots by both sides it was up to Elisiane Castro to pick up the ball from a well placed



Catia pass on the half way line as she took on the Brentford defence to slot the ball into the bottom corner of their net on 85 minutes. It was decided to award Player of the match to Elisiane with her first goal for the club. *Above -Hatrick Hero Rosie Watts accepts her reward from Jon Pettifer, Wealdstone Ladies Chairman and kit sponsor Sentinel7.*

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	NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			MIDDX SENIOR CUP			MIDDX CHARITY CUP			TOTALS			WEALDSTONE CAREER		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Ahmidi, Wadah	11			3											14			14			
Azeez, Femi									1	1					1	1	1	1	1	1	
Brown, Stefan	1	2	1	1											2	2	1	2	2	1	
Bubb, Bradley	8	4	6	3		2									11	4	8	23	6	13	
Charles, Elliott		3			1				1	1					1	4	1	1	4	1	
Clark, James		1							1						1	1	1	1	1	1	
Grant, Freddie	11			3											14			14			
Green, Danny	10	4	1	2					1						13	4	1	109	12	26	
Hudson-Odoi, Bradley	10	2	3	1											11	2	3	49	10	18	
Lench, Matt	4	6	1	1	1										5	7	1	5	7	1	
Mambo, Yado *	1	1													1	1	1	1	1	1	
Massingham, Luke									1						1		1	1			
Mensah, Simon	2	1													2	1	2	2	1		
Mitchell, Reece		5								1					6		6			6	
Monakana, Jeffrey	5	4	1		2				1						5	7	1	11	9	2	
North, Jonathan	15			3											18		361	1			
Okimo, Jerome	14			3											17		114	5	1		
Payne, Joe	1								1						2		2				
Poku, Godfrey	15			3											18		18				
Pratt, David	14		5	1											15	5	36	1	11		
Regis, Christopher									1						1		1				
Rodgers, Anton									1	2					1	2	1	1	2		
Sheppard, Jake	5	3		2	1										7	4	19	5	1		
Shomotun, Fumnaya	4	1		3		2			1						7	2	7	2	2		
Slew, Jorome		1	1		1				1	1					1	2	1	2	2		
Stevens, Connor	14		1	3		1									17	2	17		2		
Tyler, Rhys	13			1	1										14	1	14	1			
Wheeler, Sonny									1						1		1				
White, Joe *	5	1	1												5	1	22	5	9		
Wilson, Glenn	2														2		22	1	1		
Yala-Bolasie, Glenn									1						1		1				





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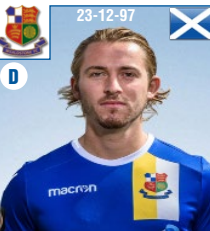
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Opposition	All						Home						Away						+/-	Pts	Results
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A			
1 Billericay Town	15	9	4	2	29	15	8	5	3	0	15	9	7	4	1	2	14	6	14	31	0-1
2 Welling United	15	8	4	3	27	15	8	5	2	1	14	9	7	3	2	2	13	6	12	28	1-1
3 Woking	15	8	4	3	26	18	8	5	1	2	16	11	7	3	3	1	10	7	8	28	1-0
4 Chelmsford City	16	7	5	4	28	21	8	3	3	2	9	9	8	4	2	2	19	12	7	26	2-3
5 Bath City	15	8	1	6	21	13	7	4	0	3	12	7	8	4	1	3	9	6	8	25	
6 St Albans City	15	8	1	6	30	24	8	5	1	2	15	10	7	3	0	4	15	14	6	25	
7 Wealdstone	15	7	4	4	22	16	8	5	1	2	15	9	7	2	3	2	7	7	6	25	-- --
8 Torquay United	15	6	6	3	20	12	7	3	2	2	9	7	8	3	4	1	11	5	8	24	0-3
9 Slough Town	15	7	3	5	20	15	7	4	2	1	9	4	8	3	1	4	11	11	5	24	
10 Concord Rangers	15	7	3	5	21	18	7	5	1	1	15	6	8	2	2	4	6	12	3	24	1-1
11 Dartford	15	7	3	5	17	19	7	4	2	1	9	7	8	3	1	4	8	12	-2	24	3-0
12 Chippenham Town	16	7	2	7	22	22	8	5	1	2	14	9	8	2	1	5	8	13	0	23	
13 Dulwich Hamlet	16	6	4	6	20	21	8	3	2	3	9	9	8	3	2	3	11	12	-1	22	1-1
14 Hemel Hempstead Town	15	6	4	5	18	22	7	2	2	3	10	13	8	4	2	2	8	9	-4	22	
15 Eastbourne Borough	15	5	6	4	24	23	8	3	2	3	15	15	7	2	4	1	9	8	1	21	
16 Hampton & Richmond	15	6	3	6	22	21	7	2	1	4	9	12	8	4	2	2	13	9	1	21	2-1
17 Oxford City	15	5	3	7	21	21	8	4	2	2	11	7	7	1	1	5	10	14	0	18	0-3
18 Gloucester City	15	4	2	9	10	21	7	2	2	3	6	8	8	2	0	6	4	13	-11	14	2-0
19 Truro City	15	2	5	8	18	31	8	1	2	5	10	17	7	1	3	3	8	14	-13	11	3-0
20 Hungerford Town	16	3	2	11	13	34	8	2	1	5	6	14	8	1	1	6	7	20	-21	11	1-1
21 East Thurrock United	15	3	1	11	11	24	8	3	1	4	8	10	7	0	0	7	3	14	-13	10	1-0
22 Weston-super-Mare	15	1	4	10	18	32	7	0	3	4	8	12	8	1	1	6	10	20	-14	7	4-1