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Today we the family and friends of Brian "Kat" Kelly are here to sponsor the Wealdstone ν Bromley match in memory of a lifelong Stones supporter.

Kat Kelly passed away on 6th August 2021 after suffering from complications from Diabetes.

He supported Wealdstone since the mid-70s and was a founder member of the Supporters Club football team. Winning a number of Trophy's in the 1980s. He grew up in Harlesden and then moved to Wembley where his local was the Norfolk Arms. He eventually moved to Croxley Green, making friends, and encouraging people him met to come along to support the Stones.

He also was the organiser of the Supporters Club team trip to Dortmund in May 1986 to play a series of games including against Dortmunder Actien Brauerei, for whom Kat was a Rep for DAB beer. They lost to the DAB team 2-1 but they drowned any sorrows back at the hosts Brewery.



The following year a return fixture was arranged to be played at Lower Mead arranged by Kat, Tony Platt. and Peter Braxton.

The Supporters team included Steve Marshall (Manager and Goalkeeper), Steve Graves, Steve Driver, Tim Parks, Don Cross, Kat Kelly, Gordon McKay, Justin O'Brien (Captain), Tony Platt, Ray Kemp, Trevor Davies, Neale Harvey and Sateesh Khanna.

Kat also was renowned for his fundraising events for the Supporters club under the banner "Kat Kelly Presents," these events could cover Caribbean themed to Karaoke nights, and sometime erotic dancers.

Kat was always game for a laugh and could be counted on to provide a smile to all those around he and his distinctive laugh will be missed by all. But today we will raise a drink or two for Kat and cheer on the Stones as he would expect.

Ossie Kelly

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Martin's back! After a traumatic trip to Eastleigh he says why he will never leave a

Stones match early agai

irstly, can I thank the editors of this esteemed and awardwinning organ for inviting me to step in at extremely short notice to substitute for my erstwhile fanzine

co-editor (Sudhir) who is allegedly in India. To which my first response would be, 'What, don't they have computers in India?' and my second response would be, 'Hold on, I saw him in the pub in Stockport vesterday."

Secondly I should apologise to those of you who look forward to this column for a rational and well-argued analysis of the footballing topics of today as they affect Wealdstone FC... but will instead suffer the ramblings of a man for whom growing old gracefully is something to be avoided at all costs.

For the benefit of those of you who may not know who I am, I should explain that though I

grew up in Pinner (hence a lifelong Wealdstone fan) I have lived most of my adult life in Sheffield, from where I attend anything from 10-20 matches a season, largely picked at random as work and family commitments allow rather than for their degree of importance.

When I was a relatively young man I thought nothing of driving half way across England on a Tuesday night for some seemingly unimportant Southern League fixture, but as I, and the cars I drive, have got older I've lost the appetite for several hours on the motorway after work, so midweek games have become something of a rarity for me, and wherever possible I've opted to let the train take the strain.

Thus it was on April 8 2014 when I watched

Wealdstone entertain Lowestoft Town at the Vale. The significance of this was that three points would have clinched the Isthmian League championship. In the event, as they often did, Lowestoft spoiled the party by eking out a 0-0 draw and we had to wait another two games to get our hands on the silverware that memorable night in Margate which, of course, I couldn't get to.

Anyway, to the point... When I got off the train in Doncaster, where I'd left my car, at 1am the





next morning I found myself in the company of a full-service Chelsea fan: replica shirt, half-and-half scarf, massive flag on a pole (and yes, I did wonder how he'd got that on the train). As it happened, Chelsea had also had a moderately important game that night, not as important as ours of course, a Champions League quarter final second leg against Paris St Germain. Trailing 3-1 from the first leg, Chelsea led 1-0 in the second and looked like they were going out until Demba Ba popped up with an 87th minute clincher which gave Chelsea the tie on away goals.

So I said to the Chelsea fan, "That must have been some game, what was it like when the winner went in?" And he said. "I've no idea. I always leave five minutes before the end, you wouldn't believe the crush at Fulham Broadway tube after a match."

He said this without any hint of regret, as if he accepted he was fated by destiny only to ever see eighty-five minutes of a match, and that missing the climax of one of Chelsea's most exciting and momentous matches in their history was a small price to pay to avoid having to queue for the tube (and possibly be forced to ditch the flagpole).

am the absolute opposite. I've paid for ninety minutes and I'm going to enjoy, or suffer, the full 90 minutes, or whatever it is these days, 95 or however long it takes Wrexham to score

a winner. No matter what the score is or how badly we're playing you just don't know what's going to happen in the last minute, maybe something that will be talked about for years to come, and I want to say, "I was there."

Plus, I just love watching Wealdstone. I don't know why.

I am going to confess, prior to the start of this season, in fifty years following the Stones, I had actually left before the end of a game twice. The first, I have no excuse. We were 5-0 down to Enfield in the FA Cup at Lower Mead, and although I know I should have manned up and faced the humiliation full-on, right to the end, I didn't. I am ashamed to this day.

The second was around 1998. We were 3-0 down against Maidenhead at Edgware and my two year old was resolutely refusing to avail himself of the de luxe facilities of the White Lion Ground and demanding the use of his potty, which was in the car. In the event I bowed to the inevitable but I don't doubt that as we sneaked out ahead of the crowd I half worried I was going to miss the most spectacular comeback of all time, that despite having been unable to hit the proverbial barn door for eighty-five minutes we would score three times and rescue a point. (We didn't.)

Well, my two year old is now 26 and can go to the toilet on his own, so there is no reason

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why I should miss a single minute of a Wealdstone match ever again.

kay, confession number two coming up... It's no secret that our current tactics have divided opinion. And when I say 'divided opinion', going by social media I mean, on one side, the management team, on the other side, everyone else who's watched a Wealdstone game this season.

I fear there have been a number of occasions when I have compromised my dignity by jumping up and down screaming "Forward! Forward! Forward!" And if "Forward! Forward! Forward!" sounds a bit repetitive I need to point out that for the sake of family reading I have deleted the multiple expletives which might have preceded each 'Forward!"

It's undeniable that on occasions these tactics favoured by the management have brought results. And when you get results everything else is forgiveable. It's also undeniable that when our tactics haven't worked there have been some total car crashes (although not as exciting as an actual car crash). One of these was our 4-1 defeat at Eastleigh a few weeks back. I would like to state confidently that this was our worst performance of the season, but I am assured by some of you who went to Woking and Torquay that, sadly, it is not so.

Sheffield to Eastleigh is quite a trek at the best of times; on a weekend blighted by the dreaded 'engineering works' it became an eighteen hour expedition involving eight trains, tubes, taxis and a hundred quid, even with the old gits railcard I now qualify for (though obviously you are thinking, 'He doesn't look anywhere near old enough'). Common sense dictated I should stay home. But

I'm a Wealdstone supporter. Common sense doesn't come into it

hanks to the dreaded engineering works the first available train back from Southampton Airport Parkway wasn't until 6.30. Normally I would say, fine, that's a pleasant hour topping up in the pub, but on this occasion I was suddenly overwhelmed with gloom, 4-1 down after a performance for which 'car crash' is an inadequate metaphor: trv driving off Beachy Head

at 80 mph' instead.

Then I looked at train times on my phone... There's a train at 5.08. If I leave a couple of minutes early, run all the way to the station as fast as my slightly dodgy knees will allow, I can get the earlier train. So that's exactly what I did. Except I missed the train by seconds. And I'm stuck at Southampton Airport Parkway station. no refreshments, nowhere near a pub or even a shop, (as an aside, isn't it a curious idiosycracy of railway jargon that 'Parkway' is used as a euphemism for 'middle of nowhere') even the bar in the bloody airport's shut, for an hour and a half contemplating my own stupidity - not for travelling five hundred miles to watch Wealdstone lose - but for unnecessarily missing the last two minutes of the match

fter our 2-1 defeat at Grimsby someone claiming to be called 'Guvnor' posted on the **StonesNet forum** that on the train back there wasn't a single Wealdstone fan with a good word to say about the management team. This is patently untrue, because I was sat directly behind the person who claims to be called 'Guvnor' and I did mount a sincere, if qualified case for the defence.

Stuart Maynard became our manager entirely unexpectedly, in the most absurdly difficult circumstances, since when he's had to cope with what we all assume is the lowest budget in the league, at times a paper-thin squad and the least time on the training ground of any of our rivals.

Like any manager, he's had to choose the tactics that he thinks will get the best return from the resources at his disposal, meagre as they are. At the start of the season one thing

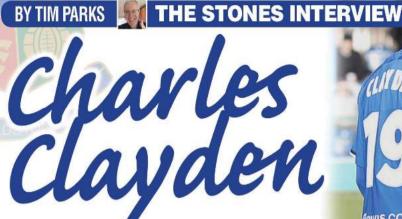
everyone agreed on was:

20th place = success. Well, just look at the league table. I'm personally not going to be counting my chickens until they're biologically viable, but there's every chance we're going to finish, ooh, 18th or 19th. Job done. Hats - replacements available at the Megastore - being eaten all round. And time to look forward.

And I'm never again leaving a Wealdstone match early unless I'm on a stretcher.







From the Valley to the Vale.. jet-heeled Charlie is enjoying his loan with Mighty Stones

harles Clayden is about to enter two crucial months in his footballing career.

The 21-year old winger's contract at Charlton Athletic runs out in the summer and he knows that his loan performances for the Stones are key to whether or not the Addicks believe he has a future at the Valley.

"Yes, that's 100% the case" said the Essex youngster when I caught up with him last week, in between playing golf at Chelmsford and driving over to train with the Stones at Harefield. "That's why I wanted to come

out on loan, and it was great that Aaron (Henry) had also just agreed to come to Wealdstone on loan - I've played with him at Charlton for two or three years and we know each other's game inside out".

That was evident when the pair combined for Charlie's goal of the season contender at Eastleigh earlier this month.

"That was my first ever goal in senior football!" he laughed. "Aaron is so good at pinging that ball over or inside the full back and I have to say I enjoyed

scoring that goal... I took
two or three touches across
the edge of the box, past a
few players and just concentrated on hitting it low
and on target. Although I
should have scored against
Wrexham on my debut but
couldn't get over the ball...
that might have won us the
game".

So was the goal at Eastleigh the best of your career? I asked him.

WIS.CO.UK Deadly duo: Charlie (left) and Aaron Henry have played a big part in Stones' resurgence



"No, actually I scored one for Charlton under-23s against Sheffield Wednesday at Dartford (their home pitch) last year, cutting in from the left and bending the ball into the far corner with my right foot. Memorable, because I've normally got a wooden leg on my right side!"

Is that your favourite position, left wing? I asked him.

"The fashion at the moment



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working a lot on that in training".

harlie lives in Ingatestone. in Essex, and spent six years in the youth system at Levton Orient. "I was there between 12 and 18 as a scholar, and learned a lot under the late Justin Fdinburgh, the manager, and players like Jobi McAnuff. Some really good auvs there".

He made his O's debut at Gateshead in the National League in a 3-1 win but the club closed its under-23 scheme, and Charlie was quickly picked up by Charlton in January 2019.

"I had a good preseason last summer and made my debut as a late sub in League One against Sheffield Wednesday on the opening day (a 0-0 draw at the Valley in front of 17,000). I also played a few games in the Carabao Cup and the EFL Trophy, the one that Sutton have just reached the final of".

Charlie played in all the group games and came on as sub for the last-32 win over Aston Villa... only to pick up a shoulder injury. He missed the next win over MK Dons but Charlton were then knocked out by Hartlepool.

So how was he finding National League football?

"It's a lot more physical - you have to be really switched on and there is a lot more urgency than when you play under-23 football. A lot more at stake" he says.

"It's also a learning curve for me when you have to manage games at this level - the Weymouth game for example, when we had to see out the last ten minutes under pressure, and if

Goal of the season?
Charlie celebrates
his wonder strike at
Eastleigh

it wasn't for this loan I wouldn't experience that."

harlie grew up in Shenfield before the family moved to nearby Ingatestone. "I'm a big West Ham fan and I'm looking forward to catching up with the Europa League game with Sevilla tomorrow night (Thursday) ... I've got training over at Wealdstone though and that takes priority!"

Aaron (who lives in Grays, Essex) gets dropped off at Brentwood services on the M25, where Charlie picks him up for the drive over to Harefield.

"I'm really enjoying being at the Stones" he says. "We have a strong squad of players with very different qualities and I'm just concentrating on doing my best to help us win points".

He's particularly looking forward to the game at Southend on Good Friday.

"My younger brother Harrison is a centre-back in the Southend Academy. He's only 18 but he's a second year scholar and doing really well over there - we might get to play against each other.

"He says 'I'll take you out early doors' but we'll just have to wait and see...!"

seems to be three at the back with two wingbacks, so that's often where I'm asked to play.. in which case I like to stay on the left. But when I'm played further forward I'd rather be on the right because then I can go either way, get to the line and cross the ball or cut inside and shoot.

"Although I'm confident now with my right foot - I've been

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THE STONES' FAN IN THE STAND

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He's 14 years old today so HAPPY BIRTHDAY to dedicated fan Will!

Your name and age? My name is Will Joseph Farrar and I am 14 years old today!

Where do you live WIII? I have lived in South Ruislip my whole life with my mum Lee and sister Daisy.

What was your first Wealdstone

game? My first game was against Concord
Rangers in 2018 - my mum and sister brought me
along. My first impression of the club was that I
loved it when I first got there... everyone was very
welcoming and nice, even though I hardly knew
people there.

Do you follow any other team/s? My whole life I have always watched England and also Arsenal but that visit to Wealdstone was the first time I ever went to a ground.

What is your most memorable game? That was when we won the league and the players picked me up.... it meant everything to me.

And favourite away trip? That was either Wrexham or Barnet as the crowd was huge at both games, and the nuber of Wealdstone fans amazing at Barnet. That was fantastic!

What level of football do you prefer? I prefer the National League as I just love watching Weald-stone play.

How big a part of your life is the club? Wealdstone is a big part of my life as they are like family to me.

How do you fit watching the Stones in with your family life? I fit Wealdstone in my week really well as I do my homework and get everything done so I can come watch the football and help out at the ground.

Who is your favourite player at the Stones?



The best player is Jerome Okimo (pictured below) because he has been there for a long time and I've also seen him develop and come a long way.

Can the team survive at this level? I think that Wealdstone is 100% a strong team and they will also develop more and get to where they want to be in a couple of years in a higher level.

What do you think of the food and drink and merchandise at Wealdstone? It's the best!

I always go and get food at home games

and also I speak to the people who work there. I visit the Megastore a lot as I love to look at things and buy things for my birthday and Christmas.

Do your school friends now come to Stones matches? I've also told a lot of people about Wealdstone FC, outside of school and also inside of school and a lot more people I know do come down now.

How did you cope with just having the live stream of games last season? When it was Covid and they had to stream I also watched all of the games... and I also think this was a good idea as we could still watch Wealdstone and cheer them on even though we were sitting at home.

Where do you see the club in five years? If the Stones carry on playing like this and also develop they will get to the EFL, I'm sure of it and I have faith in them. Stuart and Matt and the management team are all amazing - well done, I'm proud of you all!



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On this day in 2008...

HIS Mum Lee was probably too otherwise occupied to remember, but on Will's birthday in 2008 (Weds March 26) England were beaten 1-0 in Paris by France. The game was chiefly memorable for being David Beckham's 100th appearance for England, plus yet another goalkeeping mistake by David 'Calamity' James who brought down Nicolas Anelka with a rash challenge to gift the vital penalty... exactly the same error that saw Thierry Henry floored for the game-winning penalty in the European Championship four years earlier. As for Wealdstone, we'd drawn 1-1 with Harrow Borough two nights earlier in a low-tempo game at our then-home of Northwood FC in the Ryman League Premier Division in front of a 375 crowd.



Opposition in focus BROMLEY FC

THE RAVENS

stablished in 1892, Bromley initially played in the South London League, before becoming founder members of the Southern League in 1894, joining Division Two. However, after finishing bottom of Division Two in 1895-96 they left to become founder members of the London League, also joining Division Two. They won the division at the first attempt, and were promoted to Division One. They switched to the Kent League for the 1898-99 season, but after finishing bottom of the league, they returned to Division One of the London League. During the 1899-1900 season the club withdrew from Division One, taking over their reserves' fixtures in Division Two. They withdrew from Division Two at the end of the 1900-01 season.

In 1907 the club were founder members of the

Spartan League and went on to become its inaugural champions. They joined the Isthmian League for the following season, and won back-to-back titles in 1908–09 and 1909–10. In 1910–11 the club won the FA Amateur Cup, beating Bishop Auckland 1–0 in the final. The season also saw them finish seventh in 1910–11, the club returned to the Kent League and were placed in Division One. They remained in the league until World War I, but joined the Athenian League when football

resumed in 1919. The club were Athenian League champions in 1922–23. In 1937–38 they reached the first round of the FA Cup for the first time. After beating King's Lynn in the first round, they lost 4–1 at Scarborough in the second. They also reached the final of the FA Amateur Cup again, beating Erith & Belvedere 1–0. The club repeated the feat the following season, this time playing Football League opposition for the first time as they lost

8–1 at Lincoln City in the second round. In 1945–46 another second round appearance resulted in a 4–2 aggregate defeat to Watford. In 1947–48 they held Reading to a 1–1 draw

in the first round, before losing the replay at

BROMLEYS 5,000 CAPACITY HAYES LANE

Elm Park 3-0.

The club won another Athenian League title and the FA Amateur Cup in 1948–49, with

the following season seeing another FA first round defeat, this time 2–1 to Watford. In 1950–51 the club won their third Athenian League title; the season also saw them lose 1–0 to Aldershot in the FA Cup first round. Going straight into the first round the following season, they lost 3–2 at Torquay United. In 1952 they rejoined the Isthmian League, and after finishing as runners-

up in their first season back in the league, they were champions in 1953–54. They won the league for a fourth time in 1960–61.

After finishing bottom of Division One in the 1974–75 season Bromley were relegated to Division Two. In 1976–77 the club appeared in the FA Cup first round for the first time in over twenty years, losing 7–0 at Swindon Town. Division Two became Division One in 1977, and the club were promoted to the Premier Divi-





sion after finishing as runners-up in 1979-80. They were relegated to Division One again in 1984-85, but returned to the Premier Division as Division One runners-up in 1985-86. Another relegation followed in 1989-90, but was followed by an immediate return to the Premier Division as Division One runners-up in 1990-91. In 1996-97 they qualified for the FA Cup first round again, but were beaten 3-1 at home by Enfield.

Bromley were relegated to Division One again at the end of the 1998-99 season. A fourth-place finish in 2004-05 saw them qualify for the promotion play-offs, and after defeating Metropolitan Police on penalties in the semi-finals, they beat Horsham 3-1 in the final to earn promotion to the Premier Division. In 2006-07 they finished as runners-up in the Premier Division, again qualifying for the promotion play-offs. A 1-0 win over AFC Wimbledon in the semi-finals and a victory against Billericay Town on penalties in the final saw them promoted to the Conference South. The season had also seen them reach the FA Cup first round again, eventually losing 4-1 at Gillingham. Further appearances in

the first round were achieved in 2009-10 (against Colchester United), 2011-12 (Leyton Orient), 2012-13 (Fleetwood Town) and 2014-15 (Dartford), but they were beaten on each occasion.

In 2014-15 Bromley won the Conference South, earning promotion to the renamed National League, where they have remained since. Another FA Cup first round appearance in 2017-18 saw them defeated by Rochdale. The season also saw them reach the final of the FA Trophy, where they lost 5-4 on penalties to Brackley Town after the match had ended in a 1-1 draw.

Bromley finished in 7th position the 2021/22 season, losing 3-2 to eventual play off winners Hartlepool in their Quarter Final match.

Ground

The club initially played at the Queensmead Recreation Ground, before moving to Glebe Road. Seven years later they moved to the Plaistow Cricket Club ground when Glebe Road was bought for use as housing. However, the crickets club's ground was also obtained for housing in 1904, leading to the football club (and the other sports club using the ground) to move to a site on Hayes Lane. The new ground was opened on 3 September 1904.

In 1938 the club moved to the current Haves Lane ground. The record attendance of 10,798 was set during a game against a Nigeria XI in September 1948. The ground currently has a capacity of 5,000, of which 1,300 is seated and 2,500 is covered.

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Saturday 4th December 2021

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Friday 2nd April 2021

AWAY - Drew 2-2 (BCD)

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v BROMLEY FC

sposition in focus Essex, penning a permanent deal at League

1. MARK COUSINS - GOALKEEPER

The 34-year-old joined is in his 3rd season at Bromley following a season with Barnet. Cousins started out in the youth set-up at Fulham and Colchester United respectively. Mark spent time on loan at Whitton United, Staines Town, Enfield Town and Yeading. He would then go on to make over 50 league appearances for Colchester before joining Dagenham & Redbridge in 2014 followed by Barnet.

2. JOE PARTINGTON - DEFENCE

The 6ft 2' right-back joins having spent the previous two campaigns with Eastleigh. Partington began his career with Bournemouth making 52 appearances for the Cherries. During his time on the South Coast he had loan spells with Eastbourne Borough, Aldershot Town and Eastleigh before signing with the Spitfires in 2015. A two year stay with Bristol Rovers then came before a return to the Silverlake.

3. TOBY STEVENSON - DEFENCE

Toby started his career at Levton Orient on a scholarship, and was also loaned out to Heybridge Swifts. Following his departure from Brisbane Road, he attracted the attention of Charlton Athletic. During his two seasons at the Valley, he would make eight first team appearances, scoring four goals. Stevenson would then get his first taste of National League Football with a loan to Dagenham & Redbridge. At the end of the 2019-20 season, Stevenson left Charlton and moved on to Watford

4. BILLY BINGHAM - MIDFIELD

Billy Bingham, a product of Crystal Palace's academy, began his senior career at Dagenham & Redbridge. Bingham also had short loan spells at Sutton United and Grays Athletic during the early stages of his time with Dagenham. Crewe Alexandra was his next destination in 2015 before joining League One side Gillingham two years later.

5. CHRIS BUSH DEFENCE

Chris came through the youth set-up at Brentford having loan spells at Salisbury City , Woking, East Thurrock and AFC Wimbledon before joining Gateshead. He then went on to represent Lincoln City, Hereford United, Welling United and Chelmsford City before joining Ebbsfleet in 2017.

6. OMAR SOWUNMI - DEFENCE

Sowunmi came through the youth set-up at Ipswich Town before joining Yeovil Town. After four years at Huish Park, the defender swapped Somerset for

Two outfit Colchester United in a spell that ended earlier this year.

7. LUKE COULSON - DEFENCE

Coulson spent ten years at Manchester City before he signed for Cardiff City. He then joined Oxford City followed by Eastleigh, Coulson's was then snapped up by then League Two Barnet, Soon after, however, Ebbsfleet United paid an undisclosed fee for the winger's services, bringing him on board for 2017. Luke arrived at Hayes Lane in 2018.

8. JUDE ARTHURS - MIDFIELD

A product of the Bromley Academy, Jude Arthurs is proving to be a role model for our young Ravens. Arthurs bagged his first goal in a Bromley shirt last season against Chesterfield before adding to his tally in the following game against Hartlepool United.

9. MICHAEL CHEEK - FORWARD

The 2020-21 season saw the prolific striker pick up the National League Golden Boot award, bagging 21 goals. Cheek first made his mark at Heybridge Swifts, before moving on to Chelmsford City. After a successful spell with the Clarets he made the move to Braintree Town. Cheek remained with the Iron for two seasons when his prolific spell earned him a move to fellow Essex outfit Dagenham & Redbridge. In the Summer of 2018. Cheek signed for Ebbsfleet United.

10. JAMES ALABI - FORWARD

James joined the Ravens in the summer of 2020 following two years at Leyton Orient. Alabi represented Celtic and Stoke City at youth level. League One Scunthorpe United was his first destination before loans at Mansfield Town and Forest Green Rovers. He went on to pen a permanent deal with Ipswich Town in 2015 in a short spell which included a loan spell at Grimsby Town, Alabi began to taste regular first team football whilst at Chester. He then joined Tranmere Rovers before going on to represent Dover Athletic, Leyton Orient and Eastleigh ahead of his move to Hayes Lane.

11 LOUIS DENNIS - FORWARD

Dennis started his career in the youth ranks of Watford, before making the move to Victoria Road and joining Dagenham & Redbridge. Dennis spent time on loan at no less than five clubs, those being Bedfont Town, Welling United, Grays Athletic, Canvey Island, as

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well as Hayes & Yeading United. A first spell at Bromley ended with him signing for Portsmouth. He then moved to Leyton Orient before re joining the Ravens.

12. SCOTT WAGSTAFF - MIDFIELD
Scott first made a name for himself whilst at
Charlton Athletic, making over 100 senior
appearances for the club. Whilst at The
Valley, the midfielder spent time on loan at
AFC Bournemouth and Leyton Orient whilst
getting his first taste of non-league football at
Northwich Victoria. In 2013, Wagstaff swapped
Charlton for League One side Bristol City.
He then moved on to Gillingham where he'd
stay for two years. Scott then signed for AFC
Wimbledon before making Forest Green
Rovers his next destination two years later then
Aldershot Town., starting in our 3-2 victory at
the EBB Stadium back in October.

13. ELLERY BALCOMBE-

GOALKEEPER

Balcombe rose up through the youth ranks at Brentford Four loan spells followed, beginning with a short stint at National League side Boreham Wood. He then moved on to Danish First Division side Viborg FF, before returning to England and signing for Doncaster Rovers on loan. Ellery has international pedigree having represented England at Under 18, 19 and 20 level.

14. KORY ROBERTS - DEFENCE

Roberts, 23, had been at Walsall having joined their Academy aged 16

15. BEN MARGETSON - DEFENDER

Joined the Ravens from Swansea City. Having started at Cardiff City Ben has had a loan spell with Sutton United last season.

16 LIAM TROTTER - MIDFIELD

Starting his career at Ipswich Town, before enjoying loan spells with Millwall, Grimsby Town and Scunthorpe United. He then earned a permanent move to the Lions in 2010, where he would go on to spend four seasons. Trotter had a short loan spell with Bolton Wanderers, for whom he would sign permanently in 2014. Trotter then signed for AFC Wimbledon. He remained with Wimbledon until 2019, where he made the move across the pond to sign for Orange County in the USA.

17. BYRON WEBSTER (C) - DEFENCE Byron arrived at Hayes Lane having played

for Carlisle United during the 2019-20 season. Webster started his career in the youth ranks of York City before he moved on to Harrogate Town in 2007. Webster then moved to the Czech Republic and spent two seasons

with FK Banik Most before joining Doncaster Rovers including loan with Hereford United and Northampton Town. He signed for then League One side Yeovil Town, earning promotion to the Championship with the Glovers in 2013. Millwall swooped to secure his services in 2014 before joining Scunthorpe United...

18. COREY WHITELY- FORWARD

Corey joined the Club on loan from Newport County at the start of 2020. Whitely began his career with Boreham Wood, before a string of prolific spells in non-league with Waltham Forest, Cheshunt and most notably Enfield Town. Spells followed at Dagenham & Redbridge & Ebbsfleet United came next

19. HARRY FORSTER - MIDFIELD

Forster started at Watford as an U11. Following time on loan at St Albans City. He was then loaned out to Bromley

20. LUKE DREHER - MIDFIELD

21. JAMES VENNINGS - MIDFIELD

Bromley welcomed James to the club on loan from Charlton Athletic until the end of the season in March.

22. GEORGE ALEXANDER - FORWARD

George joined in the summer following a successful trial period from Millwall. netting three times in pre-season with numerous assists to his name already. George also spent time on loan at Concord Rangers helping The Beach Boys reach the FA Trophy final.

24. MARCUS SABLIER - DEFENCE

26. PALACE FRANCIS - FORWARD Francis joined Bromley from Walton &

27. KELLEN FISHER - MIDFIELD

Kellen Fisher is another youngster Andy Woodman has called upon this season, making his debut against Dover Athletic in the FA Trophy.

34. JACK CAWLEY - DEFENCE

Jack joined the Ravens after leaving fellow National League side Wealdstone. Cawley, who began his career at Heybridge Swifts, went on to represent Maldon & Tiptree and Concord Rangers before making the move to the Stones in 2020. He also has Wembley experience under his belt having played in the FA Trophy final for Concord earlier this year.

37. ALI AL-HAMADI - FORWARD

Forward Ali Al-Hamadi joined on loan from League One side Wycombe Wanderers until the end of the season in March.

39. CONNOR PARSONS - MIDFIELD





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MAYOR OF LONDON

As fans of Wealdstone Football Club,
I want to speak directly
to you about an issue of immense
importance – a matter
of life and death. That's because in
this country – and in our city – we
currently face an epidemic of
violence against women and girls.



In the UK, a violent man kills a woman every three days. By the time this weekend's football matches are finished, there's a good chance somewhere in London, or elsewhere in our country, another woman will be dead.

If you're a man, you might wonder why this concerns you. Obviously, not all men are violent towards women. But the truth is this scandal must unsettle us all – and force us to take a long hard look at ourselves. As men, we need to be reflecting on the way we view, treat and talk about women. That's because words matter and there's a link between misogyny and violence.

As Mayor, I have launched a new campaign to tackle the toxic attitudes and inappropriate behaviours of some men to help prevent violence against women and girls. I want all of us to be challenging sexism and misogyny. Whether it's on the streets or in the stands, online or in a group chat, at home or in the pub, we all have a responsibility to raise our voices to help keep women and girls safe.

Male violence against women and girls can start with words. If you see it happening, have a word with yourself, your mates or whoever is behind it. It's time we kick these rotten attitudes out of our city and society for good. Learn more at london.gov.uk/have-a-word

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IT'S A RECORD! The vital facts on recent Stones matches...

v Weymouth at the Vale, Vanarama National Lge Matchday 32

Saturday March 12 2022, 3pm. Sunny, dry and mild afternoon (14 deg) on a very decent surface

1.003 (87 away fans)

WEALDSTONE: Wickens, McAvov. Cook, Okimo (c), Mundle-Smith, Cooper (Elito 73), Ferguson, Henry, Clayden, Browne, Umerah (Dyer 80)

WEYMOUTH: Fitzsimons, Cordner, Harfield (Bearwish 55), Mnoga, Drew, Mussa, Murray, McQuoid, Shields, Rose (Goodship 70), Ash (Blair 70)

WEYMOUTH 2 STONES 3 Browne 50, 75 Cook 53 Ash 45, McQuoid 85

POSSESSION

Stones 50% Weymouth 50%

SHOTS ON TARGET Stones 6 Weymouth 6 SHOTS OFF TARGET Stones 3 Weymouth 10 CORNERS Stones 5 Weymouth 5

Another surreal atmosphere at the Vale - this time due to a restricted crowd following the partcompletion of the pitchside barrier - saw Stones unucky to be trailing at half time. but then a three-minute salvo from Rhys Browne and Jack Cook got the crowd jumping. Browne nabbed another, then nearly a hat-trick... but Weymouth's late pressure brought a late goal and so nearly a leveller. The back-to-back wins moved us up to 15th and (almost) safety

I said at the beginning of the season staying up would be a far greater achievement than winning the NLS (we are still reigning champions by the way) and I stand by that. And to have done it with 12 games to go is way beyond most people's comprehension. We are improving as a team although with four of our better players currently on loan and unlikely to be back next year that immediately creates a problem going forward -Guvnor, Stonesnet Forum

THE WHERE &
THE WHAT

v Stockport County at Edgeley Park, VNL Matchday 33 Saturday 26th February 2022, 3

DATE AND CONDITIONS pm. Spring-like, dry afternoon at the impressive Edgeley Park

ATTENDANCE

7.453 (195 away fans)

TEAMS

STOCKPORT: Hinchliffe, Johnson, Hippolyte, Kitching (Quigley 38), Cllar, Croasdale, Southam-Hales (Hogan 46), Sarcevic, Crankshaw (Minihan 83), Madden. WEALDSTONE: Wickens, Cook, Okimo (c). Mundle-Smith, Sesay (Mascoll 72), Cooper (Elito 74), Ferguson, Henry (Charles 77), Clayden, Browne, Umerah,

RESULT

MATCH STATS

STOCKPORT 4 STONES 2 Madden 55 (p). Cook 13. Henry 33 Johnson 57. Palmer 61, Sarcevic 90

POSSESSION County 52% Stones 48% SHOTS ON TARGET County 13 Stones 3 OFF TARGET County 4 Stones 4 CORNERS County 9 Stones 8

STONES VIEW

The Stones' noisy following were in dreamland when two terrific dead balls from Aaron Henry saw Jack Cook head in (13mins) and then the Charlton loanee himself bent in a delicious 25-vard freekick for 2-0 (33 mins). Rvhs Browne was even denied a third when Hinchliffe made a fine blocking save. But Stockport were awesome in the second half, albeit a fortunate penalty to put them back in the game 3 goals in six minutes and Stones were cooked. County SOCIAL MEDIA looked every inch league champions

> 'My side have got some bottle... to come back and win the way we did after we'd been under the cosh in the first half. The boy Henry has a terrific delivery and credit to Wealdstone. they worked their socks off in the first half. As a part-time side we knew they'd struggle to keep that going for the whole game so I just told them our boys to go a bit more direct and make Wealdstone defend their goal'

- Dave Challinor, Stockport manager

Right: The Non-League paper's excellent coverage of the Stones spiky 3-2 defeat to Bromley at Hayes Lane in the meeting earlier this season. George Wickens' controversial red card had big repercussions in the three-game ban that followed. but it was a brave Stones display that deserved better than defeat. Bromley's win kick-started a terrific spell around the New Year period when the Ravens lost iust once in ten games. But since a 2-0 defeat at Southend on February 8 they have won just once

Bromley face York City at Hayes Lane, bidding to repeat their run to the Final in 2018 - where they were agonisingly beaten on penalties by the team who had KO'd the Stones in the semi-final, Brackley

Town.

in nine games and that was

the 3-1 victory

over Eastleigh

semi-finals

that put them in the FA Trophy

Next Saturday





Gritty Ravens do By Machel Hewitt it for Dave

ROMLEY honoured their dearly departed 'Bromley boy' Dave Roberts with a five-goal thriller against ten-man Wealdstone at Hayes Lane - a victory that moved the Ravens up to third place in

the National League table.
Having fallen behind to an early Josh Umerah goal, Bromley turned it around with goals from George Alexander and Marcus Sablier. However, Jack Cook appeared to have rescued a point for the ten-man Stones before Byron Webster's injury time header sealed the win for the Ravens.

It was a victory Ravens manager Andy Woodman felt was a fitting tribute to Roberts. "I'm sure Dave would have liked to see us win a bit easier than we did but, knowing Bromley as he did, he never knew Bromley to do things the easy way," he said.

"It was a real mark of

Dave's legacy at this club how we won in those circumstances"

It was Wealdstone who started the stronger and they took a deserved lead in the ninth minute, Jamie Mascoll's low cross exquisitely flicked home by Umerah.

The action was breathless in the opening quarter and Omar Sowunmi saw his header cleared off the line before Billy Bingham deflected Charlie Cooper's header onto the crossbar at the other end.

Bromley drew level midway through the first half when Webster's flick-on was smashed home by Alexander for his third goal of the sea-

Buoyed by the goal, Bromley proceeded to exert heavy pressure on the Stones and promptly took the lead four minutes later - young starlet Sablier arrowing an effort into the corner of the net

from 25 yards.

It was nearly three but George Wickens produced a stunning point-blank save to keep out Michael Cheek's header.

Wickens produced further excellent saves from Cheek and Webster before the goalkeeper soured his perfor-mance with an off-the-ball incident resulting in him receiving his marching orders.

Adjudged to have struck out at Alexander, referee Gary Parsons had no hesitation in showing a red card.

Yet it was the Stones who reacted the better, levelling the game with Cook's diving header from Cooper's freekick.

But Bromley were not to be denied as Webster won the game in injury time to seal the win for the Ravens, albeit there were suspicions of offside about the goal.

MATCH STATS

SHOTS ON TARGET SHOTS OFF TARGET CORNERS

OFFSIDE

Stones manager Stuart Maynard reflected ruefully on decisions he felt cost his side the game.

"Officials do have a difficuit job but we feit we were robbed today," he said.

"Webster looked two yards offside and the sending off was no more than a shoulder barge.

'It's a frustrating day for us as we played so well with ten men and, in my mind, fully deserved a point."

STAR MAN: Jude Arthurs (Bromley)
ATT: 1,747
ENTERTAINMENT: * * * *
REFEREE: Gary Paisons



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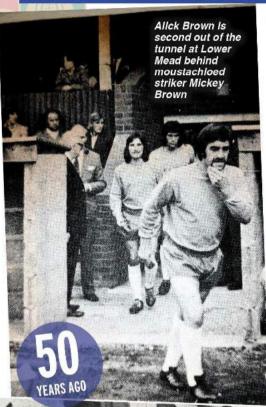


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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY TIM PARKS





The Early 70s: moustaches & chairman's lad season alive

Tuesday March 21st 1972, Southern League Division One North: Wealdstone 2 Bury Town 1

trange how the memory plays tricks. I know it was 50 years ago but for some reason this game will forever (in my mind) be associated with the emergence of teenage winger Alick Brown - son of chairman Don Brown - who disappeared shortly afterwards.

That's my recall anyway. In fact, young Brown, pictured right, was with us for the whole of the next season (1972-73) and even figured in our Southern League Div One South championship campaign the year after, before re-appearing 12 months later for Woking. But as the match report



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SOUTHERN LEAGUE, DIV. 1 (NONTH). TUESDAY, MARCH 21st, 1972.

WEALDSTONE Vs. BURY TOWN

Care to take a bet that by the time you read this, the March heat-wave has Care to take a bet that by the time you read this, the March heat-wave has broken, the akies are dark, and it's pouring down with rain? That's usually the case when we have a mid-week game, but we're keeping our fingers crossed tomight and so have a good gate for the visit of BURY TOWN, whose we are delighted to welcome on their first visit here. Our friends from Suffolk have the old reputation of playing better away from home, but even so, we are hopeful of completing the double playing octor away from nome, out even bu, we are no print or completing the aduous tonight, for we won 1-0 over there a few weeks ago. In fact that match signalled a big improvement in our fortunes. As you know, we lost by one goal at Kettering on Saturday, but the 2,400 spectators must have gone home feeling we were hard done by not to get one point.

Well, as you all know by now, our new manager is Sid Prosser, who has been Well, as you all know by now, our new manager is Sid Prosser, who has osen in the chair for the last five years at St. Albans, and he takes over in time for the Easter programme. We have a lot of faith in Sid and he can be assured of whole-hearted support by both the Committee and our faithful supporters. Incidentally former manager Alan Europhies had a nightware start to his new managerial career at Standard Committee and the Morta Standard Committee and th Stevenage, when Barry Town gained their first win of the sesson on the Herts.ground observingly, when Destry aven gained when lifes win or whe meaned on the merce ground on Saturday 2-0. Coming only four days after we had trounced Barry 5-1 made it all the more news-worthy as far as wo were concerned.

We've got a feast of football in the weeks ahead, starting this coming Saturday when the first team are at home to Kings Lynn, 3 p.m. King's Lynn are an attractive aide to watch and bent us 3-1 there, so we have a gradge to settle. Then next Tuesday March 28th we are at home to EMPSE in the Frender Midwell League, 7-30. On Easter Saturday we entertain EAMBUT [p.m., on Easter Monday travel to REGET TOWN (11 am) and the following storing, Tuesday, April 4th we are at home to Rugby in the return match, 7-30 p.m

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WEALDSTONE John Barr

2. John Beyer Eddie Presland Dave Cockell John Pearce

5. Trever Watson

Alick Brown

Mickey Brown Bill Byrne 10. John Purie 11. Terry Dyson. 12. Dixie Hale.

BURY TOWN (ALL RED)

1. Rodney Slack
2. Tony Turner

Jimmy Hewitt

Dickie Roe Bob Heffer Trevor Gardiner

Geoff Porter John Mansfield Billy Crighton 10. Mick Boggis

11. John Doherty 12. John Campbell.

Mick Boggis, incidentally, is one of the Leegue's top scorers and is a brilliant ball player, Popular Ray Whittaker is expected to be fit in time for Saturday's match. Referee: Mr. C. G. Watts (Stansted); Linespen: Mesars. P. J. Brown (Sidoup) and J. H. Bush (Chesbunt).

REMEMBER - BINGO STARTS IN THE SOCIAL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th, 8 p.m. ADMISSION 15p.

quickly introduced a string of new, exciting young talent. Foremost among them was,

coincidentally, the chairman's lad Alick.

Now I'm not inferring any Glenn Tamplin-like nepotism here - in fact precisely the opposite as he's stuck in my mind as the player who saved our 1971-72 season. It's difficult to forget how pedestrian the Stones team was before Prosser

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Left: Stones' new manager Sid Prosser addresses his players as he railies his troops for the Easter Saturday home game v Banbury (won 3-0, Mickey Brown hat-trick). Who else can identify the players? They are (from left) Mickey Brown (receiving treatment from trainer Fred King), John Furie, substitute Gary Townend, Unidentifiable but must be Dixie Hale, Eddie Presiand, Ray Whitaker, goalkeeper John Barr, John Beyer, John Pearce, Trevor Watson (bald head, bending over), Terry Dyson, and Dave Cockell (Injured). Also playing that day, and presumably out of shot is Bill Byrne. Alick Brown was unavailable



Sideburns, how the

(overpage) shows, his matchwinning debut had him marked down as a player of huge promise.

But what of this Springtime, five decades ago? Well, the Stones were struggling in our first-ever professional season, having ditched all but one of our promising amateur players and signed a whole raft of over-thehill ex-pros who quickly landed us in lower mid table in the Southern League Division One North.

But riding to the rescue was the highly-rated St Albans City manager Syd Prosser. Not sure how he was sweet-talked into leaving the high-flying Isthmians for the quiet despair of Lower Mead - presumably by the persuasive Don Brown - but Prosser

ON THIS DAY CONTINUED

worked his magic. There was one home defeat, 3-1 to Ilkeston Town just before manager Alan Humphries got the sack, when I was in utter despair at how incompetent, ponderous and uninspiring the whole team was. Just 350 people suffered in silence as the whole idea of this proud amateur club embracing professionalism simply unravelled before our eves

But then the clear-out began. Big striker Bill Byrne was signed from Ilford, as an amateur, before stylish vound defender John Pearce was considered surplus to requirements at Watford - and Prosser pounced. Perhaps the best signing of all, though, was one of experience: the capture Guildford City. The winger was at the heart of the brilliant 1960-61 Tottenham team and now,

fan, Alick Brown's debut this misty

night at Lower Mead is the one that summed up the sudden and marvellous transformation of the

With the strong, pacy Mickey Brown and the presence of Byrne up front, and with Dyson and Alick Brown on the flanks we had become a side that asked real questions of the opposition instead of the usual 'How many would you like to score tonight?'

of Spurs double-winner Terry Dyson from a decade later and in his mid-30s, his guile and sheer ability was a telling addition. But still, in the memory of this 14-year-old

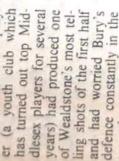
By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 2, Bury Town I

IT WAS a story-book start, or ending, whichever way you care to view the matter, for League side only to be thwarted by illness, finally made it on Tuesday evening and 18 year-old Alick Brown who having twice previously been selected for the Southern slammed Wealdstone's winner in the 89th minute of a fluctuating game,

Throughout young Brown, normally a midfield man, playing out of position on the right wing, had shown deft touches, good pace and as he gained confidence a willingness to go and look for the ball and then take on his full-back on either side.

Drayton Boys' Club play former





His goal was a fitting reward for a good evening's work and certainly we shall see more of

ury Town were a decent top-six side yet we'd beaten them a few weeks earlier 1-0 away (just as Humphries was on his way out) with a rare Trevor Watson goal. As mentioned in the team sheet (see this page) Bury's away record was much better than their home and they were looked certain to win as we trailed 1-0 going into the last 10 minutes. But another youngster, right back John Beyer, surged into the box to equalise before Alick Brown sent the 606 crowd into delirium (well, me anyway, unused to such heroics after a season of tripe) when he galloped onto a deep cross from namesake Micky Brown and walloped it high into the Cinema End net from an awkward angle.

My watch showed 9.12pm. In those days, midweek games ALWAYS finished at 9.10. even after a good ten minutes of time wasting by cynical opposition, so this was a remarkable oversight by the referee who clearly didn't know that I only had 12 minutes to get to Harrow & Wealdstone station to catch the 9.22 train home to Hatch End.

Just this once, I was prepared to spend an extra 28 minutes shivering on the Northbound platform, warmed by the memory of the 92nd

minute goal (officially 89 mins) that secured an unexpected two points and sent us on the way to the heady heights of 12th place.

o what happened to Alick Brown? I put Pete Worby, super sleuth, on the case and he came up with the full stats, as expected. Young Mr Brown made 49 starts and nine substitute appearances for the Stones across those two and a half seasons (far more than I had imagined), and was eventually loaned out to Hillingdon Borough. Boro were a division above us at the time, in the process of being relegated from the Southern League Prem, and in fact we passed them going in the opposite direction a few

Pete put on his deerstalker and also came up with the info that Brown was at Woking (Isthmian League Prem) between 1976-78, and then moved to Chesham United where was was assistant coach, finally playing for Maidenhead United (Isthmian Div One) between 1982-84 where he made 40 appearances and scored three goals. Maybe one day we'll track him down, grey moustache and all, for an interview

And what happened next? Yes, we managed to find the elusive Mr Brown Junior. And he hadn't forgotten a thing! See overpage >>>>

Alick Brown

of the home play was dull and there were times when some

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But, to get everything in per-ective, 'Stones were a shade lucky to get away with two

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Bury were certainly worth one.

hero this time. He overlapped down the flank, forced his way past a clear case of obstruction and when Flack appeared to have the situation in hand forc-Bury lost Hewitt with a cur ed the ball past the 'keeper.

head and Alderton went on to at once floor Alick Brown with moment of glory. Micky Brown found space on the left, sent a voung Alick was past Alderton a late tackle. Bury came back and Buckle forced Barr to make high cross over the defence and in a flash to slam the ball high Finally came Alick Brown' a superb point blank save.

And Byrne is sadly missing up front seldom came off because Micky has currently lost his edge and little is going right crosses from Whittaker which he relishes so

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forced Flack to save well with a Alick Brown gave the 606 out after five minutes when he flashing 20 yarder, but apart tremendous save by Barr from Pearce, Beyer and Cockell, par crowd something to shout ab generally held a lively Bury at fack spearheaded by 27-goals from shots each from Mick-Brown and Watson and give away nothing mood ticularly the latter, were this-season Mick Boggis.

WHAT HAPPENED TO...ALICK BROWN?

"I'll never forget the goal.. and how crushed and disappointed I was when the Stones released me after two seasons"

ow many of you were around fifty years ago to witness the highlight of Alick Brown's career?

When I finally met the flying winger - at the Vale before the last home game with Weymouth-I reckoned maybe a few dozen of the 660 crowd at Lower Mead that night in March 1972 are still regulars today. And there was a buzz in the bar when I mentioned that I was about to meet the mysterious Mr Brown.

His 70s team mate Nigel Franklin ushered me into the hall where Alick was deep in conversation with George Duck, the superstar of that side. "It's amazing to

be back at the club, even though it's not Lower Mead any more" said the now 69-year-old Alick.

"I've kept tabs on the club but honestly didn't know that they had left Harrow - it wasn't until I happened to be driving through the area quite a few years ago, looked across to where Lower Mead was and was shocked to see a Tescos there!

"It was almost as disappointing as when I had to move on from Wealdstone after playing just a couple of years there in the early 70s" he said.

"I really loved the place; everything about it. What a great bunch of players: George here, Eric Burgess, Billy Byrne, Eddie Presland, Terry Dyson... even Johnny Haynes for a couple of games.

"After that debut against Bury Town I played for the rest of the 71-72 season and then the whole of 72-73 when we finished eighth. The club were dead set on promotion to the Southern League Premier Division so it was no surprise that they tried to get better players in ... and one of them was John Henderson, who was a winger and seri-



ously good. I only played a handful of games in 73-74, my last season but I got a SL Div One South winners medal, and a tankard!"

Alick had been out on a month's loan in a February '74 to Hillingdon Borough (who were actually in the Southern League Prem, though on their way to relegation) but couldn't force his way back into Sid Prosser's team. Or Eddie Presland's after the full back took over as manager in March.

"There was just the bare XI and one sub in those days. So I did a fair amount of bench sitting and being unused in the match day squad.

was so disillusioned at leaving the Stones that I just played Sunday football in Hayes, where I grew up, the next season - and it was over a year later that Wealdstone played Woking in the FA Cup and my dad, who was the Stones chairman, spoke to the Woking skipper Graham Cooper. They needed a right winger and before you knew it I was playing against Leytonstone Ilford in the Isthmian League.... my first of 140 games for the Cards.

"I have to say though, the standard never



seemed as good as the Southern League.

In that first game I thought 'I'm never going to adapt to this'! It was just run, run, run for 90 minutes while the southern league was full of ex-pros I suppose, who could keep the ball a lot better.

"But I got used to it. And went on to play for Walton & Hersham for a couple of seasons, then Staines Town for three years and also Maidenhead. I stopped playing in 1985 when I was 32".

Alick's youth career took off at Charlton Athletic, when he played between the ages of 13-18.

"I was on the ground staff at The Valley but it became obvious that I wouldn't be signing as a pro when I hit 18. That was the cut off in those days. And Charlton had a legendary winger in Keith Peacock (500 games!) so I had no chance.

"I tried my luck at Watford but Ken Furphy, the manager, released me in the summer of 71 which is when I signed for the Stones' reserve team. Sid Prosser replaced Alan Humphries as manager and obviously decided to take a chance on a few youngsters like myself and John Beyer - and Nigel Franklin later on".

he stage was set for Alick's dramatic debut.
"I wasn't nervous at all; I was used to
mingling with professionals at Charlton and
Watford and remember being really focused on
the game. And I'll never forget the goal; it was a
cross from the left that went over the head of the
defender, leaving me clear on the angle of the six
yard box. I took the ball down with my right foot

and set myself to hit it across the keeper to the far post.

"That's what I meant to do anyway- instead I just slashed across the ball and it ended up in the roof of the net over the keeper's left shoulder!"

Alick - spelled the Scottish way as his family originally hailed from Inverness - reckons his happiest time in football were those two years spent in Wealdstone blue. "It was great fun, great camaraderie. We had a card school playing 'Hearts' on the coach to away games and Terry Dyson never stopped talking, Eddie and George and Mickey Brown joking away too while Eric Burgess was so suave... he was married to the sister of Anthea Redfearn, who was married to Bruce Forsyth. We had one night out over Colchester way when Bruce was opening a sports centre - I couldn't take my eves off her!

"Then when Johnny Haynes played a few games it was surreal. Me in the same side as Haynes and Dyson and Duck and Burgess, Dixie Hale too, all great ex League stars - and England captain in Haynes' case.

"We had that one game against Dorchester when Haynes was threading these slide-rules passes into George and Terry to run on to but we somehow couldn't put the ball in the net... at half time Sid Prosser told him 'we don't play the long-ball game Johnny, we like to play football to feet'. Amazing! He actually said that to Johnny Haynes!"

Alick was also impressed with the navy blazers

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WHAT HAPPENED TO...ALICK BROWN (CONTD)

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(with club badge) and grey trousers supplied to the whole squad for match days... but before too long Stones had won the league by eleven points and the 21 year old winger was on his bike.

"I did enjoy my three years at Woking though, where I played a modern wing-back role and took all the free kicks and corners. I never won a trophy though, apart from the one at Wealdstone - I was runners up in the Surrey Senior cup with Woking against Tooting in 1978, and then for Staines against Hayes in the London Senior Cup in '61.

"I even played played briefly for Chesham in 82-83 and was assistant manager to Laurie Craker... we had a good side and did well in the cups but not so well in the league and Laurie was sacked. Pat Morrissey, another ex Watford player took over but I resigned in support of Laurie... it was the right thing to do".

hile he was playing semipro football, Alick was working in cargo for KLM, the Royal Dutch Airline, at Heathrow. He had married his first wife, Pauline in 1974 but that ended in divorce eight years later and in 1986 Alick had a change of direction when he moved to Florida to try to expand his dad's UK business, selling garage equipment.

"That was a unsuccessful at first - the Americans operate differently to us - but in the end we won a contract to supply engine oil from all the major companies to the garages."

He returned to England after the early death of his dad, at 60, to help his mum with the business and they diversified into transport, first delivering hospital equipment and then DIY goods for Wickes.

Alick met his second wife Carol and they wed in 1990, having two sons Sheldon and Kingsley - who both now live across the Atlantic, in Atlanta and Nebraska respectively.

"One of the best things about my time in America was playing football for a local team in Florida - as we had contacts with the Tampa Bay Rowdies and had 'scrimmage' games against them in preparation for their American Soccer League games. We were playing against Rodney Marsh and an array of world stars... brilliant times".

There was personal tragedy when Carol died in September 2018, but his mum is still going strong at 89. With his sons (and grandchildren Sophie, 2, and seven month old Brady) so far away, Alick retired a year ago and now spends much of his time playing golf near his home in Leatherhead, Surrey.



A rare picture of Alick in action... in the background of this shot of John McCormick (5) and Billy Byrne (9) contesting a corner against Barnet in a pre season friendly in August 1973. The Bees were in the division above but Stones battered them 1-0

"It's within walking distance of Leatherhead FC but they're having a terrible time. I saw them lose to Hornchurch a few weeks ago and amazingly, the ground hasnt changed since I played there in the 1970s. I've been to Dorking Wanderers too and they are a very progressive club... they could be in your division next season".

So how did we track you down? I asked him. "Well that was funny... I'm on a Facebook group called 'ex Non League players' and Graham Smith from Wealdstone asked 'are you the Alick Brown who played for Wealdstone?' So I said yes, and he sent me the article (on the previous page) .. which flabbergasted me.

"Both my boys are football fans, and Charlton Athletic followers because of my youth team days there and they were tickled pink. I don't think they ever believed I'd played to a decent level.

"Now they are telling me that the Stones have got two of Charlton's outstanding young players on loan (Aaron Henry and Charlie Clayden) so I'm really looking forward to seeing them - and just being back among old friends. The club still has the same warmth that it had 50 years ago and it would be a great pleasure to visit whenever I can in the future".

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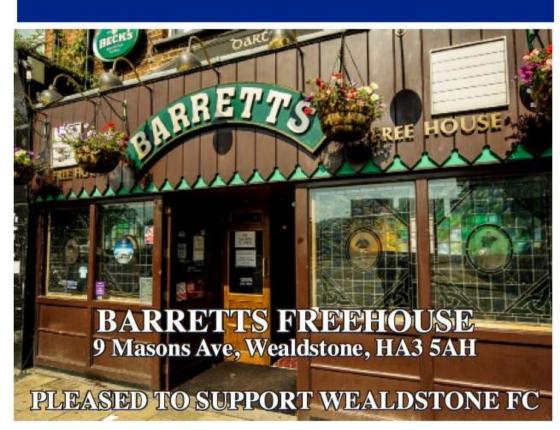


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Past encounters with today's visitors as recounted by someone who was there

Saturday 23 January 1988

In the social media era, teams move grounds to a fanfare that was unheard of thirty-odd years ago. Take for example this game, Kingstonian v Bromley, in the Isthmian League Premier Division. I found it was Richmond Road's last hurrah precisely one week before it took place, and only then because I'd been at another home game, against Farnborough Town, and happened to buy the match programme.

One of the by-products of the frenzy that now surrounds swapping one piece of terracing and turf for another is that a veritable industry has grown up around various milestones recorded at either the last rites of the old home ground, or the first birth pangs of the new one. Only a few days before writing this, I heard Bradley Walsh asking a contestant on 'The Chase' for the name of the first goalscorer at the new Wembley - which, given the age of some of these repeats, would be much less of a stretch to recall when it was asked than it is now.

But such is the folklore surrounding these bits of club territory that it doesn't need to be a recent game for diehards to be able to pluck the names of significant goalscorers out of the air, or the first/last game results that their actions helped to create. In fact, sometimes it doesn't need to involve a ground move. Commentary on the recent Liverpool-Norwich FA Cup tie included a reference to the visitors winning the last game at Anfield while the Kop was still all-standing. And that was a whole 28 years ago. Bringing this back

to Bromley, it is thus my honour and privilege to salute Gary Hewitt, the scorer of the last goal ever at Richmond Road. It came just before half time and was the only goal of the 90 minutes. A little piece of history in itself. And it could have been even more significant had it helped deliver Bromley a title, but in the end they had to make do with second place behind Yeovil.

Hover to zoom

Tuesday 23 August 1988

PREMIER DIVISION

It's always good to watch as much early season football as possible, and back in the 1980s there was a proper close season before it all got going again. When I turned up at Hayes Lane to see Bromley and Kingstonian lock horns once again, I'd seen precisely no football - even on television - since England had flopped out of their European Championship group over two months earlier. The choice of away team wasn't a coincidence. I'd watched Kingstonian several times the previous season and they had finished strongly. Despite having no home stadium of their own - or maybe because of it, given that the revenues from the sale would have provided some opportunity to strengthen the playing staff - they mounted an unlikely promotion challenge and eventually finished sixth. By contrast, Bromley's trajectory was about

BROMLEY

to take them the other way, culminating in a lower mid-table finish. Which probably explains why this game ended all-square, with the home side repeating the interval lead they had established at Richmond Road seven months before only for K's to equalise after the break.

I was delighted to have made it to Hayes Lane. I'd read in Tony Williams' Non League Directory, which was a de rigeur annual purchase for me at the time, that just under 40 years before they had 13,000 in the ground for a game against a Nigerian touring XI, and they seemed like a proper old amateur turned semi-pro side, of the sort that London and the surrounding area was so full of. So seeing them and their ground in the flesh was great. I must go again, I thought. But of course real life gets in the way, and I've only been back twice since. And one of those was to watch Cray Wanderers.

Saturday 29 October 1994

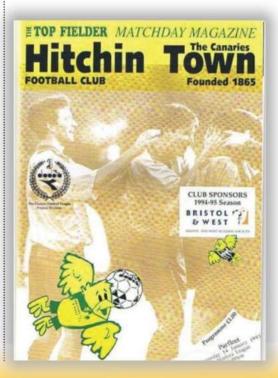
Is there a better outcome from a game for the football neutral than the 3-3 draw? I've no idea how many I've since my first one, between Rotherham and Bury in September 1975, but I've loved them all, and this one, between Hitchin and Bromley - fifth and sixth respectively at the end of the season - was up there with the best of them. A memory made even better by first visit to Hitchin's lovely Top Field stadium. The fascination with teams equally sharing six goals probably comes from the number of scoring scenarios that can play out during the game itself - everything from one side blowing a three-goal lead to the classic 1-0/1-2/3-2 fluctuation. or vice versa.

This was neither of those, but was no less entertaining none the less. Hitchin raced in to a two-goal lead, but by half-time it was 2-2. A third Bromley goal looked to be enough to seal the points, but a late equaliser meant the points were shared. I've never kept notes of scorers at non-league level, but I have a memory of Trevor Aylott, who I'd seen on the box in his Chelsea days scoring to inflict a rare defeat on Brian Clough's first division winning Nottingham Forest side, being on the pitch.

Saturday 4 September 2004

Despite the film version of the late Dave Roberts' book 'The Bromley Boys' depicting the club as the worst team in football, they have always done quite well when I've seen them. Admittedly, they've sometimes been helped by being paired with some decidedly inferior opposition. In August 1995, I was at an Isthmian League Cup tie when they travelled to Harefield United. Bromley scored three second half goals to win and the main talking point was two blokes behind me spotting QPR legend Stan Bowles in the crowd. ('What's he doing here?' 'Dunno,mate. Maybe he saw the lights and thought it was a dog track.')

Almost a decade on, I rocked up at Chessington & Hook's ground for a FA Cup preliminary. Despite the disparity between the teams it took Bromley until the last attack of the game to win it 1-0 and deny their hosts a replay. Of course, you don't get FA Cup replays now. Without the winning goal, it would have gone to penalties, and C&H's part-time players would not have to worry about asking for time off work for a Tuesday night in Kent. Ah well, that's progress.



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	BROWLEY Saturday, 26th March Vanarama National League	Alan Couch	
	CHESTERFIELD Saturday, 9th April Vanarama National League	Mick Fishman	Your name or business here
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	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE Saturday, 30th April Vanarama National League	Your name or business here	Your name or business here
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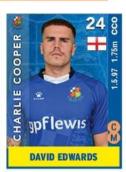


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CB = Centre Back

RB = Right Back

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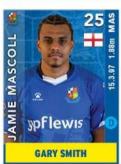
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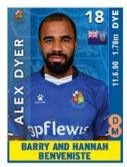










































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Friday 15th April 3:00pm

SOUTHEND UNIT



Monday 18th April 3:00pm



BOREHAM WOOD (H) Vanarama National League

Saturday 23rd April 3:00pm



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HOW THEY LINE-UP TODAY

WEALDSTONE 3



Royal Blue/White/White

G George WICKENS 1

Jack COOK 2

Dan WISHART 3

Ashley CHARLES 4
Jerome OKIMO © 6

Nathan FERGUSON 7

Josh UMERAH 9
Rhys BROWNE 10

David SESAY 11

Andy ELEFTHERIOU 12
G Alfie MARIGLIANI 13

Connor MCAVOY 14

ELIJAH HEARN 15 Ira JACKSON Jr 16

Nikola TAVARES 17 Alex DYER 18

Charles CLAYDEN 19

Medy ELITO 20 Aaron HENRY 22

Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH 23

Charlie COOPER 24
Jamie MASCOLL 25

1 Mark COUSINS G

2 Joe PARTINGTON

3 Toby STEVENSON 4 Billy BINGHAM

5 Chris BUSH

6 Omar SOWUNMI

7 Luke COULSON

8 Jude ARTHURS

9 Michael CHEEK

10 James ALABI

11 Louis DENNIS

12 Scott WAGSTAFF

13 Ellery BALCOMBE 14 Kory ROBERTS

15 Ben MARGETSON

16 Liam TROTTER

17 Byron WEBSTER
18 Corev WHITELY

19 Harry FORSTER

20 Luke DREHER

21 James VENNINGS

22 George ALEXANDER

24 Marcus SABLIER

26 Palace FRANCIS 27 Kellen FISHER

34 Jack CAWLEY

37 Ali AL-HAMADI

39 Connor PARSONS

RESULT: WEALDSTONE



REFEREE Daniel Lamport

ASSISTANTS Jacob Lehane and Timothy Walker

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NEXT AT THE VALE Maidenhead (VNL) Tues April 5, 7,45pm AND THEN... Chesterfield (VNL) Saturday April 9, KO 3pm

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BROWNIE'S ON FIRE!

Rhys Brown (No.10) has just put Stones 3-1 ahead against Weymouth in our last home game and is congratulated by Skip Jerome and the freescoring Jack Cook

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PICTURE: Jon Taffel

