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# WEALDSTONE

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# Written in Stone

would like to extend a warm welcome to this afternoon's visitors, including Manager Rod Stringer, his back room team, the Chelmsford Players and supporters.

Joining as our guests in the refurbished hospitality lounge this afternoon and for the second game in succession, are today's match sponsors from Optima Site Solutions, Peter, Darren, Ashley, Kiarash and Stanley Marks (7), who I am told is very excited about the day ahead.

Our ball donor is the ever supportive Toby

Jackson of Lapel Badges. Please pay him a visit at his stand just inside the turnstiles where I am sure he will be more than happy to indulge you in all your badge needs. Full details of our fully tailored match sponsorship and ball donation schemes, along with player kit sponsorships are listed on the appropriate pages within this programme and as ever Paul Rumens will be happy to advise you at paulrumens59@gmail.com or on 07710 929692

Mark

# FA Cup Draw - Great Wakering Rovers (H)

Last Monday afternoon saw the draw for the Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying round take palce. Wealdstone were drawn at home to **Great Wakering Rovers who are currently 13th in the Bostic Division One North. The match will be played here at Grosvenor Vale next Saturday 22nd 3pm KO.** 

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# From the Gaffers and management team J









warm welcome to Rod Stringer his management team, players and officials of Chelmsford City Football Club.

It's great to be back at the Vale today for another big game. Our home form has been pleasing this season with the latest result been a comprehensive win over Truro. We were in control for the majority of the game and a well taken first goal from Bradley Hudson settled us down. Bradley Bubb showed his finishing class with a brace and it was a shame to lose him to injury given his form. It's important we make this place a ground that opposition hate coming to and the boys are certainly doing that at the moment.

If your home form is strong then picking up points on the road will ensure we are challenging in and around where we want to be. It is for that reason despite been 15 minutes away from a good win, to get a point at Dulwich last week was satisfying. We controlled the game in the first half and created several chances that we should have converted and took a deserved lead. You can view missed chances with a cup half empty, cup half full mentality. For us creating chances is more important and we did this in first half. We are in the top 7 of goals scored so far this

season so we have shown we can take our chances but we want to improve and be even more clinical. Dulwich in fairness to them came out and pinned us in for most of the second half. Away from home this can happen with momentum and the crowd behind you so you have to stand up and defend your goal sometimes. The boys showed great character not to concede a second and take a valuable point which kept us in the top 6.

With Bradley Bubb's injury and Joe White's imminent return to Stevenage we have dipped into the loan market for forward cover. Fumnaya Shomotun will be involved in the squad today and is an exciting, creative, flair player who you will enjoy watching. We welcome him to the club.

Today is the last league game before we have a 2 week break for the FA Cup so putting some points on the board is key. Chelmsford have been one of the most consistent teams in the National South over the last few years and will provide a stern test. We relish these games and it will again provide a benchmark of our progress. Enjoy the game and back these boys as you always do.

Bobby and the management team.

The Elmslie Ender



We may be biased but for a change EE is actually talking sense this issue...

uring the summer, at the height of the World Cup, the English Football League (EFL) voted to allow its members not to be obligated to produce a match day programme for every game. Programmes are generally mandatory as they carry partnership and sponsorship messages to the attending public. In some people's eyes, it was the beginning of the end of the match day programme. another tradition cast off in the rush to digitisation. But is it really the end or just moving onto different platforms that the public are much better at using. Is it a fuss about nothing and just out of step with modern times? Take your daily commute, whether locally or into London. how many people do you see having purchased a real newspaper. Not many. hardly even. Some may flick through the Metro but most people are staring into their screens on their phone or tablet or listening to music, their headphones isolating them from the outside world.

News, even at our level, is accessible instantly through your telephone, tablet or computer and there is a real struggle to keep a match-day programme fresh. Too often the

match day programme is cobbled together by one person at this the level and original content is few and far between. Obviously there are exceptions. You are certainly reading one. The best in the division, but it has a core team of three, with upto another five or six regular contributors, which allows our programme to be unique as it is about a much a fanzine as you could get away with for an official publication. Our visitors are another club that takes a lot of pride in their programme, but the list of good match day mags in this division can be counted on one hand. In the Wobs prog survey, only three programmes scored eight or above: seventeen scored less than six. The man (or woman) hours are immense in producing a programme and rarely does a club have a full-time resource as Ebbsfleet had when they were in the Connie South. Take our mighty tome, with all the contributions that people make, it is probably a full time job. Mrs Hyde is a very forgiving lady. That's why you get a Picasso rather than an Ikea print.

Another huge factor in the argument against programmes is economics. Majority of clubs will lose money on their programme. unless it is full of adverts which makes it

unreadable or unattractive to the purchaser or have a deal with a printer who subsidies the cost. We actually make a profit, not an insubstantial one at that, on the programme that allows the powers to be to see value. other than esoteric, in carrying on producing what we do. We make money because a) we charge more than other clubs, b) we have bloody content which makes it worthwhile reading/buying but most of all c) because we have a very generous printer than only charges the football club the cost of materials. Martin Lacev. a former co-editor of the EE, has for many years softened the cost of printing for the football club, but when he finally retires to his northern citadel, that will make interesting reading for the profit and loss of the programme.

Don't get me wrong; I love programmes, well used to. I was an avid collector and had thousands of them and then, when moving house, realised that I barely looked at any of them and didn't really see the point of moving them from one garage to another, so donated most of my collection, including a vain attempt to acquire every programme from the 1984-85 FA Trophy competition (I got about 75% of the way there), to the supporters club. I have only kept special programmes or seasons when we have won the league. I gave up on away programmes

a few years ago as so many of them weren't worth the cost of the paper that they were written on. I normally have a quick scan of someone's and flick through the pages, but save for our visitors today and maybe one or two others, I haven't missed much in stopping buving them. Most clubs are seeing falling sales. If a pro club gets 15% of their crowd buying one, they are doing well. At Wealdstone, we sell to one adult in three, so there is, due to its quality, still an affection for the prog,

but then you wonder why the other two thirds don't bother when we have the best in the league and one of the best in non-league football? Add to that, barely any of the burgeoning youth buys one.

As life moves more and more into the digital age, the match day programme will



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Take the revamping of our website, one of the core reasons for the rebuild was to make it more accessible to the youth market, with larger images to capture the younger market. It will be interesting to see the stats on the

**Todays visitors** are another club

that takes a lot

of pride in their

match day

traffic it now generates. I love newspapers; I still buy a proper one to read on my commute and quite often spend a journey into the city on a Monday morning reading my Wealdstone prog. You cant replicate the feel, touch and smell of the printed form onto a tablet. but as those that work in the printed press will attest, sales are rapidly falling and online traffic increasing apace. Newspapers now funnel resources to their websites rather than the printed form;

the world is all about digital. Programmes will continue to exist where there are willing people to produce one and enough resources to support it, but we have to face the facts that ultimately they will all go online. That isn't heresy just progress.

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Godfrey Poku

"In my first game for Havant the manager said 'Get around the pitch and enjoy yourself' and I scored a hattrick! Amazing!"

odfrey Poku is one of the most self-effacing footballers I've ever met. Despite a ten-year career being loved by fans from Luton to Southport, and AFC Telford and Oxford City in between, he just says "My job is to get up and down, win the ball and give it to the proper players".

Well anybody who has seen Godfrey play knows he is far from just a water carrier in the Didier Deschamps mould. He is literally everywhere on the pitch, can pick a pass and definitely loves a tackle!

I recalled his performances against the Stones for Oxford City last season - our 2-3 defeat at Oxford and the 1-1 draw at The Vale - when he was the most effective player on the field in both games. Godfrey won City's player of the season award to underline his importance to the Marsh Lane club.

"Thank you - I've been appreciated by a few supporters over the years but I've also fallen out with a few managers who didn't rate

me. The lads here, though, are quality, the staff are quality, the training is quality and the pitch is quality... at Oxford we had the plastic surface which I didn't mind, but you do get burns and blisters and the pitch is slower and bouncier. I'd much rather play on grass".

odfrey grew up in East London and still lives in the Stratford area. He was 28 earlier this summer and is engaged to his partner of 10 years. Nafisah.

He has his own football coaching business, GPFC (Godfrey Poku Football Camps) and was in the middle of an exhausting session with 50 kids when I spoke to him.

"It's 30 degrees and it's all about water breaks!" he laughed.

"I've got two other coaches here and we work on ball skills and enjoyment - this is a summer soccer camp but we go into schools during the winter. And I also work in the gym at Newham Leisure Centre. It's just great being involved in the game".

PRINCES OF PRINCES PARK:

Godfrey (far left) celebrates Brad-

ley Bubb's opening goal in the 3-0 demolition of Dartford a month

ago. And (below) he tussles for possession on the disappointing

return to his old club Oxford

Godfrey was playing youth football at Redbridge College when a coach recommended him to his friend Steve Castle, the

St Albans manager.

This was 2009, the Saints were fighting to stay in the in Conference South and Godfrey was signed right after his trial.

But his talent stood out and within months nearby Luton Town (also playing in the Conference after their shock admin-demotion from League Two) had paid compensation and snapped Godfrey up from their neighbours.

Thus began two years with the Hatters, in and out of the team. Castle send him out on loan to fellow Conference National side Southport and the Sandgrounders wanted to sign him permanently- but Castle refused. Luton twice missed out in promotion finals ("the first one, against AFC Wimbledon I was on the bench and desperate NOT to come on and have to take a penalty!" he admits) and Castle finally relented by selling Godfrey to Mansfield Two (who would end up winning the Conference National) in the summer of 2012.

ut the manager, Paul Cox, didn't seem to rate me and I only played four games in two years. A couple in the League after we'd been promoted. Not a good episode in my career" said Godfrey. "They sent me out Alfreton on loan, and then I ended back on another loan deal with Southport which was ideal. I had a great rapport with the fans there. They appreciated my workrate.

"But all things come to an end and I was off on a permanent deal to AFC Telford in 2014, also in the Conference National which is a lovely club. I was virtually ever-present and at the end of the season Woking came in for me so it was down to Surrey for another season of Connie National football."

Three years ago he had a very short spell at Havant & Waterlooville in the Conference South. "In my first game the manager said: 'Get around the pitch and enjoy yourself 'and I scored a hat trick! Amazing! And then another in my only other game!"

That hat trick game was against Oxford City and unsurprisingly they came in with an offer for the free agent.

"That was two years ago and I played 79 times for City - pretty much every game - but I'm ready for my next challenge now... and I'm really excited to be joining Wealdstone".

Finally Godfrey, how do you pronounce your surname? Is it Poe-ku or Pokku? I've head the players call you all sorts".

"I don't care what the players call me - just so long as they give me the ball!" he laughed.



Pic. STEVE FOSTER aqueoussun@googlemail.com

#### **BY NICK DUGARD**





# From the General Manager

elcome everyone today to The Vale for what I am sure will be a very tough but entertaining match versus Chelmsford City.

I have recently made some recommendations/suggestions to the Board for some new promotions for NON LEAGUE DAY which takes place on Saturday October 13th when we entertain Hampton & Richmond Borough at The Vale. It's important that we remain innovative with our marketing, within our available resources. Please spread the word, get your mates down and let's get another 1,000 plus gate!

Nick Symmons and his Wealdstone FC Foundation Trust team received some excellent news recently. They are eligible to use a special Community Award logo (below) and heard they have received a significant grant to help cover their project covers for the coming year. Well done Nick and the team! It's possible that the award will be made to Nick on Non League Day so watch out for a presentation.

My work in the Press Officer role is always interesting and a big part of that is making the most of what media outlets we have as vital publicity oxygen for the club. All local newspapers are dominated by on-line news platforms and rely on a constant feed from the club. The local reporter and photographer have sadly long been a dying breed and you will probably notice that most club reports are printed/used on-line virtually verbatim. It amuses me that the Regional BBC Radio stations will often send reporters to our games, sometimes travelling hundreds of miles whilst BBC Radio London hardly realise we exist until we enter the FA Cup First Round. That's part of the price we pay for being a London based club but it still irks me! My constant interaction with the Gazette brought reward so you never know! We do the best we can but if we falter with news pushed out we get little news published...

Having said all that, I am most grateful to the hard pressed local journalists and Editors with whom I have a very good relationship and do a great job supporting local football with the resources available to them.

We are still searching to bolster the Media Team to replace Chris, Craig and Michael. It's a challenging task as we do need commitment week in and week out and previously we have been blessed with some excellent and very reliable people. I am signed up with the new UCFB National League Placement Provider. My thanks also to Stephen Brooks who has now returned to his studies at Loughborough Uni.

My grateful thanks to those that have stepped in to help recently with social media work on match days. If you would like to help please see me today.

Up the Stones

Nick



# Fan in the Stand

# 'We live so far away from the Vale that my Grandad puts a programme in the post when we can't make it to a game'

oday's victim is another
Shead! Yes, it's the final Part
III of the Shead family trilogy...
in the Concord and Truro issues we
read about Gordon's 56-year love

affair with the Stones, and his 41-year- old son Alan's matching passion. Now it's Alan's son Zak, 15...

Where do you live, Zak? Harlow, all my life Where do you go to school? Passmores Secondary in Harlow. GCSE time next year! First Stones game attended? Billericay away, about 5 years ago I think. 2-0 up at half time but lost 4 2 . That's when I learnt!!

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan? Dad and Grandad took me to the Vale.

Do you follow any other team? Liverpool Do you prefer lower-League football? Yes, easier to watch and see the games. Closer to the action

Any disadvantages? We live so far away from Vale

How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life? We always go when dad is not working, but my my grandad sends me the programmes in the post if I can't make it and I get updates from my grandad and my dad's friend Antony.



**How big a part of your life is the game?** Football is life!

**Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen?** Liverpool vs Spartak Moscow. Champions league 2017, my first game at Anfield and we won 7 – 0. The sheer speed of Mane, Salah is amazing.

And most memorable Wealdstone game, and moment? Versus Aylesbury away in the FA Cup in 2009, Kieron Forbes' goal and him high-fiving me in celebration. It was on my birthday too, so pretty cool!

What really gets your goat watching football? If my younger brother has to come, he hates football and moans.

Have you ever played the game yourself and most memorable moments? School football and Sunday team. I used to play centre midfield, number 8 like the greats, Gerrard and Chris O'Leary.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones -watching experience at the Vale? More stands to stand in opposite the dug outs. Favourite current Wealdstone line-up?

# **ZAK SHEAD**

Haven't seen them this yet (written after the first game), but all the new signings look good and hopefully will see them soon.

Favourite all-time Stones line-up? North - great stop stopper. Chappell – good defender and was a nutter. Massey – calm and strong. Carl Martin – leader. James Hammond – strong, likes attacking. Ryan Ashe – busy creating stuff. Forbes – for the goal and high 5 at Aylesbury but always busy. O'Leary - Mr Header!! Never missed one. Danny Green – free kicks. Jolly - likes scoring so much. Greg The Hat Ngoyi - played with smile on face and got hat trick vs Scummers. Priceless!

Best away trips to watch football? Long ones.

What was your highlight of last season? Billericay game was good revenge after my first-ever game. They were confident they were going to win but Brackley game after that, in the semi final was terrible.

**Best non-League ground you've** *visited?* Southport away, great game, atmosphere and sat next to Raider in second half. Newport was good too, but at Southport we won!

**Best stadium you've EVER visited?**Anfield

Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale? Behind goal

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? Top 2

How does the current programme compare with others you see? The best, I always enjoy reading it .

Any articles or features that you'd like to see? Players blogs and articles about training and what they are doing to improve.

What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale? Any beers or food you'd like to be added? Burgers are great!

**Do you buy much at the** clubshop? Depends if dad is spending money ....

Finally, where do you see the club in five years' time? In a higher league - we need to progress. WEALDSTONE v CHELMSFORD CITY



Sat October 24 2009, FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round: Aylesbury 2 Wealdstone 4

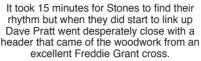
WHAT a choice for Zak's fave game! Two goals behind after just 11 minutes, this looked like being a classic Wealdstone let-down in front of 450 travelling fans in Aylesbury's picturesque ground. Stones looked stricken by nerves as Gareth Price, from 20 yards, and then a Craig Henney penalty - after Alan Massey had horribly mistimed his challenge - gave the Moles a decisive early lead. But slowly and surely, we gained a midfield foothold and Greg Ngoyi (above) put us back in the game with a blistering shot into the roof of the net before the break.

Roared on by the fans, Ryan Ashe scuffed in an equaliser and Aylesbury were wilting under mounting pressure... and finally cracked when Keiron Forbes set off on a trademark 40-yard run, slalooming through tackles and slotting the ball past home keeper Steve Smith. Ashe hit his second as the home defence capitulated. The win brought a home draw against League One highflyers Rotherham United, of course, Ashe's double so nearly forcing a replay with the Yorkshire side.





#### FIRST HALF



On 22 minutes following another Wealdstone attack, Pratt was walloped in the face by the boot of a defender in the box and the Referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Hudson-Odoi despatched the penalty with ease beating Preston Edwards low to the keepers right.

Grant then missed a great opportunity to double Stones lead when he blazed wide from a corner. Stones continued to press and Pratt's close-range effort was stopped brilliantly by Edwards as the half closed.



#### SECOND HALF

The second period was an altogether different affair as the hosts went out on an all-out attacking policy that would stop Stones from breaking out.

Stones attacking threat was increasingly nullified as Hamlet turned up the wick, but the away side continued to deal with everything that was coming at them with Stevens and Tyler particularly outstanding in defence and Pratt working his socks off defending from the front, chasing down everything.

Fouls were conceded as the tackles flew in with a succession of corners adding to the pressure but time and again Stones were able to repel the danger. But the heat on Stones goal was now incessant as they dropped ever deeper to shore up the rear guard.



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Hudson-Odoi (23) Pen

#### LINE-UP North

Tyler Stevens Grant Okimo Poku Monakana Ahmidi Pratt Lench Hudson-Odoi Subs used: Mitchell **Brown** Not used: Green Wilson

**Shomotun** 

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#### LINE-UP

Cook (79)

**Edwards** Mina Green Karabo Okuonghae Chambers Allen Vose May Nash **Furgason** Subs used: Clunis Cook Not used: **Taylor Tomlin** 

Allen
Vose
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Subs use
Clunis
Cook
Not use
Taylor
Tomlin
Carew

North excel

North excelled with a superb tip over as the attacks continued to mount but Stones looked like they might yet hang for the win.

Reece Mitchell came on for Jeffrey Monakana in an attempt to provide some attacking spark but the former Chesterfield winger could make little impact against the tide of home attacks With 79 minutes on the clock the continual pressure finally told for Stones as Dulwich equalised from an excellent strike by Cook who was put clear and rifled past North from 15 yards. The home side now sensed they could go on to win the game and continued to press forward. But Stones battled away and then popped up with a great chance of their own in added time

when Pratt expertly knocked down for Mitchell but he agonisingly blazed over from just outside the box

Wealdstone withstood more pressure at the death and held out for a massively hard worked and gutsy point with the defence taking the plaudits during a torrid second period.





# **APPEARANCES**

# FIRST TEAM, SEASON 2018/19 as at 9th September

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Ahmidi, Wadah	8													8			8			
Brown, Stefan		1													1			1		
Bubb, Bradley	3	4	4											3	4	4	15	6	9	
Clark, James		1													1			1		
Grant, Freddie	8													8			8			
Green, Danny	7	1	1											7	1	1	103	9	26	
Hudson-Odoi, Bradley	6	1	3											6	1	3	44	9	18	
Lench, Matt	2	4	1											2	4	1	2	4	1	
Mambo, Yado	1	1												1	1		1	1		
Mitchell, Reece		5													5			5		
Monakana, Jeffrey	5	2	1											5	2	-1	11	4	2	
North, Jonathan	9													9			352	1		
Okimo, Jerome	9													9			106	5	1	
Poku, Godrey	9													9			9			
Pratt, David	9		3											9		3	30	1	9	
Sheppard, Jake	1	2												1	2		13	3	1	
Stevens, Connor	8													8			8			
Tyler, Rhys	9													9			9			
White, Joe	5	1	1											5	1	- 1	22	5	9	
Wilson, Glenn																	20	1	1	









# Supporters' Scene

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am writing these notes after our 1-1 draw against Dulwich Hamlet. so I extend a warm welcome to Grosvenor Vale to the Chelmsford management, players and supporters in this important Vanarama South match.

Don't forget to visit Mim who can be found on the other side of the turnstiles as you enter the ground for your Golden Goals at £1 per ticket, time of first goal wins £50, time of last goal wins £10 unless it ends 1-0.

Mim will be in the megastore club shop after the game if you are the holder of the successful winning ticket.

The Club Shop continues with it's new initiative giving bundles of programmes to

our young Stones, so pick up a bundle while getting your card stamped. There are plenty of goodies inside for the older generation too.

The Supporters Club committee continues to meet and support the main club in many ways. We are on the lookout for new supporters to help. If you're interested or know somebody who is looking to make a difference, please contact lan Stapleton on wfcscsecretary@gmail.com

Finally if you're at a loose end tonight why not come down the social club to see an outstanding tribute to Bob Marley. Tickets available only £15 on the door 8:30pm - Late.

Lets all get behind Bobby and his team. Up The Stones.

Mark

# **Travel - East Thurrock United**



Subject to a minimum of 30 bookings the Supporters Club will be running a coach to East Thurrock on Saturday September 29th.

Leaving the club at Noon and returning immediately after the game expecting to be back at the ground by 6.30pm subject to the traffic.

A flat fare of £20 a head will be made but if

40 or more book the price will be reduced. As always the coach will have a toilet.

Bookings are now being taken by email to victor.klarfeld@btinternet.com or by text to 07881624890

All bookings must provide the FULL NAME/ NAMES of the person/persons you are booking for and a contact phone number should I need to contact you at any time.

# **Megastore - Coming Soon**

The **Wealdstone** legend Fergus Moore was released as an eighteen- year-old by Brentford. His professional dreams put on hold, he started out on a non-league career that, some twenty-eight years later sees him as a fledgling 'Player- Manager' at Edgware Town FC. This is his story as he's careered around the lower leagues; the managers, players and clubs he's come across, and the things he's seen.

No Lamborghinis and champagne here, more a Wispa bar and a lager, and a guy that only knows how to play at 110%. Twenty clubs and over 1200 games since he started, he now strives to feed that knowledge and experience into his management style and his team...

Megastore book signing by Fergus coming soon.



# WEALDSTONE U18's 2018/2019 SPORTWIK ISTHMIAN YOUTH LEAGUE



#### WHO'S WHO...

#### **LUKE MASSINGHAM**



Position: Centre Back & Captain

Very vocal, reads the game well and organises the back line exceptionally well. Comfortable on the ball using both feet

**Age: 16** 

School: Bishop Ramsey

Studying: PE, Business Studies and Psychology.

Teams Played For: Ruislip Rangers, Hillingdon Schools,

Middlesex and Barnet FC.

Best Football Experience: Playing for Barnet U16's, as an

U15, then being made captain.

Worst Football Experience: Not being offered a

scholarship by Barnet.

#### **NEXT MATCH**

Wednesday 19 September - FA Youth Cup - First Round Qualifying v Hemel Hempstead Town 7.30 Kick Off

£4 Adults £2 U18/Concessions £1 U16

Wealdstone season ticket holders £2. All junior season ticket holders and Wealdstone Youth players under 16, are FREE



#### **FIXTURES**

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# **MATCH SPONSORS**

WEALDSTONE v CHELMSFORD
MATCH SPONSORS

A great way to celebrate a special occasion or advertise your organisation's support of Wealdstone, match sponsorship packages start at just £295 (fans) or £395 (corporate) as match day sponsor you will enjoy:

• Match tickets for up to four\* (prime main stand seats if required)

- A fantastic advertising package, including publicity over the PA system, website and social media
- Boardroom hospitality includes pre-match and half-time refreshments as well as a superb array of culinary delights post-match, courtesy of in-house caterer Lynn Evans
- Match-day programmes for all in your party
- VIP car parking
- Name and present the 'Man of the Match' Award
- A memento of your day

Vanarama National League South

Please note that we can accommodate **multiple match sponsors** and can **tailor the experience** to whatever are your requirements. For example, we can cater for as many as **25 people** in our magnificent and new **hospitality lounge**. This facility has undergone a comprehensive re-fit with substantial investment courtesy of our club sponsors GPF Lewis, so that our match sponsors and their guests are entertained in surroundings befitting such a special occasion be it a birtrhday, anniversary or any other speical event!

We'll work with you to ensure you and your guests get to enjoy a truly memorable experience. If you or your organisation are interested in sponsoring a match here at The Vale, please contact Club President, **Paul Rumens (paulrumens59@gmail.com** or call **07710 929692**) to discuss.

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ABOVE: Pictures from our 1-1 draw away at Dulwich Hamlet (in Tooting; or possibly Mitcham) courtesy of Adam Williams

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July 17 Maidenhead United (Home) D 0-0

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# Opposition in focus



ounded in 1938 it is fair to say that the ■history of Chelmsford City Football Club has been a roller coaster ride that has seen the Club at the very height of the non-league game whilst also 'enjoying' spells when the very future of the Club was at risk.

Immediately joining the Southern League, then the strongest competition outside the Football League, the club enjoyed an F.A. Cup run in its first season that saw them start at the Preliminary Round before losing 6-0 at Birmingham in the Fourth Round, in front of a crowd of 44,494. On the way City accounted for League clubs Darlington and Southampton.

The outbreak of the Second World War brought the fledgling club's progress to a halt. but the 1945-1946 season saw the Club win both the Southern League and the Southern League Cup.

The late 1940's found the Club at the forefront of non-league football as they along with Colchester United. Gillingham and Merthyr Tydfil dominated the Southern League during the period up until 1950. Players such

as Frank Soo, Cecil MacCormack and Syd Plunkett were attracted to New Writtle Street, and it was during this period that the record home crowd of 16,807 was established when Colchester United visited for a league match in September 1949.

When the Football League expanded from 88 clubs to 92 in 1950 the two southern clubs that got the nod were Colchester United and Gillingham, and it started a period of decline for City. So much so that by 1955 the club's finances were in such a parlous state that there was even talk of withdrawing from the Southern League.

The establishment of a Supporters Club Pool that brought in much needed funds and the appointment of John Coward as Chairman in 1960 heralded another golden era in the history of the Club. So strong were the finances that the Club owned a string of club houses around the town, an attraction that enabled the Club to bring quality players to the

On the pitch it was not so good a story though, as the only honour to come the clubs way was the Southern League Cup in 1959-1960. The signing of Bobby Mason, on Wolves transfer list, without paying the required transfer fee, forced Football League clubs to look at the whole question of player registrations and City were retrospectively banned from applying for Football League membership for five years. A blow to the Club as it was, arguably, their best chance of gaining election to the elite competition.

The Southern League championship was won in 1967-1968, whilst the same season Oxford United were knocked out of the F.A. Cup, City's first win against a Football League club since 1938-1939. It was to be the end of this golden era though because by 1970 the Club was again in dire straits, saved only by a 'merger' with Brentwood Town.

The Southern League championship was won again in 1971-1972, but this proved to be a false dawn and with finances once again an issue relegation was suffered for the first time

in 1976-1977, despite Jimmy Greaves being signed and topping the goalscoring charts. The pendulum swung again when the original Company was wound up in 1980 and a new relatively debt free Company was established to take its place. This led to another period when the Club progressed although the elusive goal of reaching what is now the Football Conference could never be attained. After a brief period of consolidation things turned downwards again and by 1994 a new low was reached. Ownership of the New Writtle Street stadium was lost and the Club was on the point of going out of existence before a group of supporters led by Trevor Wright took over the running of the Club, another Company being formed to do this. In 1997 the Club was relegated for the third time and was also evicted from the Stadium which began a period of nearly nine years playing firstly at Maldon Town and then at Billericay Town. This was not an ideal situation with only gate income to keep the Club alive, but in 2006 the opportunity arose to return to Chelmsford at a newly refurbished Melbourne Park.

The opening game against Billericay Town on 2nd January 2006 saw a massive crowd watch City beat their near neighbours 2-1. In March 2008 a record crowd of 3.201 saw City beat their rivals AFC Wimbledon 3-2, the biggest crowd at a home league game since 1974. This win virtually sealed the Isthmian League championship and promotion to the Football Conference South.

#### **CHELMSFORD FACTS**

GROUND - Melbourne Stadium CAPACITY - 3,000 (1,300 seated) MANAGER - Rod Stringer 2017/18 - Natianal League South 3rd

The last few seasons have seen City as regular play off contestants but they have been unable to achieve the aim of promotion to the level just outside the Football League. The 2012-2013 season saw them beat Colchester United in the F.A. Cup, the fourth time they have beaten a Football League club in that competition.

Dean Holdsworth was appointed Manager in the summer of 2013 but things didn't work out and he left the role in November. eventually being replaced by former Heybridge Swifts Manager Mark Hawkes who, along with his assistant Steve Smith, enjoyed a two year spell in charge. They were replaced temporarily by coach Kevin Maher but in the summer of 2016 former Braintree Town and Bishop's Stortford Manager Rod Stringer was appointed to the Melbourne Community Stadium hot seat. The 2016-2017 saw the Club reach the National League South Play Off Final and win the Essex Senior

The 2017-2018 season was also successful as the Club reached the National League South play offs and also the final of the Essex Senior Cup where they were beaten by local



#### THE CLARETS WHO'S WHO..

#### **ROSS WORNER**

A former Woking youngster, Worner started his career with the Cards before moving to Charlton Athletic and Aldershot Town. Temporary loan spells at Eastbourne Borough and Farnborough followed before a move to AFC Wimbledon. Making 50 appearances for the Dons, Worner returned to his first Club, Woking, on two occasions before signing for Sutton United in 2015. Worner joined the Clarets in June 2018 on a season-long loan.

#### **JOE ANDERSON**

Having begun his career in the youth systems of Chelsea and Fulham, the defender tasted first team football for the first time while on-loan at Woking before signing for Lincoln City in 2010. Spells at AFC Hornchurch, Billericay Town and Cambridge United followed before Anderson settled at Bromley – where he made 165 appearances for the London outfit. After four seasons at Bromley, Anderson moved to Maidstone United where he made over 50 appearances before signing for the Clarets.

#### **ELLIOTT OMOZUSI**

Omozusi, an England U16, U17, U18 and U19 representative, began his career with Fulham before making his name with Leyton Orient in 2010. The London-born defender appeared over 120 times in the League for the O's over five-years. Following his time at E10, Omozusi joined Cambridge United for two seasons before signing for Whitehawk in 2017.

#### **JAZZI BARNUM-BOBB**

Following his release by Newport County signed for City in March 2018. After joining the Watford Academy he was released and signed for Cardiff City in 2014. Following his departure from Cardiff he signed for Newport, having earlier spent time there on loan. Spent time on loan at Torquay United earlier this season.

#### **MARK HAINES**

Tall central defender who made a number of appearances for Northampton Town's Reserve Team after spells with West Ham United and Southend United in their younger youth age groups. This preceded a move to Grays Athletic He impressed City's

management sufficiently during the 2009/10 pre-season to earn a place in the squad, subsequently becoming the club's Young Player of the Year. Mark is currently the club's longest serving player having made nearly 250 appearances.

#### **MICHAEL SPILLANE**

A former Norwich City youngster, Spillane has vast amounts of Football League experience having appeared for Brentford, Southend United and Cambridge United. A spell at Lowestoft Town preceded his move to the Melbourne Community Stadium, becoming a regular fixture in the side in the early months of 2017.

#### **ROB SWAINE**

Basildon-born defender Swaine began his career in the National League South with Thurrock, where he featured over three seasons before joining Chelmsford City. A move to Billericay Town preceded a four-season stay at Bromley before Swaine returned to the Melbourne Community Stadium.

#### **TOM WRAIGHT**

Following on from two prolific seasons at East Thurrock United, Wraight moved to Maidstone United. At the end of a season which saw the Stones narrowly survive the fight against relegation, Wraight was released from Maidstone and joined the Clarets.

#### **JONATHAN GILES**

Spent spells on loan at Southport and Aldershot whilst with his first club Oxford United who released him in the summer of 2017. He joined Chelmsford shortly after his release by Oxford

#### **TAYLOR MILES**

Signed by City in January 2018 from Hemel Hempstead Town. Originally in the West Ham United set up he played for Concord Rangers, Braintree Town and Lincoln City before being released in the summer of 2017. Whilst at Lincoln City he was loaned out to Boston United.

#### **MAX PORTER**

After starting his professional career with Cambridge United he later played for Bishop's Stortford, Barnet Rushden and

Diamonds, AFC Wimbledon and Newport County. Capped three times by England 'C' he signed for National League side Bromley in 2015 before moving to Chelmsford in October 2016. Is currently on loan at Bostik League Maldon and Tiptree.

#### **AMOS NASHER**

Having begun his career with the West Ham youth set-up, Amos made four appearances in Europa League qualifying matches for the first team before departing Upton Park. Also counting Dover and Concord Rangers as his former employers, Amos has a vast experience in non-league football and became Rod Stringer's first signing of the summer when he joined in May 2018.

#### **ANTHONY CHURCH**

Central midfielder who had a short spell with City at the start of the 2012-2013 season making six appearances before moving on to Bishop's Stortford. Re-joined City in the summer of 2016.

#### **JORDAN CIEDOZIE**

Having begun his career in the Bournemouth youth set-up, Jordan spent time on-loan at Dorchester Town, AFC Totton and Poole Town before joining Concord Rangers in 2014.

Moves elsewhere to Cambridge United, Dartford, Braintree Town and Boreham Wood followed before a successful season at Margate – where he scored 29 goals in 39 appearances – led to a move to Chelmsford City.

#### **JAI REASON**

Born in Southend, Jai progressed through the Ipswich Town youth set-up before moving to Cambridge United, Crawley Town, Braintree Town and Eastleigh. Following a season at Boreham Wood, Reason moved to Maidstone United before a switch to Chelmsford City.

#### **RHYS MURPHY**

After starting his career at the Arsenal youth set-up, Rhys enjoyed loan spells at Brentford and Preston North End before then signing for Telstar permanently. The following years saw Murphy feature for a number of clubs including Dagenham & Redbridge, Oldham Athletic, York City and Gillingham before the England under-16, under-17 and under-19 representative joined the Clarets in July 2018.

#### **SHAUN BATT**

A former Stevenage striker, Batt began his career with the London side before joining

Peterborough, Millwall and Leyton Orient. The heavily experienced striker is not known for his scoring record but makes up for that with his physical presence and chance creation for his team mates.

#### SCOTT FENWICK

Signed for Chelmsford in March 2018 having previously been with Maltese side Naxxar Lions. After playing for several northern non-League sides he signed

for Hartlepool United in November 2014 scoring 10 goals in 42 appearances whilst with the County Durham side. He later played for York City and Darlington before moving to Malta.

#### **ALEX AKROFI**

Alex began his career with Brentwood Town before signing for Maidstone United. The winger was distributed on-loan to Concord Rangers before being released and joining Tonbridge Angels prior to a move to Chelmsford City.

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v CHELMSFORD CITY

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# TREVOR FRANKLIN

The Clarets' View

'Melbourne Park facilities are good, but nothing could compare to the atmosphere at New Writtle Street under the lights"

oday we have pleasure in re-introducing: Which season our 'away supporter' feature, thanks largely to this recommendation by regular Stones fan David Leigh. City fanatic Trevor says: "I count David as a friend, but know him originally as a business contact our mutual interests in non-league football and cockerpoo ownership brought us together!"

Trevor, 55, lives in Chelmsford, half an hour's walk from Melbourne Stadium "or a 5 minute drive with my Dad if he's going and picks me up on the wav".

We sent Trevor some probing questions... After six play off campaigns in the 11 vears since climbing into the National League South, are the fans despairing of ever making it? It's easy to be a pessimist. as I find many non-league supporters are! We've been there or thereabouts for quite a while without the financial clout, luck or whatever the magic formula is. Arguably a more frustrating run saw 17 unsuccessful attempts at election into the Football League between 1947 and 1976.

I wouldn't say the Clarets fans are in despair but last season was definitely an opportunity missed, especially with the league this season looking much stronger. There must be at least a dozen clubs with valid play off ambitions.

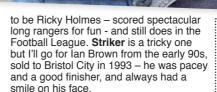
was the best clarets team in your opinion. Or was it before the NLS days? Standing out in my memory is 1988-89, the season after we had been relegated from

the Southern League Premier Division. The season began with seven appearances from Alan Brazil – I particularly remember him netting with a spectacular scissor-kicked volley. The side that season played a lot of entertaining football, winning the league easily with 106 goals scored and 95 points amassed.

Who are your four favourite all time Clarets players (one keeper, one defender. one midfielder, one striker)? Now that's a tricky one from over 30 years of being a supporter! But for keeper, I'd go for Paul Nicholls – from about 15 years ago, used to take penalties and selected by John Terry in his all time XI of players played with. Defender would be Andy Duncan (circa10 years ago) - signed after 10 years with Cambridge United. Whilst not that tall for a centre back, he was a colossus in defence and at corners/set pieces. Midfielder has

Trevor's first game, the sell-out FA Cup 3rd round tie with Ipswich in 1973 was marred by the violence prevalent in the 70s. There were 18 arrests and I think that's Trevor being escorted out of the ground (right). Only joking!





Great selfie, Trev!

Chelmsford City FC

When was your first Clarets game? First game was in 1973, a rather key fixture in Chelmsford's history. It was the third round of the FA Cup against Ipswich Town. The memory is a bit of a blur as I was only nine but I can recall being squeezed in with 15.000 others. We lost 3-1.

Can Melbourne Park ever compare to New Writtle street? No! Whilst facilities are good at the Gulag (aka Melbourne Park), nothing could match the atmosphere at NWS, especially a Monday night under the lights! At our present home, two games stick in my mind; beating Colchester United 3-1 in the FA Cup a few seasons ago and hosting our former landlords, Billericay Town, in our first game back in the borough, in January 2006 - a 2-1 win in front of 3,000.

How could MP be improved as a football stadium? Remove the running track!! The new ownership (not quite in place yet) is talking about a new ground – we shall see. When we lost narrowly to Ebbsfleet

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in the play off final season before last, many felt promotion then would have been too soon - including the new ownership. But if we did it this season. I believe the infrastructure is there.

Is Rod Stringer the club's best ever manager? Rod (and his management team) is very popular with the fans - his heart is on his sleeve, is very passionate - all the qualities fans like to see in their manager. Before the current ownership was tabled in early 2017, the sudden demise of a previous take-over saw a cashflow crisis - Rod loaned in a not immaterial amount of cash to meet players' wages. If anyone can achieve success at Chelmsford, Rod can.

Who are the Chelmsford players to watch today? Rob Swaine -Mr Dependable in defence and a threat at corners/set pieces. Jonny

Giles - like many of the squad, spent preseason and the first month or so on the injured list – he's on the comeback trail having made a couple of substitute appearances - was instrumental in our victory at Hemel a few weeks back when coming on as sub.

And who should Clarets be fearing today? Bradley Bubb – a seasoned performer at this level. Loved it when he netted a few against Billericay on his debut last season. Poor Glenn! (Sadly, Bradders is likely to be out injured today- Ed). And Jeffrey Monakana - I like the look of him.

How do you think each team will fare this season? Good to see things falling into place finally for the Stones after a couple of disappointing seasons. If we can get over our less than ideal start (pre season was pretty much a write off with about 10 injured for virtually all the friendlies and into the league campaign), then we should have the quality to see us pushing for vet another play off spot (we may have got the hang of them by now). Equally, the Stones appear to have started well. So it would be good to see us meeting in the play-offs.

And finally... where will each club be in five vears time? Would like to think that clubs with our respective traditions/histories will be at the pinnacle of non-league football - if not in the Football League!



# Social Club Scene



t's been a busy Summer at Ruislip Social club and there's plenty still going on. England's success in the World Cup resulted in some great afternoons and evenings at the club as the bars were packed out with both familiar faces and a good number of new faces. Ensuring the club is well used over the Summer and we keep earning revenue outside of the football season is critical to our financial success.

Don't forget that we have Sky and BT Sports and endeavour to show all the live games at the club so if you fancy catching a game with a pint, pop down and make use of the club house.

Last year was a record year for bar takings with a number of successful visits from fans on their way to Wembley (Man City, Southampton, Aston Villa and Shrewsbury) as well as the sell-out FA Trophy semi-final against Brackley. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who help make the Wembley visits such a success for both us and our visitors. We never fail to get positive feedback and it's a great way show this great club in a positive light.

In the next few weeks, we're embarking on some major refurbishments as we look to improve the Aquarium Bar and main hall. Thanks to our always supportive sponsors GPF Lewis, the Aquarium bar will be transformed into a facility that will hopefully impress sponsors and investors as we seek ways to grow our income streams.

Matchday's remain hugely important to us and we've taken the bold decision of avoiding bookings on a Saturday night when we have a home fixture to ensure there's enough space for matchday users. As always, try and support the bar on matchdays and enjoy the televised football before and after the game. As well as supporting infrastructure improvements, we're trying to divert more and more funds towards the playing budget as we seek to grow the club on and off the pitch. Your custom is hugely appreciated. Live Music

Ruislip Social Club continues to build its reputation as one of the best live music venues in the area and Tropic at Ruislip have been hosting tribute bands on every Friday

and Saturday in August. These are cracking nights so if you get a chance to go along you won't be disappointed. Some forthcoming gigs are listed below:

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Tickets for all of the above gigs are available from www.tropicatruislip.co.uk or on the door (subject to availability)

#### **CLUB FUND RAISER -**

#### **TONIGHT**

Legend – The Bob Marley Experience
After todays game versus Chelmsford we
have our first club fundraiser of the season
when we see the return of Legend – The
Bob Marley Experience. Tickets are priced
at £15 and it would be great to see as
many Wealdstone fans as possible support
this event. The proceeds go directly to
the playing budget and we have a pretty
stretching target for fundraising this season
so please help us get off to a good start.

#### POP UP BAR

The success of the pop up bar continues to grow and for those not familiar with the concept you can buy a programme or match ticket in the bar before the game as well as pre-ordering your half time drink. Not only that, you're more than likely to be served by one of our high profile celebrity supporters such as Clive Leaper, so make sure you give this great service a try.

#### **TWITTER**

You can follow Ruislip Social Club on Twitter at @RuislipSC. We have over 2,000 followers now so if you want to keep in touch with events then join our followers.

Enjoy the game and if you have any views on how we can improve the social club experience, let us know.

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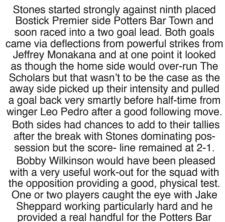






Bobby Wilkinson took the opportunity to use his squad players for a timely friendly match on Monday night with the majority of his regular starting playing staff also present but engaged in a pre-match light training and using a new recovery ice bath following Saturday's hard fought win over Truro City.

The friendly was a high tempo and competitive affair throughout and will have provided a good test for those players that have not been able to feature regularly in recent National League matches.





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Monday October 7, 1974 Southern league cup 2nd round: Chelmsford City 2 Wealdstone 0

E had joined the big bovs. By winning the Southern League Div One South the previous season (the club's first 'proper' promotion in its 75 year history) the Stones were elevated to the land of teams we'd only read about in the 'Southern League Monthly' magazine ... clubs that averaged crowds of 2,000 and more every week, that played in decent stadiums and were

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professional in more than iust name.

This trip to face Southern Prem big guns Chelmsford was an early taste of our new status. We'd beaten Bury Town 9-2 on aggregate to qualify for this League Cup clash and in truth it was a low key affair as

City won comfortably enough, 2-0 in front of a 1,600 crowd. The main talking point was that Stones were facing the man who had transformed our team into a promotion outfit: Manager Sid Prosser.

Right: Chelmsford manager Sid Prosser pontificates on this first meeting between our sides... he certainly knew all about Wealdstone!

who had surprisingly left Lower Mead for Chelmsford just as we were poised to win the Southern Division. Tactically, he outwitted our new boss Eddie Presland on this occasion but as the season wore on the Clarets star began to dim and Prosser was eventually sacked soon after Christmas. Having already seen us win 3-2 at

Manager

#### SID PROSSER

Writes . . .

Tonight's cup-tie is a match which I face with very mixed feelings. It was from Wealdstone that I came to Chelmsford in April, and knowing the Wealdstone set-up and players well, it is only natural to retain an affection and regard for them.

However, tonight is no time for any old pal's act, at least until after the match is over. Chelmsford City need a win and naturally I am as keen and anxious as anybody to get a result in this one.

Worthwhile results have been very thin on the ground recently. We have lost so many matches by the odd goal and not surprisingly confidence is down. A win or two would improve matters considerably.

I believe that we are not so far away from putting things right, and so many players are keen to keep up the good work and to get it sorted out that it will come.

Not surprisingly there has been a lot of criticism directed at the players and at me. These things happen in football. Everybody wants success, but sometimes it is not easy to get the ingredients and the fixture

Certainly I do not want to go on making excuses. Some changes are doeded; some have already been made. Now we are going to have to accept that we will be judged on performances and it is up to everybody to grit their teeth and improve matters.

I feel sorry for the directors and the supporters who want a winning in the difference between winning and losing can be quite small and many of our recent results have gone the wrong way because vital mistakes have been punished.

But we go on fighting — it is the only way. Wealdstone won't make things easy. They have several useful players including a couple who have a good eye for goal.

It would not be surprising if they feel that they want to pull out something extra for this match . . . and their results so far suggest that they are quite capable of doing well in the Premier Division.

So it looks as if our lads will have to pull out something extra as well. It could be just the spur that is needed to get the side going again. Attitudes will change a lot once we can get a win or two behind up.

Kettering (in front of 2,233) and lose 4-1 at Yeovil (4,362) this was another trip to a genuine big club - and although I missed this Monday night trip (school the next day) I was at New Writtle Street a couple of months later to see us play out a thrilling 3-3 draw with the Clarets. Three coach loads of Stones fans (a regular occurrence in those days) helped swell the crowd to close to 2,000 and I remember being

impressed by the size of the grandstand and the cavernous barrel-roofed terracing opposite.

It's been good to see Chelmsford back in their own ground in recent years, having ourselves suffered the ignominy of groundsharing for so many seasons. They've now iust got to somehow transform Melbourne Park into a non-athletics stadium. Good luck with that!

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Monday April 16 2018, Vanarama National league South: Chelmsford 3 Wealdstone 0

he most recent meeting between the club's was a forgettable (in Wealdstone eves anyway) 3-0 defeat at City's Melbourne Park Stadium at the end of last season. They were chasing their regular play off place (and the possibility even of

the title) while the Stones had just lost 2-1 at Poole Town on the Saturday, effectively extinguishing our own hopes.

Bobby Wilkinson had reshuffled his side but some interpassing in the Stones area (and a slip by Eddie Oshodi) resulted in Bagasan Graham firing the Clarets ahead Picrtured above). Ryan Sellers then headed a clearance straight to Scott

Fenwick.

who set up Chris Dickson for a simple second goal on the half hour. Remember that amazing save by Sam Beasant from Glenn Wilson? His tip onto the crossbar prevented Stones from getting back into the game, and Dickson sealed the win when he cut in and fired across Jonathan North into the far corner in the second half.

Southern League South Division: Wealdstone 1 Chelmsford City 0

indifferent Chelmsford on a Tuesday night at Lower Mead in the Southern League South? How can this be better than our clashes in the Conference South and Southern Prem, I hear you ask.

Well, to put this match in context you have to know that it was our 20th game chased the single promotion spot back into the Conference National (or Alliance Premier League as it was known 37 years ago).

Allan Batsford 's terrific side had had

a hiccup in March, losing two games out of three and suddenly Hastings United were on our heels like a Jack Russell with the scent of freshly fried sausages.

We had won 14 of our last 16 games, but so had they. We were due to meet them in a winner-takesall showdown on the Thursday night. just two days after this Chelmsford clash, but it was imperative we beat the Clarets first.

City had started the season poorly (we had beaten them 9-3 on aggregate in the League Cup and outclassed them 2-0 in the League at New Writtle Street) but they were tough opposition and fielded the always combative ex-Stones and Orient star Bobby Moss in midfield.

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Tuesday April 27 1982,

narrow 1-0 win over an

in just 41 days as we desperately



CHELMSFORD REWIND CONTINUED



# 'Stones roll on with late delivery

TUESDAY night's late, if not great, win over Chelmsford City at Lower Mead set up a nerve-jangling finale to Wealdstone's sea-

'Stones fans were reaching for their Valium when Ray Knowles finally broke the deadlock after 80 minutes to set the scene for the titanic struggle with fellow Championship-chasers Hastings on Thursday, the result leaving 'Stones a point behind the leaders but with a

game in hand.

Knowles and Alan Cordice should have given 'Stones a half-time lead after early pressure.

First, the unmarked Knowles headed well wide from Stuart Pearce's excellent cross; then Cordice, moving onto Paul Waites cross, directed another header over the bar from just four yards out.



Hoping to make the collection complete 'Stones skipper Paul Bowgett and manager Allen Batsford are looking for the championship trophy to add to the Southern League Cup (nictured above), won earlier in April.

That duo were again guilty of misses after the break as 'Stones pushed forward. Chelmsford goalkeeper Willie Carrick was booked

as 'Stones pushed forward.
Chelmsford goalkeeper
Willie Carrick was booked
for time-wasting in the 59th
minute but he must have
been regretting those tactics
20 minutes later when
Wealdstone finally scored.

Wainwright made the opening on the left with a delicate touch to Pearce's long throw, and when Carrick could only turn Ray Davies' shot onto the post Roy Knowles fired home.

Roy Knowles fired home.

Wealdstone: Goddard, Perkins
Pearce, Byatt, Bowget, Barwick, Waites
Wainwright, A. Cordice, Knowles
Davies Sub: Churchouse.

Above: Ray Knowles (left) in action with Neil Cordice (No.10) at Hillingdon Boro the week before the big game with Chelmsford. Left: The match report

But hallelujah! Ray Knowles (The Goals) popped up with the only score, burying a rebound off the post at the Cinema End to send the 1,025 crowd crazy, and our title-winning hopes were still flickering.

A famous 2-0 win over Hastings United 48 hours later turned that flicker into an inferno... and of course the legendary 1981-82 campaign finished with the Stones winning EVERY trophy on offer in the Southern League (League, League Cup. Championship Shield and Merit Shield) as we rampaged back to non-League's top flight in a flurry of beautiful. powerful and efficient football.

# ON THIS DAY

#### Saturday Sept 15, 1928: Leavesden Mental Hospital (away) Won 2-1

ollowing the popularity of the article in the last programme concerning the above opponents I am able to bring you a little bonus game to this week's Rewind article. This was an FA Cup Preliminary Round match and we were successful by 2-1 with our scorers being Clark and Hannam. Again, no details as to whether any of our visiting fans were allowed home. The big question now is will they make it to three Rewinds in a row?

## Saturday Sept 15 1979 (APL) Weymouth (away) lost 0-4 Att 1,043

he first season of the Alliance Premier League and after a somewhat indifferent start we journeyed down to Weymouth to face one of the divisions big guns. They were a powerful

side in those days and featured the likes of Anniello lannone and Graham Roberts who later went on to play hundreds of games for Tottenham and England.

It was a very early start for the Stones supporters team who set off at 7am to play against their Weymouth counterparts that morning and were rewarded with a convincing 4-0 win - but come 3pm the hospitality ended as we were well and truly stuffed by four clear goals by a side who were far better than us. I suppose you could say honours ended up even that day but it was clear the side we had were not up to the top flight of non league football. A week later manager Alan Fogarty was sacked and we just managed to stay up under Ken Payne.

#### Tuesday September 15,1987 (APL) Enfield (H) won 1-0 Att: 983

BY GORDON MCKAY

fter a poor start to the season we entertained rivals Enfield under the Lower Mead lights still searching for our first win. We had been on the slide for a few years now and Enfield were also not the force of old. Free-flowing football was out and both sides played with fear, meaning excitement was in short supply and I remember thinking at the time it was as dour a game as I'd ever witnessed

between the two clubs. The game appeared to be heading for a 0-0 when with barely 10 minutes left the ball broke loose on the edge of the box for Byron Walton (pictured on the programme cover. left) to hammer low into the corner at the Flmslie End. Despite both clubs being a pale shadow of their former selves there was still a great rivalry and real dislike for each other and the goal was wildly celebrated by the majority A good night for the

goal was wildly celebrated by the majority of the near-1,000 crowd. A good night for the Stones, a first win of the season and against one of our fiercest rivals. However it ended up being one of the highlights of a disastrous season as we eventually fell through the trap door. Some 30 years later we are still striving to get back - if we do, the league will look very different to the one we left behind



challenge match on Saturday morning. The Weymouth side will be playing in the Supporters Combination League this year, but they were well beaten by an understrength S.F.C. Wealdstone who make their debut tomorrow (Sunday) in the Marathon League. Result: Weymouth 0, Wealdstone 4 with Donald Cross (who scored twice) the architect of the victory. Kevin Bright put the ball in the right net, for once, and Gordon McKay netted another with a close-range volley.

The sponsored walk, held a week last Sunday, was supported by just nine walkers with everybody completing at least one three-mile lap. Congratulations to those who took part, so now how about the sponsors forking out? Every penny counts.

Our next away trip is to Lincolnshire next Saturday, where the 'Stones take on Boston United and their three-year unbeaten home record in the League Cup. But who knows? The 'Stones have bearded such lions in their own den before, so here's to a good following on Saturday and a place in the third round.

UP THE 'STONES.

Tim Parks

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