THE LINE-UPS

WEALDSTONE

GREAT WAKERING ROYAL BLUE & WHITE GREEN, WHITE & BLACK

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Sky Sports supporters wont get it, but I guarantee that everyone at Grosvenor Vale today will have that difficult to describe FA Cup feeling. Come on Wealdstone keep the dream alive today – every single Stones fan wishes you well.

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And sometimes the dog was busy.

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...

Copies of this not to be missed book will be available from the Club Shop today personaly signed by Fergus Moore.



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warm welcome to Garry Kimble & the management team, players and officials of Great Wakering Rovers Football Club.

Today sees us commence our FA cup campaign and like all non-league fans, managers and players we hold ambitions of going as far as we can and earning that illustrious tie against one of the countries big boys. We are also aware of the financial benefits of doing well in the cup so do not take the responsibility lightly and will be giving it our all to do as well as we can this year.

Last week against Chelmsford saw us compete in another thrilling game. We felt we were on top of the game up until the 25th minute where we conceded what will know doubt be one of the best goals scored at the Vale. In football, you will get undone by special moments of skill and that what was one. What was disappointing was the reaction to that as our heads dropped and we went on to concede a second. In the second half the boys gathered belief and we played 45 minutes of some of the best football we've played this year. We've said it a lot this sea-

son and you must take your chances when in the ascendency as on reflection we should have beaten Chelmsford.

As we have a break from the league we can reflect on the season so far and say we're not disheartened by the performances and know we are not far away from it all clicking and coming together. The league is proving that it will be very tight this year with 7 points separating top to 13th so consistency and going on a run of games will be crucial. For now staying in touch and giving ourselves a chance is what we're doing and with such a new group, they have gelled quickly and we are confident and positive as to what's to come.

Today's opponents come here without fear and we know it will be a very tough game with what's at stake. We have prepared very hard to ensure we are at it from the beginning and ready to put in a performance to take us into the next round. Thanks as ever for your support and enjoy the game.

Bobby and the management team.





Today's FA Cup EE is brought to you by the words Lackadaisical & supine* *had to look this one up

am sitting at my desk writing these notes still wondering how on earth Wealdstone did not win, let alone draw, the game against Chelmsford City despite having been three goals behind early in the second half.

The first half had been lackadaisical to be honest to start with and ended up being supine. Chelmsford led through a wonder goal from inside their own half, which from the moment it was struck looked like it was arrowing into the net over North, and some lazy defending late in the half. Stones had a goal chalked off for offside but apart from a ten-minute spell, didn't really threaten the Clarets goal in the opening half. Another goal just after the break had many thinking about heading for the bar, but then we battered, absolutely battered, Chelmsford for the rest of the half. A goal back, an own goal, pretty much soon after Clarets third and then Brown showing a strikers instinct to pull us within a goal had people believing that the unbelievable could actually happen. But a missed penalty, hitting the woodwork, clearances off the line and sitters being

missed saw no more added to the score-line. The ovation at the end was certainly merited but why go three behind in the first place before attacking hell for leather? That second half should have gone into Wealdstone

Ten games seems the marker by when teams are being measured at the start of the season. A quarter way into the league campaign and double figures in terms of games appears to be when people start judging teams. So, how have we fared at this quarter mark? There seems to be a view that to be in with a chance of promotion, whether as league champions or via the play-offs, a team needs to aim at getting two points a match; win your home games and draw those on the road seems to be the mantra. Our tally of fifteen points from ten games, and eleventh place, would suggest that we are slightly off the pace of where we would want to be at this stage. Margins are small though. In reality when you look back at games this season, we have rarely put two halves of good football together. Too often, certainly when we haven't won, we



have started well and faded in the second forty-five or the total opposite last week. The management team in an interview with the league suggested that with a new team. ten games was too early to assess and that they'd prefer to come in under the radar as the season progresses.

Whilst picking out players at this stage is somewhat unfair, one player that has really come on leaps and bounds from the preseason has been Rhys Taylor who seems

to win man of the match awards for fun. Our backline generally has been solid, the duo at the heart of the midfield form a strong block to the opposition, but where we seem to struggle is putting the ball in the onion bag, which seems strange when we have scored sixteen in ten games but it wouldn't be amiss to say that a little bit more killer instinct in front of goal would have seen us to those two points a game target.

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Pop Up Update

his unique one stop shop in the social club continues to enhance the match day experience for many, whether it be through the purchase of an award winning programme, securing your match ticket in advance of the turnstile and consequently nicely circum-navigating the queue at the paving windows, having a flutter on the predict a score result and time of first goal for the chance of a jackpot life changing amount (well, you'll be kept busy buying drinks for all vour new. best friends with your winnings) or merely like to pre order your half time drink so you never have to miss a kick of the game- as soon as the whistle blows, your drink is waiting for you, the Pop Up is the place. If you haven't tried us before please give us a whirl.

Coming up, in addition to all of the above. we are making a concerted effort this season to raise money for the Poppy Appeal with it

by Clive Leaper

being the centenary of the end of WW1this year. The club has always been one of the main fund raisers for the Eastcote branch of the British Legion, we'd like to beat the total we made a few years back when we happened to play Colchester in the FA cup with a massive crowd present. The players can help by getting us to that stage again this year of course but we also have a part to play. The legendary LFM has promised to support this venture and has a few initiatives lined up already, please let us know if you can help in any way.

Oh, we're on social media in a big way if vou're a twitter follower that is. @WFCPop-Up for all the latest news, views and goings on. This account also now incorporates breaking Wenzel match day filled roll information! Woo

C'mon You Stones.

Clive

THE STONES INTERVIEW BY TIM PARKS



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HEN you watch 20-year-old Connor Stevens in such commanding form at the back for the Stones, it's no surprise that Carles Puyol and Sergio Ramos are his footballing heroes.

"Everything they do speaks commitment and desire to put their bodies on the line for their club. That's my approach to defending too".

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The youngster has been hugely impressive since ioining from Watford in the summer and could be Bobby Wilkinson's best-ever signing... and certainly Connor was delighted with his move to Grosvenor Vale.

Having been with the Hornets since the age of 10 it was a huge wrench and a great disappointment for the defender not to have his two-year pro contract extended - but probably also no great surprise as the route to the first team (for academy prospects, anyway) at Vicarage Road gets narrower with every passing year.

"There are just so many numbers at a Premier League club" said Connor. "The future was always going

to be tough as its almost impossible to get close to the first team. Of the 13 academy players, including myself, that were put on contract in 2016 only two survived."

Connor's cause wasn't helped by a series of ankle injuries a year ago, just as he was impressing in Watford's Under-23s. "I did my ankle ligaments five times in the space of a few months - as soon as I had finished rehab. I went out and played and turned it over again! So frustrating! In the end I needed reconstruction of the ligament and touch wood, it's not been a problem since."

He was sent out on loan to our NLS rivals Oxford City at the start of last season but that was a mixed



experience for the youngster.

"Their pitch isn't the best" he admits. "We train and play on plastic at the academy but Oxford's surface is very tricky to play on. After my first match there my legs were in pieces! Everyone just seems to get more aches after playing on it, and recovery times are

much slower. It's also sticky if it's not watered. Not my favourite pitch."

> onnor knows the Vale well, as Watford's under-23s used our pitch on several occasions while he also turned out for Oxford City in the 1-1 draw at the end of last season. 'I like the Vale, everything about it and even before I signed

I knew about the fanbase and the history of the club. I wa: brought up in Barnet where I still live in the family home, and went to primary scho there before joining Watford and having my secondary educa tion at the Harefield Academy.

"I knew Northy (Stones goalkeeper Jonathan North) from when he was working ... Watford in the media team so was aware of the club and the possibility of signing if the Hornets decided not to renew my contract.... and after meeting the gaffer I was really pleased to sign.

"We've got a very good squad here and for a young player it's important that I've got experienced people like Yads Mambo and Glenn Wilson to pass on advice. Even if they're not playing they are invaluable on the touchline, passing on tips and ideas."

o who are the toughest sides you've had to face this season? And the toughest strikers to handle?

"Well last Saturday (the 1-1 draw at Dulwich) was tough! We had wave after wave of pressure in that second half, and it was disappointing to crack at the very end. They had the big fella. Jay May up front who was clever, using his body well to shield the ball and draw fouls. It's a learning curve for me."

What about Woking and Billericay? "Woking were the better team so to beat them was a great result. You can see why they've only lost that one game: Jake Hyde was tricky to play against but then they brought on a striker who was 6ft5 or 6ft6 and that was a whole new set of problems! But we kept a clean sheet and that says it all" said Connor.

"Billericay were a good side but we should have had a few goals before they scored. But Jake Robinson was also clever, even with the goal... switch off for a moment and a good



'There are just so many numbers at a Prem club. It's almost impossible for young players to get near the first team"

striker will punish you. He split me and Jay, getting behind us although he got lucky with the rebound after I almost blocked his shot.

Jerome is great to play alongside, he's so calm and leads by example."

Have you ever played in other position? "No. I've only ever been a centre-back. Never really wanted to play anywhere else. The art of defending is all I'm interested in."

o what are your ambitions Connor? "Just to play football and see what happens. Of course I'd like to get back into the pro game - it's been hard switching from full time to just a few sessions a week, the boredom gets to you a bit. I'm working with a company called PSD (Pro Sports Development) doing some football coaching in Primary Schools (when we spoke he was on a lunch break at St Swithins in Ruislip) which is a job I got through some friends."

And what is your greatest moment in the game so far? "Mmmm, probably playing for Watford Under-16s in the Milk Cup tournament played in Northern Ireland. We reached the semi-final and faced the favourites Everton, who had people like Tom Davies in the team. We played so well, went 3-0 up but Everton came back to equalise, and then win the game on penalties. Everton and Liverpool dominated that competition so to come so close to the final was an achievement."



Where do you live, Kevin? Kenton, although I have been a of a nomad due to work in recent years.

managers"

Are you working (and where?) Freelance Production Accountant, working mainly on TV dramas, most recently *Troy - Fall of A City.*

First Stones game attended (against who and when): QPR v Wealdstone, FA Cup 3rd round, 1978 - first home game was v Frickley Athletic in 1982.

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan? They are my local team.

Do you follow any other team? Yes, QPR. Do you prefer lower-League football? Being a QPR supporter, I would say stability. During Gordon Bartlett's managerial reign, QPR had 18 permanent managers. Non-League football has retained more of the elements that drew you to watching football when you started attending games, but outside of the Premier League, I think there are still a lot of similarities.

Any disadvantages? Before additional stands were installed at The Vale, it did feel a bit Ice Station Zebra in winter. Grimsby is colder though.

How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life?

It can feel abit of juggle , when Wealdstone and QPR are playing at home on consecutive nights and I want fit a run in the morning prior to work.

album cover pose at the recent Dulwich game

How big a part of your life is the game? When you are away overseas working, you realise how much you take going to watch football live for granted when back in London. Although when I worked in Prague, I used watch most Bohemians 1905 home games and they were great fun.

Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen? A few stick out: QPR v West Brom, FA Cup Semi Final Cup 1982; QPR v Oldham, Play Off 2003; and of course QPR v Derby 2014... 32 years was a long time to wait to see QPR score at Wembley again. Finally, Manchester United v Barcelona in the Champions League Final 2011 - Xavi gave the best individual performance I have seen live.

And most memorable Wealdstone game, and moment? That moment - I was in Copenhagen the night Wealdstone won The Ryman League. It felt like conquering Everest given the number of previous play off disappointments. I had been at The Met Police game the previous Saturday and remember being frustrated by that defeat.

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KEVIN McSWEENEY

What really gets your goat watching football? Referees who don't clamp on time wasting, especially goalkeepers.

Have you ever played the game yourself? And any highlights? Getting my mate Paul 'Chalky' White to run about and make the opposition defence work a bit harder when I played up front with him for Lancampar in a local Herfordshire League football 20 years ago was an achievement.

Paul's the Stones fan who keeps banging on about getting us to revert to playing in quarters. I agree with him.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones -watching experience at the Vale? The Vale has changed massively since Wealdstone first came here, but as attendances have risen it causes infrastructure issues. I would say walkways around the ground are an issue.

Favourite current Wealdstone line-up? Given all the new signings, it's too early to say, but I think the team looks quite settled at moment, I think it's all about providing service to our strikers.

Favourite all-time Stones line-up? I haven't watched enough games through the years, although the first name in midfield would be Ryan Ashe.

Best away trips to watch football? Any time you win.

What was your highlight of last season? I spent most of 2017 in Cape Town and football in South Africa is a joke - the team who won the second division couldn't afford to go up so they sold their place to another team in the division who had the finances to cope with promotion. It was great to return to London to watch live football again.

Best non-League ground you've visited? I quite like the shabby stadiums: St.Albans is a good example

Best stadium you've EVER visited? Boca Juniors' Bombonera (The Chocolate Box) is very steep - must be an amazing atmosphere when they play local rivals. River Plate.

Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale? At the ends What are your expectations for the Stones for this season?

I think challenging for play offs is a reasonable expectation, but by challenging I mean being and around the play offs all season, not being six points off the last spot with a game in hand

How does the current programme compare with others you see? I think it's pretty good and quirky . QPR still have a regular fanzine, so I tenhd to buy that instead of the programme .

Any articles or features that you'd like to see? I think the feature interviews are very good, I remember reading one about the gridiron NFL kicker John Smith who used to play for the Stones in the 1970s and had a chequered career with the New England Patriots. I also like pieces about off-beat subjects or perspectives you might not normally consider.

What has been the most readable/least readable Fan in the Stand so far? Everybody's recollections are interesting because everybody paints a different canvas

What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale? Any beers or food you'd like to be added? A burrito cart! I would also like an opportunity to vote for the guest ale occasionally.

Do you buy much at the clubshop? I am not very good at buying merchandise How do you feel on the kit debate - solid blue shirts or quarters? Quarters

Finally, where do you see the club in five years' time? To be settled in The National Conference would be brilliant.





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OG (50) Brown (68)

LINE-UP

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



FIRST HALF

After a relatively even and somewhat scrappy start to the game, Stones had a slight edge but found themselves constantly being pressed hard by a typically physically powerful and well organised Clarets side. Stones bad luck first struck on 14 minutes when David Pratt's headed goal was ruled out for off side. Rhys Tyler, who was a threat to City all afternoon shot wide soon after as Stones probed for openings.

Just when Stones seemed to be gaining a real foothold in the contest, the away side took the lead with a spectacular strike from Michael Spillane. The big defender astutely spotted Jon North off his line and from fully 50 yards out lofted the ball over North with the keeper desperately clutching thin air.

10 minutes later they went further behind

when Rhys Murphy powered a header past North from an excellent Matthew Young



SECOND HALF

Within 4 minutes of the restart Stones conceded a third goal from a Tommy Wraight strike and looked down and out at 0-3.

Within 2 minutes Stones had pulled a goal back when Max Porter bounced the ball into his own net from a goal mouth scramble.

Wealdstone awoke from their slumbers and with nothing more to lose went on all-out attack. Green struck over when well placed from another Tyler cross but the catalyst for their revival came when sub Stefan Brown came on.

It was then the charge of the light brigade as Stones carved out chance after chance. None more so than when Bradley Hudson-Odoi miscued in front of goal.



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Spillane (24) Murphy (36) Wraight (49)

LINE-UP

Edwards Ming Green Kargbo Okuonghae

Chambers Allen Vose May

Nash Furgason

Subs used: Clunis Cook

Not used: Taylor Tomlin

Carew

Brown then chased down a lost cause and McDonald sliced his clearance out and the same player almost doubled his tally with a close effort. Brown finally got the reward for his efforts and seized on a great pass and netted on 68 minutes.

The unrelenting pressure finally told when a handball in the City area gave Stones the chance they needed to level the scores. The normally very reliable Green hit the penalty low and hard but somehow McDonald pushed the ball out.

From the resulting corner a powerful goal bound header from Connor Stevens was unbelievably hacked away off the line.

Still the chances came and went for the home side. Bubb was put clean through with time and space but somehow struck the upright with 8 minutes remaining, and then the same player missed a chance at the death from a long throw from sub Matt Lench that caused havoc in the Clarets defence

Wealdstone were left to rue their missed chances as City hung on for the win.

GREAT WAKERING ROVERS

Opposition in focus



he club was formed in 1919 by soldiers demobbed after World War I and finding employment in the local brickfields. Not much in memory remains of the early years of the club although the club do poses some wonderful pictures from around that period.

We first played in one of Southend's oldest leagues, the Southend & District League. where the Rovers staved until 1982. Rovers were the leagues most dominant clubs, especially in the 1960s and 1970s and to this day remain so on record. The switch in 1982 saw the club move to the newly formed Southend & District Alliance Football League, but sadly this league folded in 1989 leaving Rovers with a decision to move back to the Southend & District League or take a step up in standard. With what most Rovers feel to be the best squad amassed by a manager, in this case Eddie Nash, Rovers took the decision to step up to intermediate level and joined the Essex Intermediate League.

Rovers remained in the Essex Intermediate League for three seasons, winning the championships of Divisions Three and Two in successive seasons. After the latter. Rovers successfully applied to join the Essex Senior League and found themselves in Step 5 of the Non-League pyramid, which for a village club was a tremendous feat.

In the 1994-1995 season Rovers narrowly beat Sawbridgeworth Town FC for the Essex Senior League title. Rovers had collected 71 points for the season and lost just three times although the title win was only won on goal difference (18). During that season Rovers forward Paul Flack scored 28 goals, which included a haul of 4 goals away at Eton Manor as Rovers celebrated a 9-0 victory. Also included in his stunning season were two further hattricks. That season his strike partner Neil Ramsev grabbed 20 goals as Rovers hit home 82 goals.

Rovers defence of the Essex Senior crown would falter the following season, finishing 2nd behind Romford. In the 1996-1997 season Rovers would also finish second again, behind Ford United by just three points. The 1997-1998 season would be Rovers worst season in the Essex Senior League, finishing mid-table, 7th, and 36 points behind winners Concord Rangers.

The club's final appearance in the Essex Senior League saw them finish 2nd behind Bowers United. However, due to Bowers United failing to meet ground grading requirements for promotion. Rovers were promoted to the Isthmian League in their place. With Isthmian League Division Three on the horizon for the 1999-2000 season, Rovers move into Step 4 of the league pyramid was complete.

At the very first attempt Rovers were promoted to Division Two finishing behind East Thurrock Utd by three points. Promotion to Division Two gave Rovers some stiffer opposition and the season finished with Rovers in mid-table.

In 2002 the Isthmian League then reorganised and Rovers found themselves in a new look Division One North, finishing midtable but more than holding their own in what was a very competitive league. In 2003 the

OPPO IN FOCUS

club were embroiled in a relegation fight, although this was won convincingly as Rovers finished 15 points ahead of the relegation zone. A further league reorganisation in 2004 saw the club switch to the Southern Football League Eastern Division for two seasons. The 2004-2005 season saw Rovers miss relegation by one point due to Erith & Belvedere FC being deducted three points, but in the 2005-2006 season Rovers bounced back to finish safely in mid-table.

For the 2006-2007 season Rovers found themselves in familiar territory, switching back to the Isthmian League Division One North, where we finished 12th. Two further seasons saw Rovers finish 13th and stabilise themselves as a Ryman League club.

The 2009-2010 season brought a record number of points for the Rovers at Ryman League level. 64. but towards the end of the season manager lain O'Connell was offered the management of Ryman Premier League side Margate leaving assistant Ryan Wilkinson and physio Cleve Taylor to take over temporary control with 12 games to go. In a season that saw Rovers top the table for 9 weeks, the dizzy heights would eventually get to O'Connell's side as they finished in 9th place, 13 points behind the playoffs.

Ryan Wilkinson and Cleve Taylor would be implemented as joint-managers for the 2010-2011 season and their first season in charge would offer up 44 points and 15th place in the league. Their start to the 2011-2012 season wasn't what they had hoped and after one win in their opening nine games, both offered their resignations. Rovers made first team coach Danny Heath caretaker manager and he brought temporary stabilisation back to the side as they recorded two wins and three draws from his seven games in charge. Rovers would offer the management post to Danny Greaves, son of ex-Tottenham and England legend Jimmy Greaves. Danny saw that a clean sweep of the side was required and let go the majority of the squad, bringing in loanees whilst trying to sign up new players. Unfortunately this plan didn't work and after a miserable run of six losses in a row, he too offered his resignation.

Rovers would offer ex-Captain and stalwart Dan Trenkel the position as manager in November 2011 in an effort to stabilise the club. However, Trenkel was playing for

ROVERS FACTS

GROUND - Burroughs Park CAPACITY - 3,000 (250 seated) MANAGER - Garry Kimble 2017/18 - Essex Sénior League 1st

Redbridge FC at the time who were on a fantastic run in the FA Cup, and it would be two weeks before he would be unveiled at the club, Danny Heath taking temporary control again, although this time losing both games.

Trenkel would bring back a number of players previously released by Danny Greaves, and opened his management career with a 2-2 draw at home to Waltham Forest followed by a 1-1 draw at home to Harlow Town. However, although the side were performing better, results would continue to go against him and after just three wins in the remaining 21 games, including 6 draws, Rovers would find themselves bottom of the table and staring relegation into the Essex Senior League.

In 2014, they won the ESL by one point on the final day of the season, and were promoted back to the Isthmian League.

2016/17 season was probably the most turbulent the club has ever experienced. Seeing two Chairman leaving their posts, together with two Managers also losing their jobs. In total 71 players were used in the fight against relegation without any success. As we were finally relegated after two seasons at step 4 in the FA Pyramid returning to the Essex Senior League.

Manager lain O'Connell, in his second spell with the club has been working hard during the summer to put together a strong squad and to lay down the foundation to mount a serious challenge for promotion to enable Great Wakering Rovers to get back to Step 4 in the FA pyramid the club expects.

2017/18 Season Rovers won the ESL again as well as the Errington League Cup and was promoted back to the Isthmian League once

2018/19 see's Garry Kimble take over from Iain O'Connell, who stepped down as Rovers manager during pre-season to concentrate on his family.

GREAT WAKERING ROVERS

OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

THE ROVERS WHO'S WHO..

TIM BROWN - GOALKEEPER

Tim joined Rovers this week from Aveley, Last season Tim played for Brentwood and help them keep there Bostik North Status His distribution is excellent and certainly a player who will continue to do well at this level

JASON RING - DEFENDER

Winner of Players Player last year, Jason is an energetic and skillful fullback who is comfortable both in the attacking and defensive thirds of the pitch. In his third year now at Wakering, and a valuable member of the team.

SCOTT PETHERS - DEFENDER

Winner of Managers Player of the year last year, Scott is one most reliable players in the squad who is so composed on the ball and a tough tackling center back. Scott is also the club captain and leads by example on and off the pitch.

OLLIE WOODHOUSE - DEFENDER

Wakering born and bred, Ollie is enjoying his second season with Rovers first team.

An 'old-fashioned' centre half who is also confident with the ball at his feet. Looking forward to a successful season after spending the summer 'finding himself' whilst travelling South America.

DANNY HURFORD - DEFENDER

Danny is a young, dynamic fullback who boasts exquisite deliveries from wide areas. A confident defender, Danny is known for his marauding runs down the left flank.

LEWIS PAYNE - DEFENDER/MIDFIELD

Lewis is a new acquisition this year and has slotted into the squad seamlessly. A solid defender, but also a player who can battle in midfield and unlock defences with his passing capabilities. Mr Consistent.

AARON RUSSEL- MIDFIELD

Although still the right side of 25, Aaron is one of the more experienced members of the squad. He is happiest when breaking up the play recycling the ball. Although Aaron enjoys rare ventures into the final third, his best games are the ones where we don't notice him.



The earliest known picture of Great Wakering Rovers showing the 2nd IX 1919/20

BRANDY MOKENI - MIDFIELD

Brandy joined Rovers towards the end of pre-season and integrated himself into the squad immediately. A passionate young footballer who will never shy away from possession. His combative style of play has won him a few admirers already.

BILLY HARRIS - MIDFIELD

Billy is a young, all action midfielder who will have a big part to play this year. His ability to play anywhere across midfield offers a lot for the management to think about. He is most comfortable with the ball at his feet and works extremely hard both defensively and offensively for the team.

GEORGE COX - MID-FIELD

George has worked hard over pre-season and has deservedly earned his spot with the first team this year. His eagerness to develop and improve will ensure he has a big part to play this season. Loves a tackle and will not shy away from a battle.

JAKE WIGGINS - MID-FIELD

Jake is a local lad who joined us at the end of preseason. His technique is there for all to see and he is a great passer of the ball. Keeps things simple and likes to play between the lines.

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BILLY JOHNSON - MIDFIELD/FORWARD

Mr Wakering. Billy has been at the club now for over 10 years and I think he will soon have a road named after him in the village. A cultured player, Billy is partial to a worldy or two, be it a long-range strike, or a dead ball masterpiece.

JAY NASH - MIDFIELD/ FORWARD

When Jay isn't in the physio room, he can be found battling hard to retain possession and bring others into play. His hold up play provides the team with ample opportunity to attack the opposition. Also comfortable running in behind and has worked hard this pre-season to ensure he is fighting fit.

JAKE GORDON - MIDFIELD/FORWARD

Jake returns to the club this season following spells at various clubs at this level last year. When settled, Jake provides pace and skill to

the starting 11. He is most comfortable with the ball at his feet and can create something from nothing.

STEPHEN BUTTERWORTH -MIDFIELD/ FORWARD

Stephen is one of our more experienced players who has played at this level and above for the majority of his career. Technically gifted, Stephen has the ability to create opportunities from anywhere on the pitch.

Whether it is a key pass, a run off the ball, or a piece of skill, Stephen is tasked with creating opportunities and making things happen.

SIMON THOMAS- FORWARD

Simon is the focal point of our starting 11. His aerial ability is second to none and he leads the line expertly. Sure to upset a few defences this season, his link up play, combined with his ability in the oppositions box, will prove vital for us this season.

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v GREAT WAKERING ROVERS

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ABOVE: Aaagh! So close. It's off the line by the Chelmsford defence in last Saturday's entertaining yet ultimately frustrating 2-3 National League South defeat here at The Vale. Picture courtesy of DFinill Photography (@dfinillphotos)

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

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A MOMENT IN TIME BY TIM PARKS

GREAT WAKERING ROVERS REWIND 22.09.2018



Saturday December 12 1997. FA Vase Third Round: Great Wakering Rovers 2 Wealdstone 1

t was a bit of a coincidence walking into The Vale last Saturday and spotting, in the beer garden, three ex-Stones who faced Essex Senior League outfit Great Wakering 21 years ago in one of the Stones' most inglorious defeats.

Lee Walker, Brian Jones and Chris Walton were meeting up for the first time in years - Jonah, who now lives in Limerick, Ireland can only get to the occasional match - but all three men were chuckling over the football fates that have thrown our clubs together again this afternoon.

"Yeah, that was an afternoon to forget" admitted Jonah. "Although of course, it's a result we've never been allowed to forget. I thought the fans were going to throttle us at the final whistle".

That first-ever meeting came in December 1997. Wealdstone, proud FA Trophy and Conference double winners just 12 years earlier faced the ignominy of playing in the FA Vase after our selfimposed demotion into the depths of the Ryman League - but at least this provided the chance of becoming the first ever club to win 'The Triple' of Trophy, Amateur Cup and Vase. And in management team Gordon Bartlett and Leo Morris we had two men who knew all about Vase glory, having steering Yeading to Vase glory ten years

earlier. Surely this was to be our year?

In hindsight, we were catastrophically complacent. I remember thinking: Where is Great Wakering, even? In the days before Google Maps, out came the big road map and directory of names. Looked up the co-ordinates, which led me to the far East of England. Blimey, it's almost in the sea!

And there was the village of Great Wakering, with its 6,000 population, even more remote than Thorpe Bay which was where Stones fan Terry Stern (one of the Four Skinless Bangers) had moved in the wake of our golden era. He was on the phone and actually quite excited about the Stones playing 'Just round the corner.' "I didn't even know they had a football club until very recently. They had a run in the Vase last season, made the last 16 I think. but this should be a walk in the park for Stones". As I said, catastrophically complacent.

It's always the same in football" said Jonah last Saturday. "If you turn up to a game expecting to win, you can guarantee vou're going to lose."

e arrived to find a tight little ground and a pitch with very little grass. The ball bounced haphazardly but Wealdstone were third in the Ryman Division Two (behind runaway leaders Canvey

Island and Braintree) after winning Div Three the previous season, while Rovers were two levels below in the Essex Senior League. While we were winning the non-League double at Wembley in 1985. GWR were just starting out in the Essex Intermediate League after being handed 104 acres of allotments at Burroughs Park to build their own ground and clubhouse. They didn't make it to senior football until 1991, but then embarked on seven successful years in the Essex Senior League which is when they faced the Stones...

"We were on fire at the time. It's not like we were ripe for a giantkilling" recalled Jonah. Stones had set off on a fantastic run of 25 games with just two defeats, racking up four league wins on the spin before this trip into deepest. darkest Essex.

And it was pretty dark. "It was a gloomy old day" said our ex-striker. "We made

a lot of chances and on another day I might have had a hat trick. I was brought down for a penalty in the second half - Dennis Greene scoring but by then we were 2-0 down and chasing the game."

Jonah skins

at the White

Lion ground

Disaster had truck in the first half. A couple of missed clearances from the usually reliable lan Waugh and Rov Marshall led to a tame cross from the right being spilled by Darren Bonfield standing in for the injured Noel Imber. 1-0. Then, astonishingly, a speculative effort from distance flew past the startled Bonfield. It was 2-0

from two attacks!

The half time whistle sounded and as the Stones players trooped off to some half-hearted abuse, our striker Dennis Greene famously told the fans: 'Don't worry lads, all is under control" (as mentioned on the Stones Forum by Attic last week). Of course, it wasn't under control. Two goals was lot to make up against spirited and organised opposition, and all we could manage was that reply from Greene via the penalty spot We finished the season getting promoted to the Ryman Division One, thus qualifying to play in the FA Trophy for the 1998-89 season and making this defeat in Essex the club's last-ever game in the FA Vase.

"I had some great years at Wealdstone and even now our result is the first one Walks and I look for on a Saturday afternoon" said Jonah. "There was a great bond between the players and the fans in those days, really tight and we both still look at the fans forum. It's always entertaining - the fans wear their hearts on their sleeves!

"Last Saturday was the first time I'd been to the Vale for a few years and it is very impressive. I knew the old Ruislip Manor club well as a kid as all the junior finals were held there and it is transformed

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GREAT WAKERING ROVERS REWIND CONTINUED

now. A proper stadium. And what a great game it was against Chelmsford! Extraordinary! We should have been well ahead before they scored. and the second half was a procession of misses... good character though to come back to 2-3 but a real shame we couldn't go on and win it."

He left Stones after the failed promotion in 1999 ("That ruined the club" he said) and went to Boreham Wood for a couple of years, but returned to help Stones consolidate a place in the Ryman

...but we've since faced **Rovers four** times in the Ryman Div 1

reat Wakering had become a force in the Essex Senior League in the late 1990s

and won promotion to the Ryman League in 2000. They won Division Three at the first attempt, and after a high finish in Division Two they were again promoted to join the Stones in a reorganised Division One North section.

Thus we found ourselves facing Rovers again in November 2002, and gaining some revenge for the FA Vase defeat with a 4-2 win at the White Lion ground (see programme cover above). We were in the middle of a purple patch, putting four past Oxford City, Hertford Town and then Great Wakering in successive home games, and Dave Ryan (2), Micky Swaysland and a young Jermaine Beckford got the goals.

The return at Burroughs Park on March 15 saw the Stones again beaten 2-1. We were in a different place entirely, then, our

Premier Division in the mid-noughties. But memories of Great Wakering come back to haunt him!

Wealdstone: Darren Bonfield. Stan Bowder, Dom Sterling, Paul Lamb, Ian Waugh, Roy Marshall, Chris Walton, Brian Jones, Keith Boreham, Dennis Greene, Paul McKay. Sub: Mario Celaire

PS: Great Wakering set a ground record crowd of 675 in the next round of the Vase on the back of the publicity at beating the 'mighty' Stones. But they lost to Potters Bar Town at Burroughs Park.



Christmas promotion hopes having evaporated with a string of defeats. One win in 12 games saw us finish in mid-table, and Marvin Morgan's goal was not enough to rescue a point in Essex.

he following season, 2003-4 ended with the Stones winning promotion to the Ryman Premier division via the famous play-off at Dulwich Hamlet. Great Wakering finished just clear of the relegation places and we spanked them 4-0 at the White Lion ground (which we shared with Edgware for ten years) before drawing the return 0-0 at Burroughs Park. That match was totally unmemorable apart from the media circus that surrounded the club at that time ... yes, a media circus rather than the usual Billy Smart clowning on the pitch! Even the News of the World was



Dear Deidre Stones Mag's photo diary... voted most popular feature

getting more grief off Kelly, her "friend" in Albert Square, Kelly suspects Zoe of seeing men behind her back....

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seeing some geezer wiv a dodgy barnet, aintcha! I seen the pictures in the News of the World!

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Kelly has kept the papers and confronts Zoe with the evidence...

How can Zoe explain that one away? Does she really like a man with a tepee on his head? Don't miss Saturday's Stones Mag.,

interested! Our dapper midfielder Tommy Williams was going out with EastEnders (and Superwoman) actress Michelle Ryan at the time but it was a surprise to walk into the Great Wakering ground and bump into one of my Daily Mirror reporting colleagues. The paper had also sent along a photographer to accompany the feature on 'the non-League superman who is the love of Superwoman's life'.

I said to the reporter 'what are you doing here?' And he said 'what are you doing here?' 'I'm a supporter' I said. 'What, of Great whatchermacallit?' he laughed.

'I must admit I'm wondering why I'm here' I said as the ball was pinged out of the ground for the umpteenth time and the

Above left: The Stones programme for our 4-0 win over Great Wakering in 2003...coincidentally the cover picture is of a young Jermaine Beckford scoring against Great Wakering the previous year. Above right: The 2003 magazine featured a spoof photo diary that centred around Tommy Williams' relationship with Michelle Ryan. Tommy hated any mention of this, or his strange hairstyle. So he was fair game!

game petered out in a stalemate. The only happy man was our centre back Dave Ryan who had taken over in goal in the first half from the injured youngster Charlie Leary - and to be honest, looked more like a glove man than Leary ever did as he kept a clean sheet.



We have played FA Cup ties four times over the years on September 22, with mixed results. ...

Way back in 1923. Biggleswade were the visitors to Lower Mead but we saw off the Bedfordshire side 2-1. In 1945, shortly before Second World War hostilities commenced, the Stones took on St Albans City away at Clarence : Park and pulled off a 2-2 draw. In the Lower Mead replay four days later we went through 3-0. In 1962 Bishops Stortford were beaten 2-1 at their old Rhodes Avenue around.

And rather more recently, the powerful Lowestoft Town beat us 2-1 here at The Vale in 2011 despite Sean Cronin's second half penalty.

Qual Round: Go to thefa.com on Monday at 1pm 3rd (**Draw for the**

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ON THIS DAY

BY GORDON MCKAY



1990: Dartford (away)
Southern League Premier:
Won 2-1

trip to Dartford's old ground at Watling Street (pictured right) saw two sides used to a bigger stage - but games between the two clubs were often well contested and this was no different.

We were still trying to recapture our glory days by throwing money around and I think it's fair to say we were under-achieving at this time. Some very good players, capable of beating anyone on their day but a real lack of consistency.

Dartford began the game kicking down the considerable slope and put us under a fair bit of pressure. They were rewarded mid way through the first half when a free kick found Jason Shaw lurking at the far post and he was able to prod home from close in.

Shaw of course went on to play for us many years later. Although the legs weren't quite what they were he was still a very good player. We didn't trail for long though as a quick counter attack saw the Dartford defence stretched and Tony Kelly rifled home from the edge of the box to level the scores.

The second half saw us gain the ascendency down the slope with the livewire Tony Lynch and Steve Browne really taking the game to them - and it was that man Kelly again who notched the winner from a tight angle after being put through by Browne. This was celebrated wildly by the noisy Stones contingent and we were able to see out the game fairly comfortably.

What happened next? Well, after a very promising Autumn we faded in the New Year and finished mid table... but of course the season was clouded by the loss of our beloved Lower Mead Stadium. Still much missed by many of us.

2009: Waltham Abbey (away) Ryman Premier: Won 2-1

were just getting into our stride and in the middle of a long unbeaten run that would see us in and around the top positions in the league... and of course reach the 1st Round of the FA Cup and that



home tie with Rotherham.

Abbey in contrast were experiencing their first season at this level and struggling at the bottom. They were a difficult opponent on the night though, and loathe to give up their hard-earned status without a fight.

We controlled much of the first half but just couldn't quite find our touch in front of goa - Charlie Mpi was a handful with his pace and ungainly style but was erratic and the normally reliable Greg Ngoyi was a bit out of sorts.

However things were put right early in the 2nd half when Mpi scored from close range to put us ahead and it all seemed to be going to plan. The goal spurred Abbey to produce their best spell which saw Billy Holland equalise but we managed to weather the storm and snatched a late winner from Ngoyi, set up by Ryan Ashe. Ashe missed from the penalty spot late in the game but the points were safe.

3rd Qual Round: Go to thefa.com on Monday at 1pm

Draw for the

What happened next? The unbeaten run continued to early November and was only ended by Rotherham 3-2 in the 1st round of the FA Cup. It was a good time to be around the club, an exciting team, crowds rising and of course the media spotlight from our cup run. We couldn't quite keep it going though and fizzled out in the 2nd half of the season to finish just outside the play off spots.

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Supporters' Scene

Welcome everyone to this important Emirates FA Cup match versus Great Wakering Rovers who ply their trade in the Bostik League, North Division. Both clubs will obviously want to progress with so much as stake for clubs at our level. Let's get behind the boys today and roar us through to the next round (that will be drawn on Monday).

Last season's exit to Burgess Hill was a horrible experience for everyone concerned but we must all keep a sense of proportion as no club we play is going to lay down and die – even more so as the financial rewards for progression have become improved - but lessons last campaign were learnt the hard way both on and off the pitch.

Whilst we lost at home for the first time last week to a typically very strong side in Chelmsford City our second half fight back was outstanding and with better finishing I have no doubts we would have won the game and retained our unbeaten record at The Vale. An incredible game and great for the neutral!

Don't forget to visit the club shop today (WFC Megastore) – there is a whole host of Stones clothing and souvenirs, including programme bundles free to our young Stones fans. Pick up a bundle when you get your Junior Stones card stamped - if you haven't got a card yet then make your way to the Megastore and collect one! The WFC Megastore is located behind the dugouts and opposite the main stand, don't be shy!

Mim Goodman will see you just inside the main turnstile block before kick-off today to sell you our Golden Goals tickets which are a

very valuable source of income to the club.

As Markie said in last week's notes, as a committee we need new members to support the good work we do and to infuse new ideas. We are all very busy people and we need additional help to put on events and to support the main club - please contact lan Stapleton on wfcsecretary@gmail.com if you are interested to give it a go. Lets all get behind Bobby and his team.

Nick



NEW Navy Polo available in store now @ only £25

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.

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WHO'S WHO ..

RYAN MORGAN

Position: Striker

Age: 16

School: Cardinal Vaughn Memorial School

Studying: PE, Busniness Economics & Geography
Teams Played For: Ruislip Rangers, Cardinal Vaughn
Best Football Experience: have lots of great footballing
memories with all the football trophys I have won. But my
most recent best experiences is last season scoring 3
goals at QPR's ground at Loftus road in the U16 London
Schools Final and the following week scoring 2 goals for
the U18s London Schools Final yet again at Loftus road
and helping my school win both cups are definitely ones to

Worst Football Experience: At the start of the 17/18 season I was in a car accident that put my back out for 6 months sitting on the side line watching for that long was painful for me as a player.



MATCH REPORT - WEALDSTONE 4 - HAMPTON 2

After a cagey opening five minutes, it was Hampton who went closest to breaking the deadlock after a cross from the right found an attacker to force an excellent point blank save. Three minutes later Wealdstone nearly took the lead when their fullback used his pace well down the left, charging into the box and forcing a save. Soon after, a good one-two from the stones on the edge of the box saw a shot go straight at the goalkeeper. In what was proving to be an exciting end-to-end fixture but it was Wealdstone who were to strike first. **Brandon Clark** picked up the ball on the edge of the box and sloted it past the keeper to make it 1-0. However, the celebrations were short lived as Hampton responded with a cross from left which was taken down and slotted home via a minor deflection off the Wealdstone goalkeeper.

Both sides then went on to have chances but it was Wealdstone who struck again on thirty-seven minutes. A cross in from the left found **Brandon Clark** again who finished to make it 2-1.

Hampton looked to be finishing the half stronger with a shot from 30 yards flashing just wide of the right-hand post and just before the break the visitors got their reward. A neat 1-2 on the edge of the Wealdstone box saw a shot sail into the bottom left corner making it 2-2 at HT.

The second half began with Hampton immediately on the attack. A shot following a cutback from six yard was missed followed by a shot from outside the box going over the crossbar. Now followed a succession of headers from corners with one going straight into the goalkeeper's hands and the other one going wide. A shirt pull in the Hampton half lead to a free kick about twenty-five yards out where Wealdstone's **Billy Beck** achieved a lifetime ambition to score at Grosvenor Vale by steping up and rifeling it brilliantly into the top left hand corner giving the Hampton goalkeeper no chance (3-2). From then on, Wealdstone continued to dominate and got their reward ten minutes later. A long ball from inside the Wealdstone half which at first seemed to be going astray was recovered well by **Omar El-Gtaibi**. He skillfuly worked past the Hampton defence to finish in the bottom left corner of the goal (4-2).

The remaining twenty saw Wealdstone continue to dominate and even had chances to make it 5-2. A shot from the edge of box forced a good save from the goalkeeper and a shot from the edge of the box about five minute's later sailed just over the crossbar. Wealdstone saw the game out to full time to complete a 4-2 opening win of the season.

NEXT MATCH

Wednesday 10 October - Bedfont Sports 7.30 Kick Off - Grosvenor Vale



The World of Ball The Stones' match-day experience: Ours are the

n my shelf at home I have a plaster model of Paddington Bear, replete in royal blue 'coat' and the legend 'super stones'. There's a story there somewhere, some reason why the supporters' club saw fit to commission these bears for sale - but I've not a clue what it is. All I can say for sure is that the 'Super Stones' Paddington bear is just one of a long and increasingly various stream of Wealdstone merchandise - the kind that has always added to our match day

quirks that work

experience. We saw a lot of favourable social media activity from neutrals visiting The Vale for last week's Chelmsford game. In particular there was a sense expressed that we at Wealdstone currently occupy some sort of 'Goldilocks' sweet spot: a club that's able to perfectly combine nonleague quirkiness with big league atmosphere. And when you think about it. this is a more difficult balance to pull off than you might imagine. Plenty of clubs perhaps inadvertently

offer that non-league quirkiness, even if it's

entirely the result of being a bit, well, semi-

professional at some stuff - but few, it seems, can combine the higgledy-piggledyness of non-league with something approaching a genuinely big-match feel.

The atmosphere at any Stones match literally speaks for itself, but the non-league quirkiness that warms the cockles of visitors' hearts? Well, that's something that begins as soon as they come through the turnstiles. What the neutral in particular craves is an oddly alluring combination of brightly

coloured bits and pieces. It's like a market stall, 'get your programmes' here, 'golden goal' there. And just before the tunnel there's Toby's Lapels Badges stall. This is perfectly positioned to lure the ground-hopping magpie fan, and is - so far as I can tell - a unique aspect of our club's appeal. Toby's endless international cascade of brightly coloured boards upon boards of shiny enamel objects to entice neutrals and

first-time fans, and Toby's quite extraordinary range of national and international club badges (apart from Premier League - he definitely doesn't do Premier League) does the job perfectly.



BY MARTIN READ

The Wealdstone Megastore picture courtesy @BinesJames

Megastore Magic

As for the megastore, well, it's clearly seen as something of a merchandise paradise by our ground-hopping friends - and with good reason. Compare ours, for example, with the club shop down at Dartford. There's nothing particularly wrong with the Darts' offering in

what is, after all, a superb ground. It's just that their club shop exudes a rather more shop exudes a rather more contemporary, corporate feel. There's plenty of space, but it's all a bit grey and unappealing. Ours. by contrast. is wonderfully titled 'The Wealdstone Megastore' and exists in that most perfectly non-league of edifices, a converted shipping container. Of course, a converted shipping container comes with all the space limitations you'd expect from such a thing, such

that fans can often be heard apologising for bumping into strangers because they're too busy deciding between scarves, programmes, or leisure tops. But it's all part of the experience: A non-league club shop need to make you feel like a kid in a sweetshop, poking around the various bits and bobs both old and new. It's an aspect of the match day

WEALDSTONE v GREAT WAKERING WORLD OF BALL

experience that you can literally touch.

Of course, the merchandise has certainly changed over the years. It was enough of a treat for the eves back in the 1980s, but that era's collector would be agog at the sheer variety of options these days: just the one club coaster would have been seen as devilishly ingenuous. let alone the various we have to offer now. And the mugs! A seemingly endless variety of mugs! These days, Stones fans could have a brew in an entirely different mug for every day of the week - for two weeks solid

Shop til you Drop

Wealdstone Mega-store exists in a

converted shipping

container

Don't get me wrong, other clubs have their club shops and many are perfectly fine examples of their type. But all too often what you get is a sparsely decorated hut containing a few musty-smelling plastic crates of poorly maintained programmes alongside a few cans of Coke and Mars bars that are each printed with 'multipack: not to be sold individually' but are definitely being sold as individually in sure and certain contravention of the law.

But while this kind of vaguely disappointing club shop experience is all too common, can we hand one heart say we'd prefer the current club shop arms race typified by big clubs such as Tottenham Hotspur? That club's soon-to-open new stadium will, we're told,

boast the "the biggest club shop in Europe". Aside from wondering who the hell did the research on that particular stat. vou have to wonder if that's anything to aspire to in any case. A huge expanse of corporate sales space does not, for me at least, do what I want my club shop to do. I want my club shop to give off the sense of a club, not a corporation: that I can browse the aprons and

key rings at my leisure. I suppose there's something to be said for the sheer scale (and, let's face it, budget-enhancing contribution) that can come from a full-on big-time retail shop working on behalf of the parent club. And I know just how important and brilliantly run our club shop retail 'experience' is. I just hope that, as our club continues to grow, we continue to get the balance right.







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Stuart Pearce - FoW + Nick Woolford
Arthur Peel - Terri Moffitt + Old Wealden

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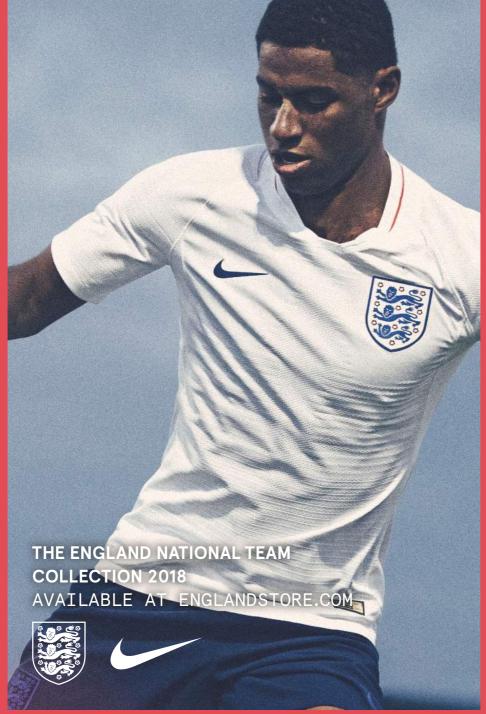


We love our heroes here at Wealdstone and as this letter from the great George Duck reveals, our heroes also love us..

5/8/2018 Dear Paul I do apologise for taking so long in putting pen to paper. of course I'm referring to the wonderful presentation of my Wealdstone Football and Life Membership. It truly was an unexpected honour to receive such an award from the Club president Paul Rumans. Back in the day at Lover mead I wo fortunate enough to enjoy the hoppiest playing days of my footballing life and fust like yourselves I have royal blue blood flowing through my veins. I'm so grateful to all the Officers at Wealdstone without whom of course ther would be no Club.

Even as time posses I have always had the feeling of being a member of the Wealdstone family and naturally having life Membership awarded to me this confirms I'm definitely Wealdstone till I die but hopefully not for a few seasons yet. Finally I will be coming down to the Vale soon to see some games and would like to take this opportunity of wishing the Officers, the Manager, his coaching staff, the players, and off course our brilliant supporters every success and the very best of luck during the season. Come on you Stones yours Sincerely Creorge Duck NO.10 P.S See you at the far post.









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Please note: Should we beat Great Wakering Rovers in today's game, we will play in the FA Cup Third Qualifying Round on Saturday 6th October at 3:00pm. For full details of who and where, visit www.wealdstone-fc.com

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AWAY

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Saturday, 20th October, 3:00pm www.hemelfc.com

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Saturday, 3rd November, 3:00pm www.wellingunited.com

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Saturday, 17th November, 3:00pm www.pitchero.com/clubs/chippenhamtown

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	Concord Rangers	10	4	3	3	13	14	5	3	1	1	9	6	5	1	2	2	4	8	-1	15	1-1		
14	Gloucester City	10	4	1	5	6	11	5	2	1	2	3	4	5	2	0	3	3	7	-5	13			
1!	Hemel Hempstead Town	10	3	3	4	12	16	5	1	1	3	7	11	5	2	2	1	5	5	-4	12			
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18	Dulwich Hamlet	10	3	2	5	10	14	5	1	1	3	3	6	5	2	1	2	7	8	-4	11		1-1	
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2	East Thurrock United	10	2	0	8	5	15	5	2	0	3	4	6	5	0	0	5	1	9	-10	6			
2	Truro City	10	1	3	6	11	22	5	0	1	4	5	13	5	1	2	2	6	9	-11	6	3-0		
2	Weston-super-Mare	10	0	2	8	10	23	5	0	2	3	5	8	5	0	0	5	5	15	-13	2	4-1		



