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# Written in Stone

## Lets hear you roaring tonight

**H**appy Easter to you all and it's a warm Wealdstone welcome to Solihull Moors this afternoon. We've met the Midlanders five times in the National League and have a miserable record of one draw and four defeats... and the Stones record against the merged club's predecessors Moor Green and Solihull Borough is not a lot better!

With early printing deadlines there's no chance of talking about the much-anticipated trip to Meadow Lane on Good Friday to face title-chasing Notts County. Stones stopped the rot of three deeatns in a row with that cracking 2-2 draw against Oldham here at the Vale a fortnight ago, and then of course we had four days of solid rain that saw the clash with Aldershot being postponed.

It was little short of a miracle that the Oldham match was played... and after that game, groundsman Adam Rowland and his team weren't able to get on the pitch at all (apart from in kayaks).

Hopefully its all dried out in time for today. Prior to Friday's fixtures (when Solihull were at home to Maidenhead) the Moors were one point (55) and one place (11th) below Stones in the table and Neal Ardley's side are disappointed not to be in the play-off reckoning this time around.

Both clubs are still in with a faint sniff of course, with five games now to play and next up for the Stones is the trip to face Boreham Wood at Broughinge Road next Saturday. We were beaten 2-1 at home by the Wood - and also 5-3 away in that bizarre FA Cup game back in November - so there is a whiff of revenge in the air as we make the short trip to South Herts. Our ex-winger Dennon Lewis scored twice in Wood's 4-0 win at already-relegated Maidstone last week so he'll be one to watch out for.

The postponed game with Aldershot is now on Tuesday April 18 (7.45pm) so let's turn up in force and make it a successful end to the season.

Up the Stones!

Tim

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BY SUDHIR RAWAL



# The Elmslie Ender



## WE ponders on the crazy money spent in the National League (with average losses exceeding £1m)...and asks: Is it even POSSIBLE to be self-sufficient?

Macclesfield - who play in the **EIGHTH TIER** of English football, three below the Stones - reckon that it costs them £25,000 to stage a match at that level of football.

Of course, they possess an EFL-standard ground in the Northern Premier League West, where most clubs get a few hundred through the gate while Macclesfield average just over 3,500, much higher than they used to get in the EFL.

But it's the extra costs, including a 400% increase in electricity bills, cited as to why they were increasing their match day entrance price from £2 to £17 - which has caused much consternation amongst their supporters.

Co-owner Robbie Savage, in his Daily Mirror column, suggested that they would have to halve their wage bill to not increase their entrance fee. Half of their budget is still multiple times the next team in the division, which they lead by twelve points and could well be champions by the time you read this.

We have our own fairy-tale story in the National League, of course, little 'Wrexham beating the odds to head the table with a few games to go. The Hollywood A-listers-backed side announced their financial results for the season ended 2022 and the numbers were simply staggering.

Revenue was up over 400% to nearly £6m, with match day income alone totalling £2.65m. Their football costs increased three-fold to just shy of £4m and they made a loss of little under £3m, which equates to £56,000 PER WEEK. To put that in perspective, their

weekly loss is about **SIX** times our budget.

Some of their supporters have highlighted the fact that R&R have bought the ground from the university next door, made ground improvements, including spending a million pounds on the pitch - but whilst some of this, such as the pitch improvements may well be revenue, much of the rest is capital and isn't included in their reported loss.

It seems bizarre that on revenue of £6m in the National League that you cannot turn a profit! If they can't, with all of the publicity that they receive, sponsorship deals that other clubs can only dream of, match day revenue on a different scale to everyone else, what hope is there for other clubs?

To further emphasise the differences between Wrexham and others, the FA have this week released details of the sums spent on agents/intermediaries by clubs. It will be of no surprise that Wealdstone didn't spend a penny. Wrexham were unsurprisingly the highest in the National League at £165,000, which would have made them the second highest spenders in the league above and more than the majority of clubs in League One.

FFP does not exist in the National League nor does a salary cap (which it does in the EFL) so it will be interesting to see how high Wrexham can travel before they come across bigger clubs with more financial clout. They already have a team full of League One players, so should whizz



10,000 crowd streams away from Wrexham

| Club            | Profit/Loss (£) | Equity      | Employees |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Aldershot       | -232,872        | -825,976    | 55        |
| Altrincham      | -192,249        | 747,563     | 43        |
| Barnet          | -1,127,732      | -1,566,303  | 27        |
| Boreham Wood    | 173,302         | 2,570,002   |           |
| Bromley         | -871,631        | -3,253,938  | 28        |
| Chesterfield    | -2,370,671      | 6,885,513   | 177       |
| Dagenham & Red  | -1,746,013      | 1,384,113   | 123       |
| Dorking         | -13,657         | 3,549       | 29        |
| Eastleigh       | -286,218        | 2,605,340   | 81        |
| FC Halifax Town | -84,030         | -141,791    | 40        |
| Gateshead       | -43,962         | -33,158     |           |
| Maidenhead Utd  | -112,783        | -1,264,529  | 45        |
| Maidstone Utd   | -167,919        | -167,410    | 26        |
| Notts County    | -1,691,939      | -10,748,739 | 245       |
| Oldham          | 108,200         | -2,988,930  | 227       |
| Scunthorpe Utd  | 8,293,749       | -2,369,309  | 126       |
| Solihull Moors  | -1,146,294      | -4,008,062  | 84        |
| Southend Ltd    | -2,558,077      | -17,394,324 | 91        |
| Torquay         | -1,189,552      | -4,147,048  | 54        |
| Wealdstone      | -84,121         | 324,089     | 19        |
| Woking          | -965,084        | -4,362,901  | 34        |
| Wrexham         | -2,913,632      | -820,512    | 195       |
| Yeovil Town     | -713,449        | 1,261,047   |           |
| York City       | 11,674,610      | 3,582,036   | 47        |

a £1m per year, funded by investors, benefactors and shareholders.

According to Andrew's data (left), only Boreham Wood (thanks to another lucrative FA Cup run) and surprisingly Oldham Athletic posted profits. Scunthorpe United and York City did too but they were both boosted by the sale of Glanford Park and Bootham Crescent respectively. Clubs that lost less than £100,000 were Dorking Wanderers, Gateshead, Wealdstone and FC Halifax Town. Eight clubs lost more than a million, including Barnet (£1.127m), Solihull (£1.146m), Torquay (£1.189m), Notts County (£1.691m), Dagenham (£1.746m), with Chesterfield, Southend and Wrexham all losing more than two million pounds.

To highlight the gap between us and other traditional non-league clubs, even the likes of Bromley (871k) and Woking (965k) lost staggering amounts of money.

There are two clubs that have debts greater than assets in excess of £10m, Notts County at nearly £11m with Southend an eye-watering £17m - though that is from their 2019 accounts as none more recently have been filed, a sign of the troubles that they have experienced over the last few years.

At Wealdstone we run a very tight ship, with the lowest budget in the league, but we still make losses which are generally covered by new investment from our shareholders, who are almost all supporters. We actually have one of the stronger balance sheets.

In a week when the York City Trust has had to step in to pay players wages, it's hard to hear the demands from some of our fans clamouring for the next signing and wanting to see additional investment in the stadium. While I appreciate ambition should be at the forefront of everything that we do, remember that the fabled money tree doesn't exist.

Incidentally, I've now been told that the mind-boggling figures for Wrexham DON'T include the money from Disney that totalled around £400,000 an episode!

through League Two without too much trouble.

I don't doubt the Hollywood A-Listers, R&R, are good owners. They have done much great work in the community, have committed to rebuild the Kop which has now been knocked down after years of being condemned, bought the stadium for the club, improved the stadium, spent over £1m in transfer fees, having invested £1,200,000 in new capital and provided interest bearing loans of nearly £3,700,000. The financial statements state the "ambition of becoming self-sufficient will take some time to achieve..."

The big question is that whether any club can be self-sufficient whether at this level or above without a benefactor. Of course, nobody is going forego the chance to jump on the bandwagon that R&R have created.

Had they dropped their anchor at the Vale rather than the Racecourse Ground, Wealdstone fans would be grateful to be operating in financial realities that would be considerably different to what they really are at the Vale.

Thanks to Andrew Lane's in-depth research a simple review of the other NL clubs' most recent financial statements show a sorry tale of financial losses posted almost across the board. An article in the Athletic stated that NL clubs generally lose

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**THE STONES INTERVIEW**  **BY TIM PARKS**

# Rachel Hill

## Our S & C coach on why she didn't mind being called 'Momma Stone' on International Women's Day

can't think of anyone more deserving for the accolade of "first woman to be interviewed in the programme as a Wealdstone FC employee".

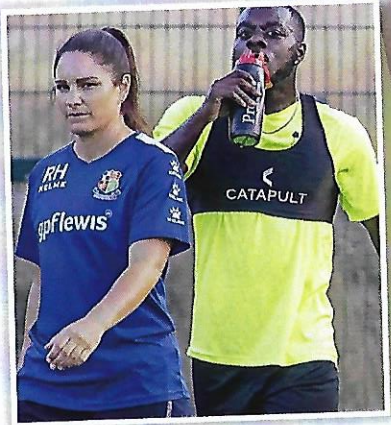
And as Rachel said: "It coincides nicely as a follow-up to International Women's Day few weeks earlier!"

Perfect timing! It also coincided with the home game against Maidstone at the Vale... the day we needed Rachel's hometown club.

As strength and conditioning coach, the 41-year old is a key component of Stuart Maynard's 'back room' team - it is not to be confused with the role of physiotherapist.

"The physios are amazing - and the time invested into study and qualifications is highly commendable, in order to rehabilitate players back to functional movement - but the S&C coach is all about achieving optimum performance and reducing risk of injury.

"So that covers strength programming for the gym in addition to their fitness training, analysis and monitoring of daily load as well as supporting



players in their return to play from injury."

"We only see the players a few times a week so I have daily communication with players regarding their fatigue levels and training in order to adapt gym sessions to their needs".

Nutrition also plays a part for Rachel. "It's an easy win if it's done correctly but again we have limited contact time with players. Food intake, hydration and sleep quality are the three basics



*Rachel is all smiles with Lewis Kinsella (above)... after putting the frighteners on Olufela Olomola (left)*

and if you have players on a full time basis it's easier to influence - as they all eat together for the majority of the time. They used to eat pizza after matches previously but now it's generally some form of chicken and rice along with their nutrition box which is provided throughout game day and training - cereal bars, bananas, Lucozade, caffeine tablets - from which the boys have their favourites they like to choose."

She certainly looks after the players- and recalls the nickname "Mama Stone" which dates back

to a reference by skipper Jack Cook on the **Stonescast 85** Podcast last summer. Coach Craig Saunders' wife, Lucy, tweeted the name and it stuck.

"The running joke is people ask me if I've got kids and I say 'Yes, 20 of them!' I don't mind it, they're a brilliant bunch of lads and you have to build that connection with them in order to understand and appreciate what's going on in their daily lives.

"I joined the club three seasons ago just before Stuart & Matty took over in the toughest of circumstances, lockdown with all the restrictions we had to adhere to, and I've watched as they've recruited and built a solid foundation of players with the right attitude and ethos to fit the club."

"These are elite sportsmen and it's all inter-related... it takes a toll having a job, a footballing career and also a home life. The mental side can affect the physical, and that level of fatigue can lead to injury.

"For example, we have four new dads in the squad - Jack Cook, Sam Habergham, Nathan Ferguson and also Joel Taylor - Sam had it tough with Winnie in the beginning as she was a little cryer. Not a lot of sleep in the Habergham household!"

**R**achel has the personal experience to know what it takes to operate at elite level. As a gymnast growing up in Maidstone, she was then introduced to rugby at university and went on to join the progressive Aylesford Bulls RFC - based just outside of her hometown - as they started to win promotion upon promotion. Rachel then moved to Wasps and played Premiership and Championship women's rugby for 18 years. She also represented SE England and her county - although, as she says, the players weren't paid and all had full time jobs.

"I worked in sales for Coca Cola, ran night-clubs and bars and qualified as a personal trainer in the background out of pure interest but then, when I retired from playing in 2018, the Wasps Director of Rugby discussed my options for the future. I didn't see myself being a rugby coach ... but I loved my strength and conditioning sessions and was passionate about being able to influence an athlete's performance. There are clinic rooms and a gym above Wasps

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HQ at Twyford Avenue in Acton run by an external business. I proceeded to work there, training and treating people whilst gaining work experience and qualifications in S&C and sports therapy... then Gary Anderson and Optima took over the business there. He had brilliant experience and a background in football and with Olympic sports, and before long Dean Brennan (then Wealdstone boss) approached him to put a performance team together at the Vale in 2019-20.

"Ellie Pritchard, also working for Optima as a sports therapist, came across with me and Gary and it was a great opportunity .... though of course Gary then went with Dean over to Barnet which left me and Ellie holding the reins.

"It was challenging, that Covid season, with all the distancing and restrictions but in 2021 the club employed us directly - then Ellie left for a great job at a private sports school in Mill Hill!

"Getting hold of a new physio in mid season was always going to be hard but we managed to find MO (Michael Owen) bringing him on board from Woking"

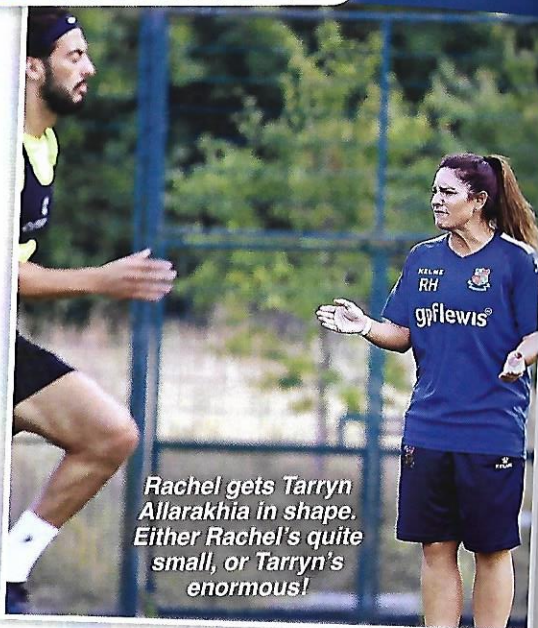
Now Rachel is splitting her self-employed time between private work as an S&C coach, fitness instructor and sports masseuse.

She has to keep Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays clear for the Stones but is also studying hard for a degree-equivalent qualification in strength and conditioning... which may one day lead to a job in a full-time environment.

"Hopefully with Wealdstone!" she says.

So did she have any affiliation to Maidstone United in her youth? "Definitely not, although my brother Ian was a decent footballer in the Army, who I looked up to. He is known as 'Hillsy' and his friends turned up for the game at Maidstone this season and gave me a call-out of 'Little Hillsy' as we were coming off the pitch."

"The first profes-



Rachel gets Tarryn Allarakhia in shape. Either Rachel's quite small, or Tarryn's enormous!

sional game I ever saw was probably at Upton Park but my brother is an Arsenal fan and there are a number of Gooners at Wealdstone, including the chairman Rory and a lot of the players - much to Max's dismay. He follows Chelsea".

There is a real warmth among the whole squad and the backroom staff, fostered by selfless work and commitment across the board.

"There's nothing part-time about being part-time" she laughs.

"From the players turning up early for training to work on their conditioning, to the phenomenal commitment of Stuart and Matty and the management team, to people like Lynn and Pam this season who have taken on the players' catering

"We get great feedback from players arriving from other clubs. They love it here. We all do."



How much sleep then?

About an hour.. Dad snores

New dads Jack Cook (with baby Betty) and Sam Habergham (with Winnie) share their tales

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**‘The cloying atmosphere of suppressed violence was cocaine to me as a 10 year old. It was the footballing equivalent of Long Covid. I caught the bug then and have been unable to shake it off’**

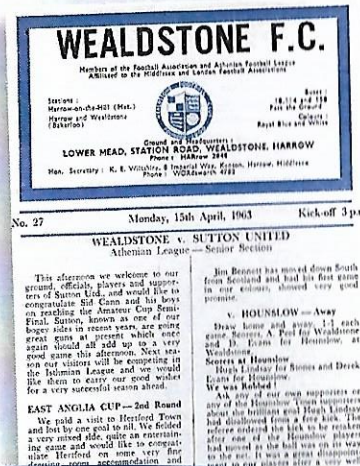
Sunday mornings in the late 1960s would see me dashing downstairs in order to snatch up the delivered Sunday Times before either my mum or dad could grab it. My purpose was to extract the sports pages and set about reading Michael Parkinson's eagerly awaited weekly column on either football or cricket.

In his musings about football he often looked back at his formative years some 20 years earlier either playing football or watching his beloved Barnsley and his hero, Skinner Normanton, a sort of Willie Watson of his day.

His description of the players of that time has stayed with me. He described the goalkeeper as being muscular but not musclebound; full backs as short, squat men with prison haircuts, no-nonsense faces and fearsome legs; the

centre half as being the tallest man in the side, with a forehead hammered flat through contact with a thousand muddy footballs; the wing-halves as the frighteners, invariably built on the lines of dance-hall bouncers; the right winger was always small and fast, the left winger bandy-legged and tricky; the centre forward wore the desperate, haunted look of a man who was expected to run through brick walls and be roundly abused if he shirked doing so; while the inside-forwards invariably wore their hair a little longer than the rest and carried with them an air of intellectual superiority, like grammar school boys playing in a pit team. Viewing film footage of matches from the 1950s, and even allowing for literary licence, his descriptions are not far from the truth.

My big brother, Barrie, took me to my first Wealdstone match on the 15th April 1963



*The picture the perhaps best embodies Lower Mead in the 1960s and 70s... Nigel Johnson (No.10) has just put the Stones ahead against Woking in the FA Cup and the High Mead terrace bellows its joy*

(the closest to the date of today's match as we could find). It was an Athenian League encounter against FA Amateur Cup finalists, Sutton United, and my memories are too vague to say whether or not the players resembled those of Michael Parkinson's recall.

Bill Fowler was an athletic and agile shot stopper. Full backs John Low and Roger Good didn't particularly have the air of convicts about them. John Ashworth was probably the tallest man in the team, but had a normal shaped head and was a stylish and skilful defender. Half back Dave Richards fitted the bill, being pugnacious and aggressive. Wingers Arthur Peel and Viv Evans were both quick and clever, but bandy legged? I have no idea.

Certainly Charlie Townsend and Hugh Lindsay had the air of footballing intellectual superiority about them. Centre forward Clive Jones was no battering ram, and all I really remember about Ken Merry was that he was losing his hair.

While I remember little about the players or the game, the atmosphere and occasion has never left me - a big crowd of at least 2,500 and a sense of aggression, not from chanting youngsters, but from men of all ages spitting

venom at Sutton defenders as they set about trying to deter Wealdstone attacks.

It was an atmosphere you could cut with a knife.

I can still hear the roar of approval when an over-tolerant referee finally booked England amateur international right back Derek Gamblin for his 100th or so foul on Viv Evans. My Arsenal supporting uncle had previously taken me along to Highbury a couple times, and even to a North London derby at White Hart Lane, but those games had not grabbed me in the way Wealdstone v Sutton United did. The cloying atmosphere of suppressed violence was cocaine to me as a 10 year old. It was the football equivalent of Long Covid. I caught the bug and have been unable to shake it off.

I've been lucky. The subsequent 60 years have allowed me to see the club win almost everything meaningful it has won in its 124 year history. I wasn't yet born when it lifted the Athenian League title in 1952, but I was at Wembley to witness our winning the FA Amateur cup in 1966, the Southern League South championship in 1974, the Southern League in 1982, the non-league double

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*Above: the Stones programme for Mike Fishman's first-ever Stones game v Sutton, 60 years ago. It cost 3d (the equivalent of barely a penny these days)*



# MICK FISHMAN: FAN IN THE STAND CONTD



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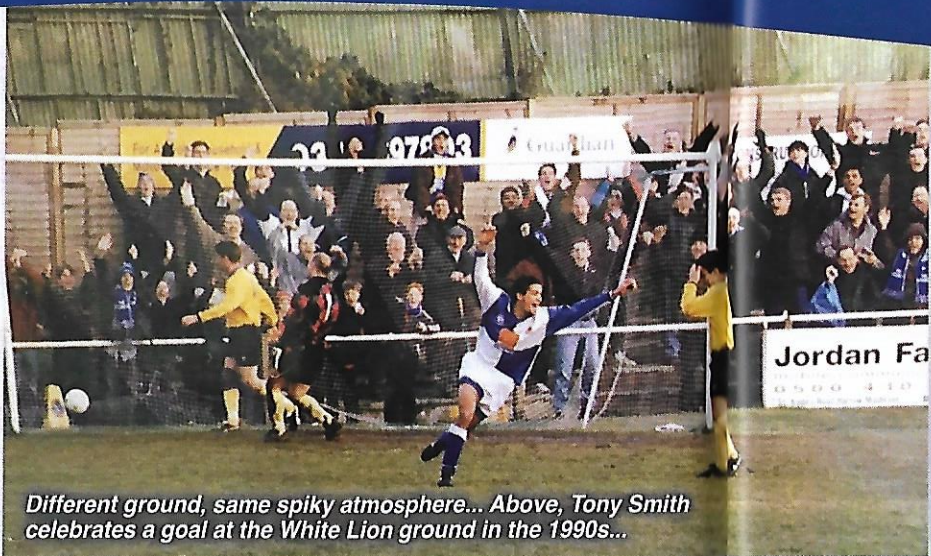
in 1985, the various championships and promotions under Gordon Bartlett's stewardship that culminated in promotion to the Conference South in 2014; and I was still alive and just about compos mentis in 2020 when we won the National League South title and promotion to the National League top level.

But supporting a proper club like Wealdstone is as much about failure and misery as it is about joy and success. I also witnessed the catastrophic 1987/88 season of three different managers and relegation for the first time in the club's history; the sale of our spiritual home, Lower Mead, in 1991 and the financial disaster of the two-year stint at Vicarage Road that resulted in the club going into administration.

I attended home and away during the extraordinary two years based at Yeading, during which we on occasion fielded players who (it seemed) had barely seen a football, let alone kicked one in anger. I followed the club to Edgware and the voluntary double relegation we took for the privilege to play there.

For my sins I was even persuaded to take on the Club Secretary role briefly while we were at Northwood - when we were so skint that poor old Gordon Bartlett would lose out on players he hoped to sign when they were offered an extra fiver to turn out for Chertsey Town or Epsom & Ewell. Desperate times. How Gordon managed to field competitive teams at the time was a mystery to me then and remains so to this day.

The move to Ruislip has of course been one of solid and continuing progress, with no little success. As I recently sat amongst the 10,000 plus spectators at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground to see our team perform brilliantly against a team largely made up of players culled from higher divisions, I ruminated on where we now were compared to my earliest games following the club. Physically the players are probably different to those of 60 years ago, and they certainly bear



Different ground, same spiky atmosphere... Above, Tony Smith celebrates a goal at the White Lion ground in the 1990s...



...and Tarryn Allarakhia gets the crowd bouncing at the Vale v York City earlier this year

little resemblance to Michael Parkinson's eleven. You rarely see a player carrying any "timber". There's no half-time fag: Heaven knows how Vic Schwartz would manage now.

Players are sleek and athletic, and play the game at a phenomenal pace. With the professional academies having been around for a while now, the players being produced who drop to our level have great touch and skill (what the pundits boringly term 'technical ability').

To a degree, for me and perhaps others of my vintage, where we are now seems all a bit surreal. While we can be playing at home every other week in a traditional non-league ground in a traditional informal atmosphere closely associated with non-league football - and can replicate that when we visit Maidenhead, Dorking and to a lesser extent at Boreham Wood, Woking, Bromley and one or two others - we also are transformed to a different football planet with visits to Wrexham, Notts County, Chesterfield, Oldham, Southend, Scunthorpe and many others. We have one foot in non-league and one foot in the big league.

I often read with interest the excellent discussions on the Stonesnet Forum about where fans wish us to be. Is there regret at us effectively leaving behind our traditional non-league roots or do fans see us as driving forward to

establish ourselves in the full-time EFL?

It's a difficult discussion to have. Like almost everything in football outside the Premier League where they openly speak of "product" rather than football, genuine fans of football clubs like ours are driven by love of their club, ambition, history and tradition.

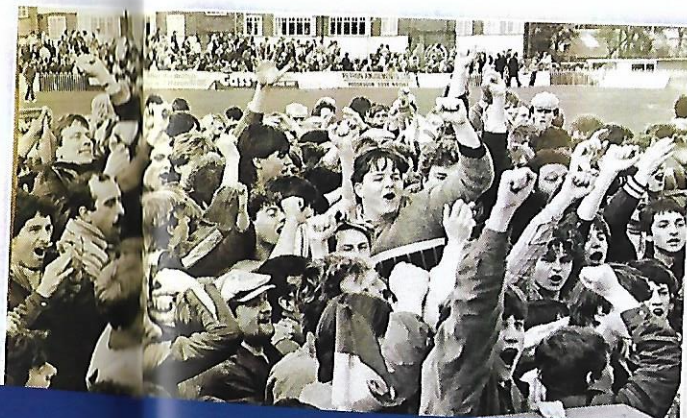
I look at and marvel at where we are. Compared to 1963 we are in a smaller stadium and probably averaging crowds just a little lower than we were attracting in what was the tail end of the post-war attendance boom years for football. The standard of football generally is now better and certainly quicker than 60 years ago.

Wealdstone were then competing in the unofficial second division of southern amateur

football along with familiar opponents such as Enfield, Hendon, Barnet and Sutton United, but also teams like Redhill and Walton & Hersham. Grosvenor Vale is a cracking little ground - higgledy-piggledy, eccentric, welcoming, and in the right circumstances able to provide a terrific atmosphere. In reality it is barely fit for purpose for the National League, located in the middle of an inter-war residential estate, with only one entry and exit point to the site and rudimentary facilities for both players and spectators.

The most practical solution would be to move the club to a more accessible site and into a purpose-built modern stadium. The alternative would be to secure a long lease for The Vale and develop the stadium to EFL standards, although the entry/exit problem would remain and successfully obtaining council approval for major developments might be tricky. I know some would welcome our having a stadium something along the lines of The Hive which possesses every facility one could imagine, and I fully appreciate why they do so, but for me it is absolutely soulless and I struggle to make a link between the team that plays its home matches there and the club that used to ply its trade at Underhill.

For me the second option is the more attractive as it retains the emotional link to the club I have supported for so long. But I have now turned 70 and the future of the club belongs to the new, younger generation of Stones fans. It is for them to decide where they want the club.... not grumpy old farts like me!



Right: Stones fans in the 1980s at Lower Mead celebrate getting to Wembley!

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# Opposition in focus



## THE MOORS

**S**olihull Moors FC is a merger between the former Solihull Borough and Moor Green football clubs.

Solihull Borough was formed in 1953 by Joe McGorian and the Club was originally known as Lincoln FC. Borough progressed through the local leagues before joining the Midland Combination

in 1969, where they spent 22 seasons, eventually resulting in promotion to the Southern League. In 1989 the club was forced to sell its Widney Lane ground to property developers but after a proposed relocation fell through, a ground-share was agreed with local neighbours Moor Green - this was to last for ten years until the purchase of Damson Park in August 1999.

Moor Green was formed in 1901. The first ground was on a part of a farm in Moor Green Lane, Moseley. Their ancestral home, The Moorlands, was acquired in 1930, and was situated in Hall Green, a suburb of south Birmingham. The 2003/4 season was a momentous one for Moors gaining a place in the newly formed Nationwide Conference North; However, the inaugural season was to prove a traumatic one with the devastation caused by two arson attacks at The Moorlands in January 2005, when the main stand and clubhouse were gutted leaving the club homeless. Moors thus became tenants of Solihull Borough at Damson Park.

With both clubs struggling to secure gates big enough to sustain the two teams, the merger of both seemed an obvious way forward and formed



in the summer of 2007, Solihull Moors Football Club became one of the youngest clubs in senior English football. The new club took the place of Moor Green in the Blue Square Conference North. Bob Faulkner, the Moor Green manager was given the job to take the new club forward, but Borough Boss Mickey Moore would return in the new club's hour of need.

For their first season Bob Faulkner ran with much the same team as the last Moor Green outfit and the Moors first competitive game was a 1-1 draw at home to Barrow AFC on August 11th, 2007, with a 90th minute equalizer from Darren Middleton, earning him the accolade of scoring the first league goal for Solihull Moors. The first win came two weeks later with a 3-1 home victory over Gainsborough Trinity, but the remainder of the campaign proved a struggle with the team rarely out of the bottom six in the league table. Survival was confirmed after the 40th league game of the season with a memorable 2-1 victory at Blyth Spartans on the penultimate Tuesday of the season.

Birmingham and Solihull Bees became tenants of the club during the 2010 close season and would play their rugby matches

# SOLIHULL MOORS

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way for Richard Money, but he quit after just 20 days before Mark Yates took over the reins with Tim Flowers as his assistant.

2018/19. Before a ball had been kicked in anger Mark Yates left to take over at League Macclesfield. Seamlessly Tim Flowers stepped up to the lead role and Gary Whild as his assistant. Several key signings have been made to strengthen the squad and there was an air of expectancy around the club as it embarked on its third year in the top-flight. Indeed, it turned out to be quite the season, as Solihull Moors made club history by gaining their highest ever league finish. The team finished second, just three points behind eventual champions Leyton Orient. The season didn't quite have the fairy tale ending as AFC Fylde defeated Flowers' side in the play-off semi-final. Moors ended on 86 points, narrowly missed out on an FA Cup third round tie against Blackpool and reached the FA Trophy quarter-finals.

In January 2020, Tim Flowers departed with the club sitting just outside the play-off places. Gary Whild and James Quinn took temporary charge of the side while the hunt for a new manager began.

In February 2020, Jimmy Shan was appointed as the new manager of Solihull Moors with Richard Beale coming in as his number two but as we entered 2021, Moors went on a poor run of form and dropped down the table. In March 2021 this signalled the end of Jimmy Shan's reign as he departed the club with assistant Richard Beale. Moors wasted no time in appointing former manager Mark Yates on a short-term contract until the end of the season.

Solihull finished the 2021/22 season in 3rd place when despite a 3-1 semi final victory over Chesterfield, the Moors lost 2-1 to Grimsby after extra time in the Play Off Final.

on either Fridays or Sundays.

During the summer break before the 2011/12 season Mickey Moore decided to take up an offer from Mansfield Town and Marcus Bignot, ex Crewe, Bristol Rovers, QPR and Millwall was announced as his replacement a week later.

2015/16 saw 11 new signings with Vanarama National League experience and it was clear as early as the pre season friendlies that this could be the squad to take us up to the National League and did so winning the title three weeks before the end of the campaign.

2016/17 and our first season in The National League saw a different looking squad than the one expected following the winning of the National North and at the end of October Marcus Bignot suddenly quit the club to take over at Grimsby. The void was filled by Liam McDonald a 31 year old who had successfully cut his managerial teeth at Redditch and Hednesford. There was much to learn and the path was rocky but survival was ensured in the penultimate game of the season which saw Moors finish in sixteenth spot with 54 points. Off the pitch The Automated Technology Group Stadium was brought up to National League standard.

2017/18 saw a miserable start to the season as we propped up the league. Liam McDonald made

# Opposition in focus

## SOLIHULL MOORS



RYAN BOOT



BEN COKER

### 1. RYAN BOOT - GOALKEEPER

Ryan turned professional at Port Vale in April 2013 having initially been an academy player at Stoke City. In a five-year career there he made 28 appearances and had various loan spells at Worcester City, Newcastle Town and Macclesfield Town. He joined the Moors in the summer of 2018.

### 2. JAMES CLARKE - DEFENCE

Moors were delighted to welcome Mansfield Town defender James Clarke to the club on a short-term loan. The 21-year-old right back has recently extended his stay at the ARMCO Arena until the end of the season. Clarke joined the Stags from Burnley prior to the 2019/20 campaign, where he was included in the first team squad during pre-season

### 3. BEN COKER - DEFENCE

Coker began his footballing career with Cambridge United and Northampton Town, before being picked up by Colchester United in 2010 following an impressive spell at Bury Town. The vast majority of Coker's experience within the Football League came at Southend United during a six-year period where he made more than 200 appearances.

### 4. DAVID DAVIS - MIDFIELD

### 5. CALLUM HOWE - DEFENCE

Howe was one of the stand-out defenders in the division in 2018/19, helping Harrogate Town on their way to a place in the play-offs. A former National League winner in 2016/17 with Lincoln City, Howe has also featured for Southport, Eastleigh and Port Vale.

### 6. ALEX GUDGER - DEFENCE

Alex signed from Brackley Town prior to the start of the 2018/19 season. Alex progressed through the youth ranks at Nuneaton as they won promotion to the Conference but is was at Rugby Town that he made his mark

### 7. JOE SBARRA - MIDFIELD

Former Moors loanee Joe signed permanent terms with the club in 2020. Sbarra began his footballing career through the youth academy of West Brom before becoming an academy graduate at Burton, making his senior debut on the final day of the 2016/17 season.

### 8. CALLUM MAYCOCK - MIDFIELD

Maycock was given his first-team opportunity by Coventry City after initially joining the club as an apprentice in 2014. HE made his professional debut for the Sky Blues in November 2016. He played 32 times whilst on loan at League Two side Macclesfield Town in 2018/19, before playing regularly for Leamington in the National League North last season.

### 10. JAMEY OSBORNE - MIDFIELD

Solihull-born Osborne came through the youth ranks at Hednesford Town. After a spell at Redditch United, he joined Moors in April 2016. He moved onto Grimsby Town halfway through the campaign but happily for Moors returned on loan and then permanently at the beginning of 2018.

### 11. RYAN BARNETT - MIDFIELD

Moors were delighted to announce Ryan's return to the club. The 21-year-old penned a two-year deal following his departure from Shrewsbury Town. The exciting young winger enjoyed a short loan spell with the Moors last season, which was unfortunately cut short due to an eye injury.

### 14. JOSH KELLY - FORWARD

Josh arrived with the Moors paying an undisclosed fee to Maidenhead. The former Northern Ireland under 21 international has been at Maidenhead since 2015 - he joined having played for Ascot United and Windsor as a youth player and spent time out on loan at Chalfont St Peter and Walton Casuals.

### 15. MITCHEL ROBERTS - DEFENCE

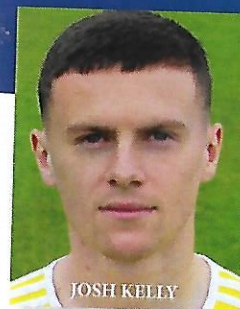
### 17. JUSTIN DONAWA - FORWARD

Justin was drafted by Columbus Crew in the

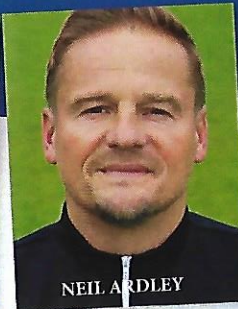
# THE PLAYERS TO WATCH

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JOSH KELLY



NEIL ARDLEY

Progressing through the academy systems at Arsenal and Leicester City, he signed for Yeovil Town in 2013, then joined Woking before making the move to Eastleigh in 2018, Jones then joined Salford City then Dagenham.

### 23. JACK MYATT - GOALKEEPER

### 24. LEO WOOD - FORWARD

Leo Wood scored 31 goals for the Elite Academy last season and has been handed a first team squad number for 2022/23.

### 26. MAX MARTIN - MIDFIELD

Max is a versatile member of the Elite Academy squad, and can be playing in midfield or defence.

### 27. MARK BECK - FORWARD

### 28. FINN HOWELL - MIDFIELD

### 29. KIAN RYLEY - MIDFIELD

### 30. JOEL SHAMBROOKE - DEFENCE

### 31. MAX BROGAN - MIDFIELD

### 32. JEVON MILLS - DEFENCE

third round of the 2019 MLS SuperDraft but was not signed by the club. HE moved to England the summer before last after impressing during pre-season with Darlington, which bagged him a contract with the Quakers. After representing Bermuda at under-20 level, Donawa has since progressed to accrue 22 senior caps for his national.

### 18. TOM WHELAN - MIDFIELD

### 19. BARTOSZ CYBULSKI - FORWARD

Bartosz Cybulski is currently on a one-month loan deal from Derby County having signed for Moors on December 2nd. The 6'5 Polish striker has featured on a number of occasions for Derby County's first-team under the guidance of former manager, Wayne Rooney.

### 20. CALLUM WHELAN - MIDFIELD

Whelan began his career at Manchester United and spent a total of 12 years at Old Trafford, which included a brief loan spell with Port Vale. After departing the Red Devils in 2019, Whelan signed for Watford then was snapped up by Oldham Athletic August 2020.

### 21. MATT PRESTON - DEFENCE

Matt Preston signed in July 2021 from Barnet. Preston, started his career at Walsall. He went on to amass over 100 Football League appearances for the Saddlers, Swindon Town and Mansfield Town.

### 22. JOEY JONES - DEFENCE

Joey Spent the final two months of last season on loan with Promotion Final winners Grimsby Town.

## MANAGER NEIL ARDLEY

The 49-year-old spent over six years in charge of AFC Wimbledon, guiding the Dons to Football

League safety before gaining promotion to League One via the play-offs in 2015/16. More recently, Ardley managed Notts County and came close to securing an immediate return to the Football League, narrowly missing out in the 2019/20 National League play-off final to Harrogate Town. He departed Meadow Lane in March this year with the Magpies placed inside the play-offs, with several games in hand. As a player, Ardley spent most of his career with Wimbledon and

made over 200 appearances across an 11-year period. He also went on to represent Watford, Cardiff City and Millwall, and collected 10 caps for England at Under-21 level.



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# WEALDSTONE FC MATCH SPONSORS 2022/2023



A great way to celebrate an occasion or advertise your organisation's support of Wealdstone, packages start for fans with a donation of just £495 (for 4 people), and for businesses at £595 + VAT for 4 people.

### As match day sponsor you will enjoy:

- Match tickets for 4 people (inc. prime main stand seats if required)
- A fantastic advertising package, including publicity

over the PA system, website and social media together with a piece in the programme

- Boardroom, Gordon Bartlett Lounge or Main Hall hospitality including a pre-match hot meal with wines and half-time refreshments courtesy of in-house caterer Lynn Evans.
- Match-day programmes for all in your party.
- A dedicated table for you and your guests throughout your stay.

- Naming and presenting the 'Man of the Match' award
- A souvenir memento of your day.

Our match sponsors and their guests are all entertained in surroundings befitting such a special occasion be it a birthday, anniversary or any other special event!

We will 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 here at The Vale, please email Club President, Paul Rumen (paulrumens59@gmail.com) or call 07710 929692 to discuss.

Please note that we can accommodate multiple match sponsors, tailor the experience to whatever your requirements are. (E.g. cater for as many as 10, 20 or 30 people in your group)

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|    | <b>QUEENS PARK RANGERS</b><br>Wednesday, 20th July<br>Pre-Season Friendly       | Robert Barrett  |                               |             |
|    | <b>BROMLEY</b><br>Saturday, 6th August<br>Vanarama National League              | Harrow Windows  |                               |             |
|    | <b>FC HALIFAX TOWN</b><br>Saturday, 20th August<br>Vanarama National League     | Ruislip Windows & Doors                                     |                               |             |
|    | <b>YEOVIL TOWN</b><br>Monday, 29th August<br>Vanarama National League           | Russell Grant, Patron of Wealdstone FC & Middlesex Heritage | Wealdstone FC Supporters Club |             |
|    | <b>WOKING</b><br>Sunday, 4th September<br>Vanarama National League              | Keith Walklate  |                               |             |
|  | <b>TORQUAY UNITED</b><br>Saturday, 17th September<br>Vanarama National League   | Raine & Kevin Robb  |                               |             |
|  | <b>SOUTHEND UNITED</b><br>Saturday, 24th September<br>Vanarama National League  | Rolfe-East  |                               |             |
|  | <b>BOREHAM WOOD</b><br>Saturday, 8th October<br>Vanarama National League        | Harrow Windows  | Steve Ford's 50th             |             |
|  | <b>NOTTS COUNTY</b><br>Tuesday, 25th October<br>Vanarama National League        | Rolfe-East  | Richard Finch                 |             |
|  | <b>WREXHAM</b><br>Saturday, 12th November<br>Vanarama National League           | Keith Davies  | Optera Ltd                    | Peter Jones |
|  | <b>SCUNTHORPE UNITED</b><br>Saturday, 26th November<br>Vanarama National League | Rolfe-East  | Michael Nutt                  | Sunde I.L   |
|  | <b>EASTLEIGH</b><br>Saturday, 7th January<br>Vanarama National League           | Harrow Windows  |                               |             |

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|    | <b>GATESHEAD</b><br>Saturday, 28th January<br>Vanarama National League                | Beaumont Properties Limited |                            |                          |
|    | <b>DAGENHAM &amp; REDBRIDGE</b><br>Saturday, 4th February<br>Vanarama National League | Coach Forever Ltd           | Lower Mead 4               |                          |
|    | <b>YORK CITY</b><br>Saturday, 18th February<br>Vanarama National League               | Oldfield Construction Ltd   |                            |                          |
|    | <b>ALTRINCHAM</b><br>Saturday, 4th March<br>Vanarama National League                  | Raine & Kevin Robb          |                            |                          |
|    | <b>MAIDSTONE UNITED</b><br>Tuesday, 7th March<br>Vanarama National League             | Recycle DNC Ltd             |                            |                          |
|  | <b>CHESTERFIELD</b><br>Tuesday, 14th March<br>Vanarama National League                | Ruislip Windows & Doors     |                            |                          |
|  | <b>BARNET</b><br>Saturday, 25th March<br>Vanarama National League                     | Turf Doctor                 | In Memory of Darren Hooker | Fenton Civil Engineering |
|  | <b>OLDHAM ATHLETIC</b><br>Tuesday, 28th March<br>Vanarama National League             | Rolfe-East                  | Bugler Group               |                          |
|  | <b>SOLIHULL MOORS</b><br>Tuesday 10th April<br>Vanarama National League               | Rolfe-East                  |                            |                          |
|  | <b>ALDERSHOT TOWN</b><br>Tuesday, 18th April<br>Vanarama National League              | DMS Landscapes              | In Memory of John O'Connor | Harrow Windows           |
|  | <b>DORKING WANDERERS</b><br>Saturday, 22nd April<br>Vanarama National League          | Rolfe-East                  | People for Print           |                          |



# 1ST TEAM RESULTS SEASON 2022/2023

Comp | Score | (Total) | (Away) | Lge | Goal scorers

|                    |     |     |       |     |    |                     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|---------------------|
| 6 BROMLEY          | VNL | 3-2 | 1,090 | 162 | 5  | Olomola, Browne (2) |
| 13 Eastleigh       | VNL | 0-1 | 1,814 | 189 | 12 |                     |
| 16 Oldham Athletic | VNL | 2-1 | 6,869 | 152 | 4  | Browne, Allarakhia  |
| 20 FC HALIFAX TOWN | VNL | 1-0 | 1,197 | 72  | 2  | Browne              |
| 27 Gateshead       | VNL | 1-0 | 1,104 | 135 | 1  | Browne              |
| 29 YEovil TOWN     | VNL | 0-0 | 1,714 | 251 | 2  |                     |

## SEPTEMBER

|                     |     |     |       |     |   |                   |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|---|-------------------|
| 4 WOKING            | VNL | 1-1 | 1,638 | 269 | 6 | Kretzcshmar (Pen) |
| 13 Maidstone United | VNL | 1-1 | 1,799 | 110 | 6 | Cook              |
| 17 TOROUAY UNITED   | VNL | 1-1 | 1,366 | 208 | 6 | Browne            |
| 24 SOUTHEND UNITED  | VNL | 0-1 | 2,391 | 910 | 7 |                   |

## OCTOBER

|                         |      |     |       |     |    |                      |
|-------------------------|------|-----|-------|-----|----|----------------------|
| 1 Aldershot Town        | VNL  | 2-1 | 1,702 | 175 | 7  | Browne (2)           |
| 4 Solihull Moors        | VNL  | 1-2 | 1,326 | 115 | 8  | Olomola              |
| 8 BOREHAM WOOD          | VNL  | 1-2 | 1,386 | 124 | 8  | Akinola              |
| 15 Boreham Wood         | FAC4 | 3-5 | 1,011 | 315 | 9  | Olomola (2), Akinola |
| 22 Dorking Wanderers    | VNL  | 1-3 | 1,416 | 228 | 12 | Allarakhia           |
| 25 NOTTS COUNTY         | VNL  | 1-6 | 1,710 | 513 | 12 | Obiero               |
| 29 Dagenham & Redbridge | VNL  | 1-4 | 1,503 | 147 | 13 | Habergham            |

## NOVEMBER

|                        |     |     |       |       |    |                              |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|----|------------------------------|
| 1 Altrincham           | VNL | 1-0 | 1,262 | 80    | 13 | Olmola                       |
| 12 WREXHAM             | VNL | 0-0 | 2,817 | 1,100 | 14 |                              |
| 19 York City           | VNL | 2-1 | 4,770 | 260   | 13 | Freckleton, Cook             |
| 26 SCUNTHORPE UNITED   | VNL | 3-1 | 1,460 | 129   | 13 | Kretzcshmar, Obiero, Olomola |
| 30 Edgware & Kingsbury | MSC | 2-1 | 73    | TBA   | 13 | Mundle-Smith                 |

## DECEMBER

|                      |     |     |       |     |    |                           |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| 3 Barnet             | VNL | 0-2 | 2,494 | 836 | 10 |                           |
| 10 Bromley           | VNL | 3-3 | 1,674 | 100 | 12 | Olomola, Allarakhia, Dyer |
| 26 MAIDENHEAD UNITED | VNL | 3-2 | 1,474 | 56  | 8  | Ferguson (2), Olomola     |

## JANUARY

|                     |      |     |       |     |    |                               |
|---------------------|------|-----|-------|-----|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 Maidenhead United | VNL  | 0-0 | 1,635 | 250 | 8  |                               |
| 4 Chelmsford City   | FAT3 | 1-2 | 535   | TBA | 8  | Ferguson                      |
| 7 EASTLEIGH         | VNL  | 3-1 | 1,240 | 77  | 7  | Ferguson, Obiero, Kretzcshmar |
| 28 GATESHEAD        | VNL  | 1-2 | 1,302 | 72  | 10 | Kretzcshmar                   |
| 31 Yeovil Town      | VNL  | 0-0 | 1,996 | 54  | 11 |                               |

## FEBRUARY

|                        |     |     |        |     |    |                                |
|------------------------|-----|-----|--------|-----|----|--------------------------------|
| 4 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE | VNL | 1-0 | 1,634  | 155 | 10 | Charles                        |
| 11 Wrexham             | VNL | 1-3 | 10,091 | 255 | 11 | Allarakhia                     |
| 14 BRENTFORD 'B'       | MSC | 2-3 | 282    | TBA | 11 | Whittaker, Olomola             |
| 18 YORK CITY           | VNL | 3-1 | 1,703  | 321 | 11 | Allarakhia, Andrews, Whittaker |
| 21 Chesterfield        | VNL | 1-1 | 5,472  | 93  | 11 | Obiero                         |
| 25 Woking              | VNL | 1-1 | 2,889  | 329 | 11 | Kretzcshmar (Pen)              |
| 28 FC Halifax Town     | VNL | 0-5 | 1,284  | TBA | 12 |                                |

## MARCH

|                      |     |     |       |     |    |                           |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| 4 ALTRINCHAM         | VNL | 4-0 | 1,411 | 46  | 12 | Obiero (2), Andrews, Dyer |
| 7 MAIDSTONE UNITED   | VNL | 2-1 | 1,102 | 42  | 11 | Cook, Andrews             |
| 11 Torquay United    | VNL | 2-1 | 1,931 | 92  | 8  | Kretzcshmar, Obiero       |
| 14 CHESTERFIELD      | VNL | 0-4 | 1,302 | 244 | 8  |                           |
| 18 Scunthorpe United | VNL | 1-4 | 3,651 | 128 | 8  | Ferguson                  |
| 25 BARNET            | VNL | 0-2 | 3,012 | 681 | 9  |                           |
| 28 OLDHAM ATHLETIC   | VNL | 2-2 | 1,137 | TBA | 9  | Olomola, Lo-Everton       |

## APRIL

|                      |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
| 7 Notts County       | VNL |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 SOLIHULL MOORS    | VNL |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 ALDERSHOT TOWN    | VNL |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 Boreham Wood      | VNL |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 DORKING WANDERERS | VNL |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29 Southend United   | VNL |  |  |  |  |  |

TO BE ARRANGED

| Sam HOWES | Jack COOK | Rhys BROWNE | Ashley CHARLES | Alex DYER | Dom HUTCHINSON | Tarryn ALLARAKHIA | Max KRETZCSHMAR | Lewis KINSELLA | Giovanni MCCGREGOR | Malachi NAPA | Jordy MONGODY | Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH | David SESAY | Nathan FERGUSON | Elijah HEARN | Tecane SHROWDER | Olufela OLOMOLA | Mason BARRETT | Eric NEGRARU | Deje ELEREREWE | Sam HABERGHAM | Dante-Astor BAPTISTE | Simeon AKINOLA | Micah OBIERO | Sam MATTHEWS | Charlie BARKER | Miguel FRECKLETON | Brooklyn ILUNGA | Kyle BROWN | Makai WILSON BRAITHWAITE | Corie ANDREWS | Tarrelle WHITTAKER | Sonny Blu LO-VERTON | Joel TAYLOR | Charles CLAYDEN | Lewis SIMPER |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
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  - Fri 28 Apr The Strange Doors
  - Fri 5 May Voodoo room
  - Fri 12 May Sam Kelly's Station House
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Time was when a scarf around the neck, or indeed the wrist, would suffice. That and perhaps a hat, or even a wooden rattle (essentially a 1950s 'hand drum' to drive opposition fans insane). But we've moved up in the world, and so the world's army of cottage-industry hangers-on have more than sat up and taken notice.

Never in my wildest imaginings did I think I would one day be able to go to bed on a giant Stones club badge. Or mark the changing of the months by peeling off another page on my Wealdstone Raider calendar for 2023. But these aren't jokes, these are actual products that anyone with an Etsy or eBay account can get their mitts on within a few seconds of reading this article.

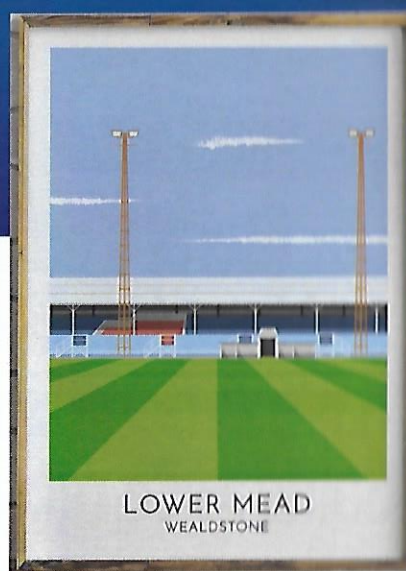
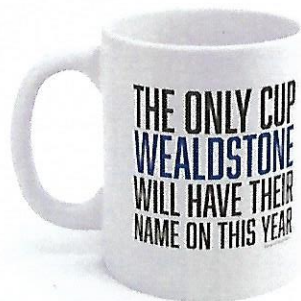
All good, right? Well, hang on a second. For one thing, much of this new merch is not affiliated to the

club. Buy it, and, sure, you'll look pretty swanky in your 'Born and Bred in Wealdstone' attire. But little if any of what you pay will find its way back into the club's coffers. For another, a lot of it is essentially 'Insertnameherewear' - product that, guided to your phone's screen by carefully insistent algorithm, has been customised just for you. And, sorry to break the news, but if you lived in Dartford then the same worryingly persistent piece of code will have clocked the fact and offered you a 'Born and Bred in Dartford' sweatshirt instead.

### Wealdstone through and through the looking glass

I remember when a replica shirt was the most amazing of breakthroughs, something which connected you directly to your heroes out on the pitch. Today you can purchase your own Wealdstone snood, should you so desire. When you look at what's on offer, you begin to wonder what on earth they'll come up with next.

It all adds to the visibility of Brand Wealdstone, of course. And what's more, some of it is truly creative work. The pictures in particular are pretty decently designed. And while that Raider



calendar sounds, on the face of it, truly terrifying, it is in fact pretty decent.

But then there's the truly derivative stuff. There's an irony in those 'Wealdstone through and through' hoodies being produced by outsourced workers who would never in a million years be able to place us on a map. Oh yes, for sure, Wealdstone 'till I die - Wealdstone to the end of their commercial opportunity, more like.

Always remember that our very own megastore offers not just the one club coaster but many; as well as a seemingly endless variety of mugs that could, should you so desire, allow you to have a brew in an entirely different mug for every day of the week - for two weeks solid. We've also just got in a pretty wonderful new array of club caps, by the way - pretty stylish stuff, and the Megastore range keeps evolving.

### Caveat Emptor

The point is this: consider who ultimately benefits from your purchase. Some bright spark may well be worthy of your hard-earned cash, with their quirky or brilliantly produced out-of-the-ordinary item. But the message here is simple: if you're in the market for Wealdstone merch, prioritise it according to the club's, er, "hierarchy of needs". It's got to be kit manufacturer Kelme for the official official kit and training wear, obviously; then our glorious Wealdstone Megastore as your first choice for absolutely anything else, if they have it. And then, and only then, the new Wild West of things you take a fancy to but that the megastore can't replicate.

We are living in a miraculous age of Wealdstone merch. Fantastic stuff, really. But I've grown tired of all this now. Time to rest my head on a Wealdstone FC pillow under my Wealdstone FC duvet in my Wealdstone FC pyjamas...



Middle: 'Grosvenor Vale Ruislip'? Where's that stand then?

Right: The only cup Wealdstone fans should ever buy is bought through the Megastore

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Top and bottom, right-hand page: pictures of the turnstiles and of Lower Mead - both pretty decent, to be fair

BY JON TAFFEL



# The Stones

## Our literary editor wears a sad face for all those who have suffered in semi-finals. Some quite recently actually

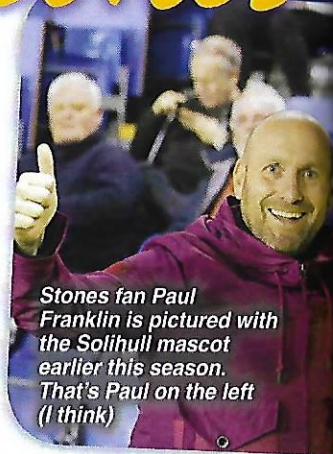
**S** is for **SUNSHINE**, hopefully and finally. After a miserable March of rain, rain and more rain that has caused havoc for the ground staff, I can confidently predict that today's game will go ahead.

Today we welcome **SOLIHULL** Moors hoping that we might finally take three points off of them at the sixth time of asking. All of our away games there have been midweek, thus depriving our supporters of the chance to fully take in the local area. There is more than an airport and a motorway network there, trust me, with some good local pubs and lovely canal side walks to boot.

And for those of us who like to make a day of things, nearby Birmingham also has much to offer. From my perspective as someone brought up in Eastcote (Ruislip), it is also exciting that Solihull has an Eastcote just a few miles away.

The recent postponement against Aldershot was disappointing but inevitable, for me this provided an opportunity to catch some early season cricket with **SURREY** taking on Middlesex at the Oval in a pre-season friendly. I always feel a bit dirty going South of the river to that place, although roaming a pretty much deserted pavilion and the museum was very enjoyable. A few hours in the cold was enough for me before I ventured off in search of some new (to me) pubs back on the right side of the river.

**L**ike many Stones fans robbed of their Saturday afternoon live footy fix I found myself following events up in Gateshead. We're talking **SEMI**-finals here, and we know from our own recent experiences that losing in an FA Trophy Semi-final can be painful. We are lucky in that we've been to Wembley before and won it, but we have a new generation of fans coming through, how good would it be to do it all over again? Our recent Semi-final defeats were disappointing but then again we were playing at a lower level, making it that far was an achievement. Our run in 2011-12 as an Isthmian League club is up there with providing some of my best memories watching the Stones. Wins over higher ranked clubs such as Barrow, Dartford and Cambridge United provided some epic never-to-be-forgotten moments. We were pinching ourselves that we may be able to go all the way to Wembley, but sadly the two-legged affair



Stones fan Paul Franklin is pictured with the Solihull mascot earlier this season. That's Paul on the left (I think)



A section of the excitable 600 or so Stones fans who filled the away end at the FA Trophy semi-final at Newport 11 years ago. Balloons? Whatever next!

# Alphabet



with Newport County proved a step too far. Some calamitous defending handed Newport a 3-1 1st leg lead that we never looked like overturning at the Vale. I've just watched the 1st leg highlights on YouTube again, the moment where Jolly scored gave me goosebumps. I'm not sure how that temporary

stand housing our fans survived, it was truly bouncing up and down with us. One other thing I liked about that match, a white ball with black spots on it!

**R**oll on six years and we made the **SEMI** finals again as a National League South side. We certainly had luck on our side, every draw was against sides at our level or below. The highlight of that run was a 5-2 win at Glenn Tamplin's plaything Billericay, but we sadly came unstuck in the Semi-final against Brackley. Having lost the 1st leg by a single goal in freezing conditions (contrast this with shirtsleeves weather at Newport), we were full of optimism for the 2nd leg at the Vale. But we never looked like threatening the visitors and there was a lack of urgency until it was all much too late, one of the great let downs of our time.

I digress, Gateshead v Barnet last weekend, and as one Stones fan put it on twitter, 'Don't think I've ever followed a game, rooting for a team I don't really support so avidly.' All of Wealdstone were Heed fans for the day, for my part I decided to tune into the rather excitable commentary as the match entered the last ten minutes. Sitting in the Sutton Arms with my pint and earphones, I was nervous. Barnet had just pulled the 3-0 deficit back to 3-2.

**STOPPAGE** time, twelve minutes

added. Surely not? 90+12 and Barnet equalise. **S** is for **S\*\*T**. Penalties. Absolutely glorious, Gateshead take it 4-1, substitutes Kabamba and De Havilland fluff their lines. Okimo having experienced Semi-final defeat with us now feels further pain. I've a smile like a Cheshire cat: other pub goers must think I'm an incredibly happy chap.

Meanwhile Dean Brennan in his post-match interview seems more bothered by Monday's game at York. The interviewer fails to ask why Havilland and Kabamba didn't start... he's been bitten by DB's responses before and is perhaps intimidated. To me it would have been akin to excluding the Cordice brothers from our Semi-final v Enfield in 1985. Surely you have to give your club the best chance of getting your fans to Wembley? I'm not complaining as it all worked just fine, up the Heed!

**S** is also for the **SOUTHERN LEAGUE MONTHLY**, probably the earliest non-league magazine that I ever came across. It was somewhat of a novelty to have something relevant to the team I supported beyond the match day programme. Full of snippets that

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**SOUTHERN LEAGUE MONTHLY**

VOL. 2 No. 6 JANUARY 1973 Price 10p



as part of a special advertising campaign.

**Wealdstone's** first season in the Southern League was not the success that officials anticipated. They had hoped that a successful season would pack in the fans to enable a £7,000 wage bill to be met by takings at the gate. But they had only an average season and lost a total of £6,000.

The bright garish mastheads of the Southern League monthly were a beacon of excitement 50 years ago. Though not all the stories were welcome.

# Stones Alphabet contd...

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you'd often be hard pushed to find elsewhere, I've had some fun looking back at some of the articles from over fifty years ago.

For example reading how Nuneaton Borough's David Pleat had given up playing to concentrate on managing, and how Ron Atkinson had changed from thinking a top five finish at Kettering Town would be good to believing they could actually win the league. I wonder what happened to them? In later years, the Southern League Monthly became a newspaper with sister publications covering the Isthmian League.

I can't finish S's without returning to my **SOCCER STARS** collection. I had my Esso World Cup coins collection from 1970 when I had constantly nagged my parents to fill the car up at a garage nowhere near home, but this was my first experience of collecting stamps for an album. Most of my pocket money was spent on buying these. Back then I knew all the players, very different to today.

Somehow I have a full set! The album itself was two shillings and sixpence, or twelve and a half pence in new money. As I've mentioned before, these particular stamps were produced pre-Photoshop or the like, so where players had perhaps recently transferred between clubs, this gave rise to some astonishingly poor touch up jobs. I'll break the rules slightly by going beyond 'S' in the case of Ajax's Eddy Treysel. Eddy is described as a 24 year old goalkeeper of promise and the picture (far right) certainly makes him look a bit older, and why the paint job is red and white not a goalkeeper's jersey I don't know.

That's all until next time when we may have to skip quickly through all of the remaining letters – a few double programmes and lack of cup ties have played havoc with my planning!



Two former England stars who had spells in Southern League football try their hand at Subbuteo table soccer. Stan Mortenson (extreme right), who played for Bath City, and Jackie Milburn (third from right), the former Hillingdon manager, are pictured with another England international Jimmy Mullen, taking a few tips from 11-year-old Phillip Wolff, of Liverpool. An estimated 1,500,000 people play table soccer each week and 32 nations are competing in the Subbuteo World Cup championships which will be climaxed with the finals at Munich in 1974.



Calm down ladies! Looking magnificent in their 1970s retouched glory are (from left) Palace's Jim Scott and John Sewell, and Ajax keeper Eddie Treysel. Nice hairstyle!

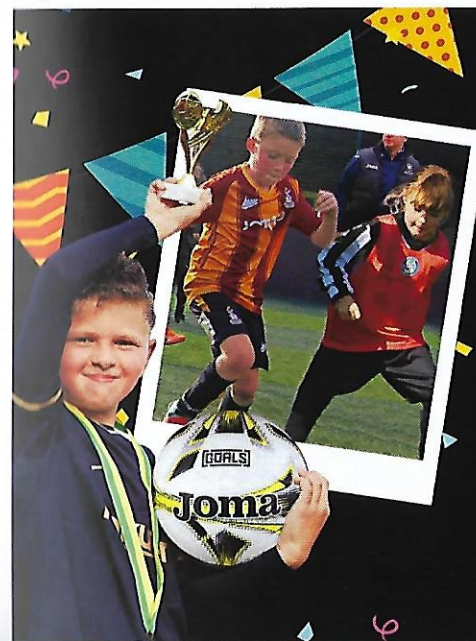
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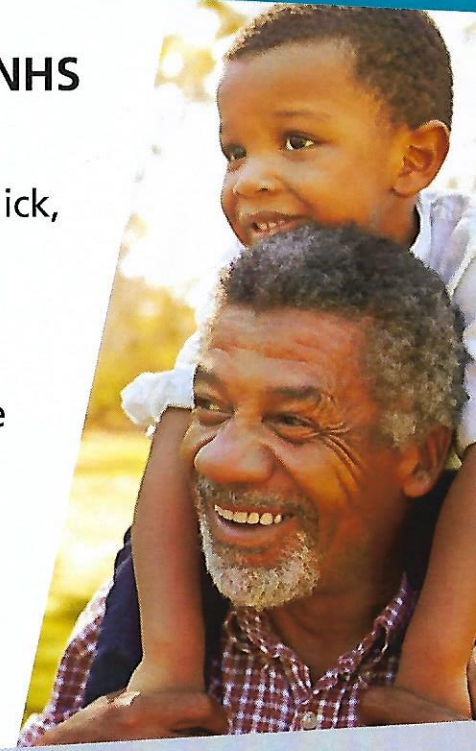


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# ON THIS DAY >>>>>>> REWIND

## 24 years ago: The hammer blow at Canvey as Ryman League KO our promotion on a technicality

### FURY AS HOME FANS SING 'LET'S ALL LAUGH AT WEALDSTONE'

**Saturday April 10 1999: Ryman League Division One: Canvey Island 4 Wealdstone 2**

**W**henver accusations of 'bitterness' are levelled at supporters of our football club, even now, I believe you can point the finger at this game almost a quarter of a century ago.

And I don't mean the sort of bitterness that follows a travesty of a penalty award, or missing out on promotion on goal difference.

I mean the sort of bitterness that is engendered by witnessing deliberate manipulation. By seeing your club stitched up. Losing a new stadium. And, in the process, missing out on a whole generation of supporters.

Let me take you back to the turn of the year 24 years ago, with Wealdstone ground-sharing at Edgware Town's quaint White Lion ground following a decade of mismanagement. We'd lost our

iconic Lower Mead ground; embarked on a suicidal groundshare at Watford's Vicarage Road; bailed out of there and shared at dismal Yeading; and then almost gone under, but for the club taking voluntary demotion from the crippling-expensive Southern League to the bottom rung of the Ryman Isthmian League.

And then the upward climb began. Promotion from Ryman Div Three; then promotion from Ryman Div Two. The crowds were slowly coming back and, on the horizon, the prospect (after ten years of patient

negotiation) of a new ground at the Prince Edward playing fields site in Canons Park... barely a mile from our temporary home at Edgware FC.

It was all quietly exciting. At Christmas 1998, manager Gordon Bartlett (who had only joined the Stones in 1995 on the promise of a new stadium) had seen his team safely to mid-table in Division One and it was decided to cut the playing budget to concentrate funds on the new ground at PEPF.

But that would take at least a couple of years to complete and so the club enquired as to what grade certificate the club would need for promotion to the Ryman Prem.

According to the Stones' Elmslie Ender fan-



BY TIM PARKS

WEALDSTONE FC  
2022-23



*The main stand at Edgware didn't have quite enough seats (not that we needed many in those days) and thus the green roof was added at the front to increase the number. But not in time...*

required to gain an A grade... and the answer was, actually, not much more. A few more seats, segregation and a new turnstile.

But the clock was ticking.

Let us allow The Elmslie Ender's Sudhir Rawal to take up the story, as printed in the fanzine.

"It was a very tight schedule - I'm not sure of the exact timescales but there were about ten days to get the work completed and nearly all was in place when Alan Turvey, the Ryman League chairman came for his April inspection.

"The major work required was cover for the extra seats, installed in two rows at the front of the main stand, and the club were just installing a temporary cover (which would have been okay for the time being, according to Mr Turvey) when they were told that if a proper, permanent cover was in place by the time of the League management committee meeting on April 9 that would be better, and acceptable."

The Stones were on a storming run with 11 wins and a draw in 12 games as the day of trip to league leaders Canvey Island - 24 hours after the management meeting - dawned. But

still no word from the the Ryman League to confirm that the club had received the A grading.

Then the whispers began. Canvey were leaking news that Wealdstone had not met the deadline. Word came though that Bishops Stortford knew. But our directors were told nothing.

On the pitch, the Stones continued their excellent brilliant form to go 2-0 up with two smart finishes from Brian Jones but word must have got to the players as they failed to perform after the break and slumped to a 4-2 defeat... the only loss they'd suffer in the last 19 games.

It was heartbreaking.

And infuriating! Canvey fans were openly taunting the large Wealdstone contingent and there was a sense of barely-contained anger among our fans. Particularly as we were now

zine at the time "The League management committee rubbished the ground and said that it would not even currently qualify for a Grade C, let alone the Grade A needed for promotion, and without a C grade we wouldn't even be allowed to stay in the Ryman League the next season".

This concentrated minds. thousands of pounds that were supposed to be diverted to establishing infrastructure at PEPF was spent on new turnstiles, fencing and general sprucing-up of the ramshackle Edgware FC - a tremendous effort co-ordinating directors, supporters and contractors ( similar to the renovations at the Vale almost 20 years later) paid off with the award of the B certificate with a few weeks to spare before the April 1 deadline.

With the team now winning games and one of the three promotion places suddenly a possibility, Wealdstone then asked the league what was

1999



*A clearer view of the extra 50 seats that had to be added to enable the 'A' grade at the White Lion ground. If only we'd put in a place a flimsier roof all would have been well...*

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intimate terms with what constituted an 'A' grade and Canvey's ground seemed to fall short in several areas.

It was the sense of betrayal that hurt most. The directors, particularly Vice President Nick Dugard and the many fans who worked their nuts off to help out with the renovation on the ground, only to be rewarded with the eventual non-reward of the A grade as "the work had not been completed by the April 1 deadline".

**W**ho do you believe? Even if there was a misunderstanding over the controversial seat covering, should nine days really matter? Was there an ulterior motive?

Wealdstone FC was not greatly loved, back in those days and we had only just squeezed a place back in the Ryman League at the eleventh hour when they had to cut costs four years earlier.

And it would have been a real triumph to have claimed a third promotion in four years - Bartlett's men eventually claiming third place with six more straight wins (making it 16 wins, a



draw and just the one defeat in those last 18 league games) following the setback at Canvey. An appeal, lodged with the FA, against the League's decision still gave us hope that justice would be done. It wasn't.

The decision by that committee (with representatives from Enfield, Oxford City, Hitchin, Staines, Heybridge Swifts and, er Harrow Borough) put the club on its knees for half a dozen years but it wasn't deserted by the loyal core of officials and fans.

Having climbed above and beyond the Ryman League, this is now our reward and it tastes sweet, Canvey Island, it tastes very sweet.

# Stones thank fans for support as promotion hopes rest with FA

Wealdstone's fate will be decided at FA headquarters in Lancaster Gate on May 20. The Ryman League, sticking its guns over the harsh decision not to allow promoted Wealdstone into the Premier Division because of an alleged delay in ground improvements, is not willing to hear an appeal, but the FA could overrule it. Whatever the outcome, Stones manager Gordon Bartlett and his players ran to their

fans to thank them for their support over the last few months after his side had beaten Staines Town 3-1 in their last match of the season on Saturday.

Bartlett wanted to let Stones fans know that he appreciated their loyalty and the cash donations that kept some of the key players at the club leading to his side winning promotion for the third consecutive season and losing only one of their

final 19 games - to champions Canvey Island.

In front of their largest crowd of the season, 660, Stones should have taken the lead when Carl Holmes sent a close range header wide just after the kick-off, but it was the visitors who opened the scoring in the second minute when keeper Noel Imber failed to cut out a cross and Butler headed

home. Vines nearly extended Staines' lead, but his effort went just wide. Rocky Baptiste and Holmes went close for Stones before the break and Vines headed home for Staines only to be ruled out for offside.

The homesters eventually equalised in the 65th minute when the Staines defence failed to clear Paul Lamb's free-kick

**Wealdstone 3 Staines 1**  
by Graham Smith

which ran for Chris Walton to hammer past 'keeper Lovett.

Lovett made another good save denying Holmes as Wealdstone started to dominate the second half

and they took the lead for the first time in the 74th minute. A move involving Steve Bircham, Phil Dicker, Chris Walton and Paul Lamb led to Holmes heading in number three, his fifth goal in five games.

# 48 years ago: Stones beat Dunstable & are saved by the Bedfordshire club

*Saturday April 10 1976, Southern League Prem: Wealdstone 3 Dunstable Town 0*

**T**he events of April 1976 were in stark contrast to the tale of betrayal and woe just recounted.

Indeed the boot was on the other foot; instead of losing just one game in 18 to reach a stage in which promotion was nailed on, 47 years ago Wealdstone had won just once in 18 league games since the previous December and had spiralled down the Southern League Premier Division.

Relegation was a very real possibility ... quite unthinkable for a club who had finished 8th in its



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# 'Stones show new spirit'

By Phil Sugden

**WEALDSTONE** look like doing a great Houdini. Wins at Weymouth on Wednesday evening and at against sixth placed Dunstable at Lower Mead on Friday means they are fifth from the bottom of the Southern League table with a more than good chance of avoiding relegation.

Saturday's win was somewhat against the odds minutes before the start of the game it was announced that goalkeeper John Morton, carried from the swept field at Weymouth at half time with concussion had also sustained a fractured hand.

As the heavily strapped Morton watched from the stand his place was taken by local sports shop owner Ray Bullen, making his first Southern League appearance.

The bulky built Bullen who has had only a few serious matches for several months, won the accolade of applause from the man he replaced.

For the first ten minutes or so the Wealdstone defenders were obviously apprehensive whenever the ball reached Bullen's territory.

Then they realised the big fellow could look after himself after he had made three really fine saves, including a great leap to put a shot over the top and two low down.

They were probably also impressed by the fact that Ray made it apparent that his area was his domain, and he wanted no intruders.

Despite all the hard words which have been said, indeed had to be said, I left Lower Mead believing that there is a new spirit.

Perhaps new manager Geoff Coleman has raised morale. Perhaps the players now realise that they are really playing for their pieces and their future.

Whatever, everyone gave 101 per cent on Saturday. After Bullen's three magnificent saves the home side took a hand.

Duck and Byrne were dangerously close before, the 29th minute, the home side went ahead. Danny Light, a hive of industry won a corner, took it himself and placed the ball perfectly for George Duck to head majestically into the net.

A huge goal kick from Bullen started a slick flying move and a wonderful cross from Light gave Morton the opportunity to power the ball home.

Dunstable looked dangerous in the early stages of the second half but Wealdstone clinched matters. A Light-Halliday move set up the perfect chance for Bill Byrne to make it 3-0 and give Wealdstone green hope.



Top image: Chris Walton shoots the Stones level in the final game of the season at home to Staines - 660 turning up for what might have been a promotion celebration. But the League and FA refused to bow to commonsense. Not that any bitterness or rancour remains...

Right: the Harrow Observer reports on the Stones' reprieve from relegation in '76

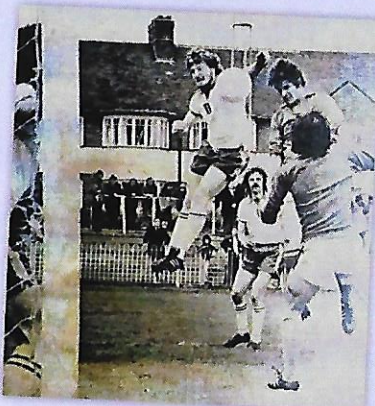
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first Prem season and had been pushing for the title at the end of 1975.

Chairman David Martel wielded the axe and manager Eddie Presland was gone, sacked behind the stand at Hillingdon Borough after a spineless 4-1 defeat. It was a sign of his ambition that the highly regarded Nuneaton boss Geoff Coleman and his No.2 Alan Fogarty were parachuted in ... and the duo's first game in charge (four days before this clash with Dunstable) saw a 2-0 success at Weymouth. This was little short of a miracle as it was Stones' first away win of the season - and we finished with skipper Willie Watson playing in goal after keeper John Morton was carried off injured.

Two of Dartford's most influential players in their title winning season 12 months before had also signed: midfielder Danny Light and winger Kenny Halliday. Light was a revelation (and scored from 20 yards at Weymouth) as these successive wins hoisted Stones to third from bottom above Cambridge city and Stourbridge. But three would be still relegated and indeed, we would have fallen through the trapdoor had not Dunstable announced their resignation from the Southern League at the end of the season.



The Bedfordshire club had over-extended themselves under the management of Barry Fry. He had lured stars like George Best and Jeff Astle to wear the red shirt of Dunstable and now they were penniless and desperate. We certainly played them at a good time - they played like men under a death sentence and although Stones' confidence was fragile we scored three times on a bone-hard surface to snatch three priceless points. That, and Dunstable's demise, was enough to keep us up!

**Wealdstone: Ray Bullen, Chris Kinnear, John Watson, Barry Dyson, Sammy McHale, Light, Bill Byrne, George Duck, Halliday, John Henderson.**

**Sub: Adriaan Eglite.**

PS: an interesting bit in the programme by editor Colin

Pope that day to illustrate the 'incredible enthusiasm of our supporters'. He wrote: "15-year-old stones fan Gordon McKay dislocated his shoulder at school last week but hopped on the supporters coach to Maidstone instead of going to hospital, and had treatment the following day. He was at the next game with his arm in a sling. Greater love hath no man..."

More a case of no sense, no feeling I reckon. I wonder what happened to young Mr McKay?



Top image: George Duck puts the Stones ahead against Dunstable with a towering header and (above) Bobby Moss (right) side-foots the clinching third goal

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| Sesay, David               | 8                        | 6 |   |        |   |   |           |   |   | 1                    |   |   |                       |   | 9  | 7      |    | 19  | 10        |  |
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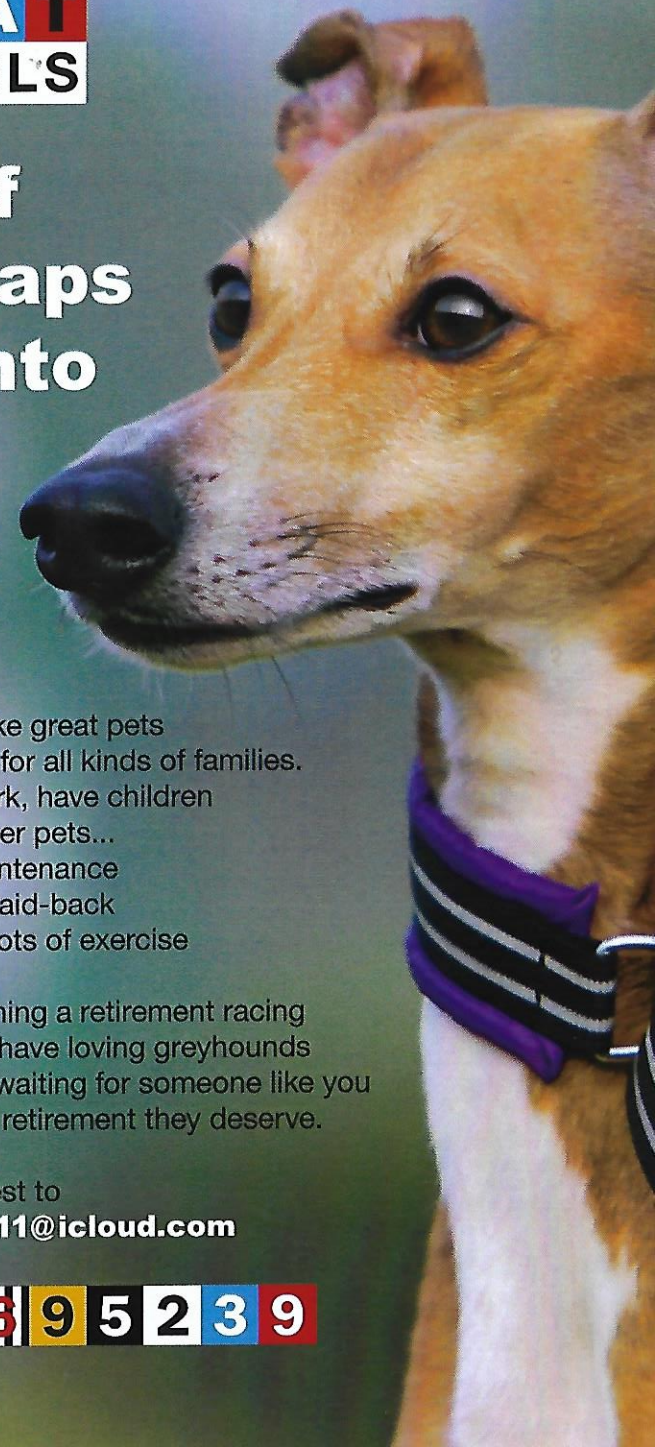
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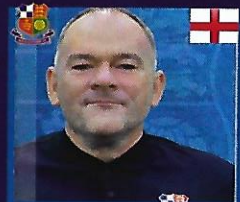
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| <br><b>NOTTS COUNTY</b><br>Tuesday, 25th October<br>Vanarama National League       | <b>The Rawden Family</b>   |                             |
| <br><b>WREXHAM</b><br>Saturday, 12th November<br>Vanarama National League          | <b>In Memory of<br/>Kat Kelly</b>                                | <b>Jim Kane</b>             |

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| <br><b>SCUNTHORPE UNITED</b><br>Saturday, 26th November<br>Vanarama National League       | <b>Tony Platt</b>  |   |
| <br><b>MAIDENHEAD UNITED</b><br>Monday, 26th December<br>Vanarama National League         | <b>In Memory of<br/>Roy Couch</b>                                      | <b>Mike Pullin<br/>&amp; Graham Clark</b>     |
| <br><b>EASTLEIGH</b><br>Saturday, 7th January<br>Vanarama National League                 | <b>In Memory of Roger Rumens</b>                                       |   |
| <br><b>GATESHEAD</b><br>Saturday, 28th January<br>Vanarama National League                | <b>Graham Clark &amp; Mike Pullin</b>                                  |   |
| <br><b>DAGENHAM &amp; REDBRIDGE</b><br>Saturday, 4th February<br>Vanarama National League | <b>Stuart Kane</b>   |   |
| <br><b>BRENTFORD B</b><br>Tuesday, 14th February<br>Middlesex Senior Cup Quarter Final    | <b>Russell Grant</b>   |   |
| <br><b>YORK CITY</b><br>Saturday, 18th February<br>Vanarama National League               | <b>In Memory of Kat Kelly</b>  |   |
| <br><b>ALTRINCHAM</b><br>Saturday, 4th March<br>Vanarama National League                  | <b>Toby Jackson (Lapels Badges)</b>                                    |   |
| <br><b>MAIDSTONE UNITED</b><br>Tuesday, 7th March<br>Vanarama National League           | <b>The Vale Social Club</b>  | <b>In Memory of David<br/>'Ginge' Croombs</b> |
| <br><b>CHESTERFIELD</b><br>Tuesday 14th March<br>Vanarama National League               | <b>Glencar Construction</b>  | <b>Tony Pauley</b>                            |
| <br><b>BARNET</b><br>Saturday, 25th March<br>Vanarama National League                   | <b>Alan Couch</b>  |   |
| <br><b>OLDHAM ATHLETIC</b><br>Tuesday 28th March<br>Vanarama National League            | <b>Luca, Alex Gordan, Alex Kilroy,<br/>River, Rio, Mathias and Jay</b> |   |
| <br><b>ALDERSHOT TOWN</b><br>Saturday, 1st April<br>Vanarama National League            | <b>Cllr. Richard Mills &amp;<br/>Cllr. Steve Tuckwell</b>              | <b>Adam Herne</b>                             |
| <br><b>SOLIHULL MOORS</b><br>Tuesday 10th April<br>Vanarama National League             | <b>Mick Fishman</b>  |   |
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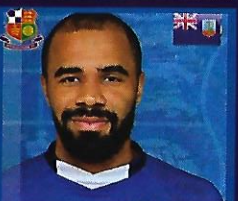
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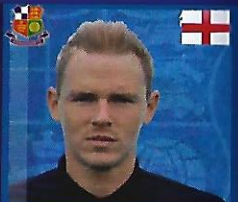
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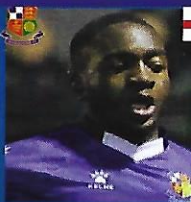
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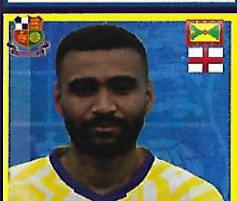
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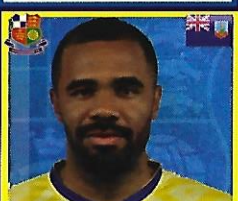
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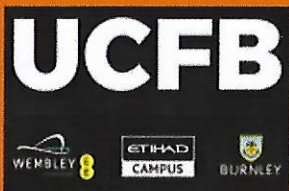


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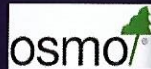
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| 19 Aldershot Town       | 40  | 12 | 7  | 21 | 54  | 68 | 20   | 5  | 4 | 11 | 27 | 33 | 20   | 7  | 3 | 10 | 27 | 35 | -14     | 43  |     | 2-1 |
| 20 Gateshead            | 37  | 9  | 14 | 14 | 48  | 55 | 18   | 4  | 8 | 6  | 24 | 26 | 19   | 5  | 6 | 8  | 24 | 29 | -7      | 40  | 1-2 | 1-0 |
| 21 Yeovil Town          | 39  | 7  | 17 | 15 | 32  | 45 | 21   | 6  | 8 | 7  | 18 | 21 | 18   | 1  | 9 | 8  | 14 | 24 | -13     | 38  | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| 22 Torquay United       | 40  | 9  | 10 | 21 | 46  | 69 | 20   | 4  | 6 | 10 | 30 | 38 | 20   | 5  | 4 | 11 | 16 | 31 | -23     | 37  | 1-1 | 2-1 |
| 23 Scunthorpe United    | 41  | 8  | 10 | 23 | 46  | 76 | 21   | 7  | 3 | 11 | 32 | 38 | 20   | 1  | 7 | 12 | 14 | 38 | -30     | 34  | 3-1 | 1-4 |
| 24 Maidstone United     | 41  | 5  | 9  | 27 | 43  | 90 | 21   | 3  | 7 | 11 | 22 | 39 | 20   | 2  | 2 | 16 | 21 | 51 | -47     | 24  | 2-1 | 1-1 |



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