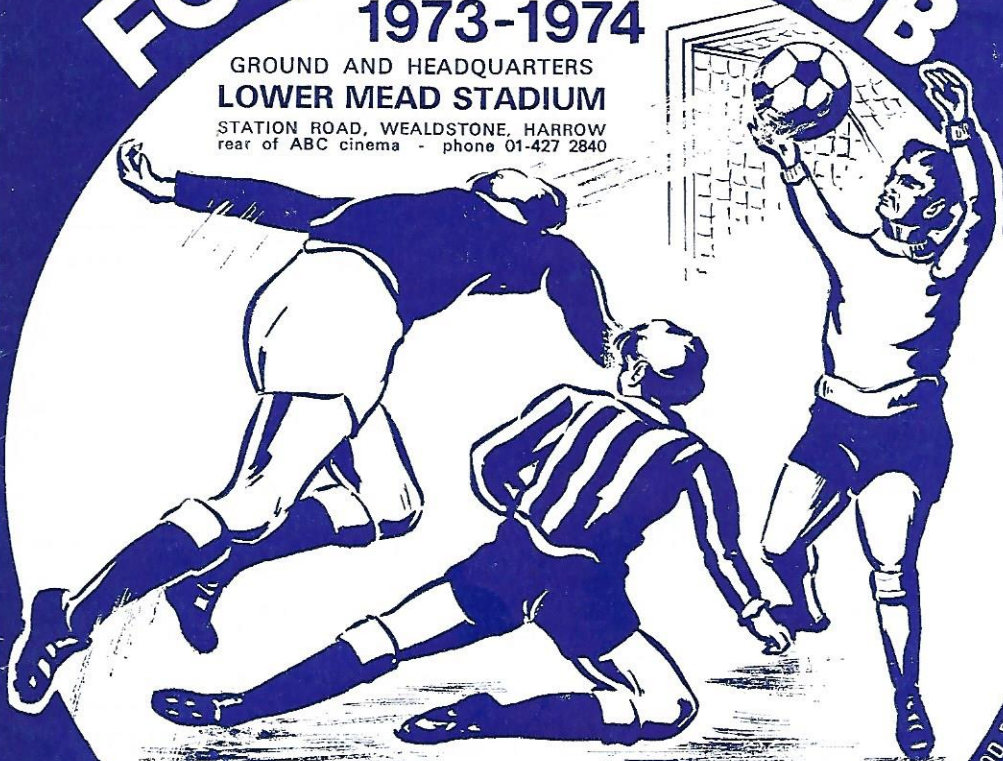


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Good afternoon, everyone, and a warm welcome to Lower Mead Stadium despite the petrol crisis, the coal crisis, the electricity crisis, and every other crisis which seems to have befallen us this past week or so! We'll do our best to keep your spirits up this afternoon!

One of the worst of our problems, of course, is the non-appearance of the Harrow Observer, due to industrial action, and we are suffering therefore from a lack of publicity and dissemination of vital information. So we will endeavour to bring you up-to-date. As you know, there will be NO more evening matches until the emergency restrictions on floodlighting are lifted, and **ALL** our Saturday matches until further notice will start at 2.15 p.m. Our Southern League Cup Third replay with Wimbledon will be at Plough Lane next Wednesday, November 28th, at 2 p.m. and this will be our **LAST** mid week fixture until the energy crisis is over. Incidentally, the usual Supporters Club coach service will be going to Wimbledon and a variety of excuses for absence are now doubtless being prepared!

Fortunately, today starts a magnificent series of home games for us, and next Saturday, December 1st, we are at home to Boston in the third qualifying round of the F.A. Challenge Trophy (2.15). Boston beat Bourne Town 4-0 in the second replay last Saturday, and as they are fourth from top of the Midland League should prove worthy opposition.

But back to this afternoon, and a sincere welcome to Andover, whose main claim to fame so far this season was their surprising 4-2 win over league leaders Waterloooville last Saturday. Andover thus did us a magnificent favour, and so too, of course, did Hastings Utd who held new leaders Basingstoke to a goal-less draw. So the current position is that we are in 4th place, only two points behind Basingstoke with no less than three games in hand. Andover's win over Waterloooville shows just what a funny game football is, for our visitors today are second from bottom, with only eight points from 12 games. Needless to say we shall go all out **NOT** to show our gratitude to them, for it is the points we want, not the games in hand!

We field an unchanged team again today, escaping injury in our friendly at Bletchley last Saturday which ended in a 1-1 draw, George Duck getting our goal from a penalty. Apart from Bill Byrne, who was rested because of a damaged toe, we played all of our squad, bringing on Eric

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Burgess, Alick Brown and John Watson as the game progressed. Altogether it was a useful exercise in keeping everyone match fit, especially as the ban on floodlighting is hampering our training. Our squad is so keen, however, that most of them turned up for a special training session at 10 a.m. last Wednesday morning!

A party of 22 Wealdstone players and officials fly out to Gibraltar on Monday December 10th to play a Gibraltar F.A. XI, returning home on Thursday night December 13th.

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Saturday Dec. 8. Southern League: Wealdstone v Waterloo 2.15 p.m.
Saturday Dec. 15. Southern League: Wealdstone v Met. Police 2.15 p.m.
Saturday Dec. 22. Southern League: Minehead v Wealdstone 2.15 p.m.
Wednesday Dec. 26. Southern League: Wealdstone v Gravesend & Northfleet 2.15 p.m.
Saturday Dec. 29. Southern League: Wealdstone v Hastings Utd 2.15 p.m.
Tuesday Jan. 1. Southern League: Wealdstone v Ashford Town 2.15 p.m.
Saturday Jan. 5. Southern League: Wealdstone v Bognor Regis.

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An interesting spectator at our recent matches has been our former trainer Nick Farmer, who is now an Arsenal scout for the London area. Nick was cagey who he was interested in but it is understood that he will be here again today for another look.

Arsenal are not the only club interested in us, for Luton Town have had George Duck watched during the last few weeks. George, by the way, is the second highest scorer in our Division. George's No. 1 fan, young Paul Rumens, a Mill Hill schoolboy who lives at Wembley, has persuaded his Headmaster to allow him an extra Saturday off so that he can be here today! Paul is a tremendously dedicated supporter and we are delighted that we attract such decent youngsters.

Supporters Club Notes

Good afternoon everyone, and a warm welcome to the supporters of Andover F.C. for today's League game. Next Wednesday afternoon we continue our marathon Southern League cup tie with Wimbledon and the Supporters Club will be operating the usual coach service leaving the ground at 12.45 p.m. SHARP. Bookings at Office or phone 422 0799.

We have been taken somewhat by surprise with the demand for the new 'Stones' scarves, and we have unfortunately run out, but a further supply has been ordered and supporters will be advised as soon as they are in stock. However we do have in stock, Ties, badges, Pens and other items of interest. Why not visit the club office at half-time and see if you can solve some of your Christmas shopping problems, and at the same time help the club.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY OVER THE LOUDSPEAKER SYSTEM.

Now we get down to the job in hand of getting those vocal chords loosened up, and getting with the lads as they chase the League leaders.

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In the absence of local newspaper publicity, please spread the word around regarding our forthcoming fixtures, listed elsewhere. And don't forget the 2.15 p.m. kick-offs!

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Poole Town	13	6	2	5	20	14	14
Gravesend & Northfleet	11	5	4	2	20	16	14
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