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FOOTBALL: Club look to help local community



Wealdstone's Max Kretschmar scores from the penalty spot at Woking Image: Jon Taffel

Free Wealdstone tickets for Ukrainian families

WEALDSTONE will be working in partnership with Hillingdon London Borough Council to provide free tickets to displaced Ukrainian families residing in the borough for the rest of their home matches this season.

The offer extends to both adults and children and is as simple as filling out an online form including only a few details. Families who are interested in requesting tickets can do so via the council website, which will be translated into Ukrainian and live very soon.

Families can request the number of tickets for any listed home game below and have them sent to your email. For convenience, tickets can be printed at home or displayed at the turnstiles on your mobile phones.

For first-time visitors to the Vale, there is a large social club that will be open from noon on Saturdays and 6pm for midweek games. DD's Diner serves a range of hot food, including the favourite Stones burger, and the stadium has a range of covered and uncovered standing in addition to covered seating.

Stones' Engagement and Community Director Darren Linden was glad the club can offer some support, saying: "We're aware that a large number of Ukrainian families are staying in the Hillingdon area during what must be an incredibly difficult and disruptive time for them.

"We wanted to do something to introduce the families to the local community and have been working in

partnership with Hillingdon Council to offer them free admission to Stones games until the end of the season. We are also looking to run Football in the Community sessions for Ukrainian children as well as other initiatives.

"I know our fans, staff and payers will make the families very welcome and we hope they enjoy their experience with us over the coming months."

Tickets are available for the following home games: Altrincham (March 4, 3pm); Maidstone United (March 7, 7.45pm); Oldham Athletic (March 28, 3pm); Aldershot (April 1, 3pm); Solihull Moors (April 10, 3pm); Dorking Wanderers (April 22, 3pm).

*Wealdstone will look to bounce back from a heavy midweek defeat

at Halifax Town when they welcome Altrincham to Grosvenor Vale on Saturday.

Max Kretschmar's penalty had earned Stuart Maynard's men a 1-1 draw at Woking at the weekend, but they fell behind just before the break when Jamie Stott scored and the same player made it 2-0 just four minutes into the second half.

Jamie Cooke added a third just a minute later but Millen Ali hit the post with a penalty before making amends in stoppage time.

Tyler Golden sealed a 5-0 win for the Shaymen before the final whistle to ensure a miserable return back to London for Stones, who dropped to 12th in the table and also host Maidstone United on Tuesday.

Harrow can draw lots of positives

HARROW Borough gained a valuable point at third-placed Chesham United on a chilly Buckinghamshire afternoon.

New striker Quaine Bartley, on loan from Wimbledon, played alongside Anointed Chukwu, with Isiah Noel-Williams fit to return.

But Jacob Knightbridge, after an over-hit back pass from Sonny Hart, almost gifted the hosts an early goal.

Ex-Borough man Liam Ferdinand was denied at the near post, while Prince Kandolo and Hart made vital interceptions.

But Bartley then got in on the right and found Chukwu at the far post, who shot straight at Beasant.

Rolfe rose highest to meet Rowe's curling free-kick but Knightbridge saved well, before Noel-Williams picked up a loose ball 30 yards out and hammered a fierce shot just over.

Harrow struck on 35 minutes as Beasant came out of goal to meet a long ball, with two defenders and Chukwu in the mix too. After a big collision, the ball rebounded off the Harrow striker and rolled into the net.

Chukwu was blocked at the far post from George Moore's cross, before Rowe shot wide for the hosts.

The second half began with Samuel Adenola deflecting Hippolyte-Patrick's shot over and Gibbons flicking the corner just wide of the near post.

Borough went close when Billy Leonard header over from a Kai Omoko Brosnan cross, before Bartley cut in from the right to fire wide of the near post.

Chesham equalised on 52 minutes when Joseph played the ball to Braney, who cut into the box on the right and unleashed a shot past Knightbridge.

But Harrow heads didn't drop and Noel-Williams won the ball, allowing Moore's superb pass to pick out Bartley, who fired across goal.

Gibbons sidefooted a shot across the goalmouth from a clever Rowe corner, before Brosnan found Chukwu with his back to goal on the edge of the box to tee up Moore, who curled a superb low right-foot shot into the far corner.

Four minutes later, Gibbons was brought down in the box by Hart but Oliyi's penalty went over the bar and stand. He atoned on 77 minutes, though, when Rowe found him in the box to slide past Knightbridge.

Bartley and Leonard had dangerous efforts blocked behind as Harrow kept pushing and Chukwu missed a golden chance to take all three points as he blasted over the bar.

But Chesham nearly won it during seven minutes of stoppage time as Edwards met a right-wing cross, but Knightbridge was positioned perfectly to save.

Noel-Williams netted in a 1-1 draw at Hanwell Town on Tuesday, ahead of a home date with Merthyr Town on Saturday.