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Worthing confirmed we had secured last season's third promotion  
place in Division One. Unfortunately subsequent decisions denied  
us that promotion. (picture by Collin Bunner)

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## Welcome to Wealdstone

The Editor's Column

by Roy Couch

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GOOD AFTERNOON, welcome to the White Lion Ground for our first home league fixture of the 1999/2000 season, the season in which Wealdstone Football Club becomes 100 years old. If there had been any justice in the football world we would have been celebrating our centenary year in the Ryman League (Premier Division), having finished last season in the third promotion spot in Division One a massive 14 points clear of fourth placed Braintree Town. It is now history that the officers who run the Ryman League, supported by the Football Association and the majority of the Ryman League clubs, decided we shouldn't go up as the improvements needed to obtain the necessary 'A' grading for the White Lion Ground were not completed until a few days after the April 1st deadline. One of the reasons for this snub was because the newly installed seats in front of the main stand remained uncovered as at the deadline date. As far as I'm aware there is nothing in the League Rules saying that seats must be covered. It obviously doesn't apply in the Football League as Barnet FC's Underhill ground proves. Behind one of their goals the terrace consists of row upon row of UNCOVERED seats!

As can be seen from the Division One attendance grid elsewhere in this programme we had the best average attendance home and away last season. The likes of Aldershot, Boreham Wood, Harrow Borough, Hendon and St Albans would have had bumper gates had they met us in the league this season, but their loss is Division One's gain as most of its clubs can now look forward to having one of their best, if not the best, gates when we visit them again this season.

We now have to put the disappointment of the last few months behind us and concentrate on the next nine months. A real crack at finishing in the top three again must be our target but it won't be easy. However, if we show the same fight and determination we saw in the second half of last season then there is no reason why we shouldn't be up there with the best of them come next May. Best of luck to Gordon, Leo and all the players in the months ahead.

We begin today with a visit from Harlow Town who were promoted last May for the second season running. To their players, officials and supporters we say welcome to Edgware, we hope you enjoy your time with us and have a safe journey home later on. Welcome also to our three match officials, Messrs Head, Piggott and Reading who all hail from the High Wycombe area.

We last met Harlow Town three seasons ago (1996/97) when we were both in Division Three and although we ended the season as Champions our visitors beat us in both league matches that season. They also beat us twice the season before that so they appear to be something of a bogey team as far as we are concerned. Here's hoping we can turn the tables this afternoon and gain our first ever league victory over them.

Our pre-season friendlies have not produced the sort of results we would have liked but two players who have impressed are our new signings Joe Lyons and Dave Tilbury who last season played for Edgware Town and Molesey respectively. We welcome you both aboard

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and hope you will have a successful season.

With the season proper now underway we are looking for names to put on our kit donor grid. If you would like to sponsor an item of player or management kit see me this afternoon. The same applies if you or your company are able to donate a match ball for one of our future home games.

Our next match is this coming Tuesday, 17th August, when we visit Yeading for a Ryman League (Division One) fixture, kick off 7.30pm. Last season we won twice at The Warren, 1-0 in the league and 5-2 in the Puma Full Members Cup, so will be looking to complete a hat-trick of wins on Tuesday. Next Saturday, 21st August, we play here at the White Lion Ground in the Preliminary Round of the FA Cup when Clacton Town are our visitors. They are playing in the Jewson Eastern Counties League (Premier Division) this season having been champions of Division One last season. Most of you will remember the tough game we had a couple of seasons ago when we last met a club from Division One of the Jewson Eastern Counties League, namely Whitton United.

Let's get behind the lads this afternoon and cheer them on to our first three points of the season.

ROY

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PROGRAMME DEADLINES

Items for inclusion in the next programme must reach the Editor by the deadline date. Forthcoming deadlines are as follows:-

<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
Clacton Town (Sat. 21st August)	TOMORROW, Sunday, 15th August
Thame United (Tue. 24th August)	Wednesday, 18th August
Bishops Stortford (Wed. 1st September)	Wednesday, 25th August

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## From the Chairman Paul Rumens

Welcome to our centenary season at Wealdstone Football Club. I hope everyone had some time to relax during the last few weeks as we now return all too quickly to the cut and thrust of our league campaign.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out or contributed in any way to the great success that was our friendly match versus Watford Football Club. This was a very positive event in many aspects and was a good experience for the future. Incidentally, thank you Martin and Roy for an excellent programme; make sure you buy one from the Supporters Club shop - it will become a collectors item!

A couple of points as we kick-off the new season. Firstly, and probably finally from me, on the Ryman League and FA's decision not to promote us. I firmly believe we must now all put this painful matter behind us and move on - seriously, as a club, we have no choice but to do so with so many other major challenges ahead that we must focus upon. We must also be very careful not to be naive in our interaction with other clubs so as to isolate ourselves from potential future support. I understand some of you are boycotting all Ryman League clubhouses this season, this will not help our cause. Club chairmen change and so do opinions.

Secondly we must continue to address our own standards of language within the context of our special support for our team. There is **NO EXCUSE** for foul and abusive language and I will be taking **SERN MEASURES** this season if individuals let us down. We have all worked hard to attract a family support base and encourage business partnerships vital to our progress. Let's not dwell on a few negatives but let us all get behind the boys and shout them to victory - starting today, the first competitive match of a proud centenary season.

Best wishes.

PAUL RUMENS

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NICK DUGARD  
(Vice Chairman)

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## 'stones predict-a-score

As at Wednesday we had 69 entries in this season's competition. The forecasts for today's game of those received so far are as follows:-

Wealdstone to win

- 1-0: D.Balderstone, B.Benveniste(1), R.Clark, R.Harries, H.Lambert, R.Oke.
- 2-0: B.Benveniste(2), "Broxy Bear", P.Drew, Q.Fox, "Let's Nuke Essex", R.Platt, B.Robson, "Will Stone", J.Wiseman.
- 2-1: J.Albert, "Mr Angry", B.Bangs, M.Bennett, G.Clark, T.Davies, "Dr Death", T.Drew, C.Fletcher, T.Fry, D.Helen, J.Hitchener, G.Jacobs, S.Khanna, J.Knight, "Dor Wullie", T.Platt, P.Roney, P.Smith.
- 3-0: E.Fletcher, D.Parish.
- 3-1: R.Corner, J.Minehane, M.Pullin, P.Sheldrake, T.Short, B.Stimpson, M.Tarrant, M.Tonna.
- 3-2: S.Bird.

Harlow to win

- 1-0: A.Hibbs, S.Rawal.
- 2-0: H.Krais, G.McAlister, D.Werin, L.Werin, "I.M.Will Stone".
- 2-1: N.Dugard, C.Kemp, V.Shearer, A.Tremeer(2), A.Waller.
- 4-0: D.Dugard.

Result a draw

- 1-1: J.Burrows, D.Free, S.Hibberd, J.Harvey, R.Horne, T.Jackson, P. & S.Sharpe, D.Todd, A.Tremeer(1).
- 2-2: J.Kemp, M.Vincent.

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## Manager's view by Gordon Bartlett

My guilty conscience has finally got the better of me and I am writing these first programme notes of the season whilst sitting by the pool in Portugal. Ninety degrees temperatures, drink in one hand, tennis courts one side and swimming pool the other, you can understand how I'm missing life back at Wealdstone. Still, by the time you read this programme I will be back to reality and the start of another nine months of a Ryman League season.

As my holiday draws to a close it's strange how my attitude is changing. The first week was spent relaxing, winding down and spending time with the family who I don't spend enough time with for the other fifty weeks of the year. Relaxing... who am I kidding. Dad, can we have an ice cream?... Dad, can I have a drink? play tennis? football? go for a swim? etc, etc. Mind you I have found time to read a couple of books which is something I never seem to do. One in particular I must mention is Garry Nelson's book 'Left Foot In The Grave'. I can thoroughly recommend it and could relate to many of the problems he suffered as Assistant Manager of cash strapped Torquay United. I hope much of his literacy genius will rub off on me and I can improve on some of the programme notes I have turned out over the last few years.

Actually the second week of this holiday has seen a change in my mood and my thoughts. Firstly I've spoken to Leo and.... I'm now depressed! A sleepless night while I am supposed to be away relaxing! Not good, three bad results - don't worry I'm thinking, it's only a blip.... it will come good.... anyway we must not peak too early.

There is a lot of football going on on the tennis court area today, maybe I could get Paul Rumens to pay for this holiday as part of a scouting mission because there are some good young players here. A 16 year old who has been on Port Vale and Chesterfield's books, an excellent 12 year old with Aston Villa and an 8 year old, Daniel Legg, who is with Watford. It turns out that Daniel lives in Wealdstone and his dad knows Graham Sharpe (poor fella). Craig (my lad) has now got a real pal for the rest of the holiday - tennis, cricket, football.... at least it gives me a break!

Oh no! Richard, a very humorous Scottish fella we've become friendly with has just thrown out a challenge to two teenage tennis players. Oldies against the youngsters in doubles - must be mad! I think we are going to regret this! I'll carry on later.

I'm back.... 1 hour 20 minutes. Lost first set 2-6 and struggled, got a second wind and won the next 6-4. Must continue tomorrow.... I'm too tired to write anymore at the moment.

Victorious 6-2, 6-0 with huge crowds watching, obviously our superb fitness regime during the first week! After our lap of honour we were rather disappointed to see the youngsters disappear into the arms of two lovely young ladies. If they were the runners-up prize, we had certainly got the result wrong.

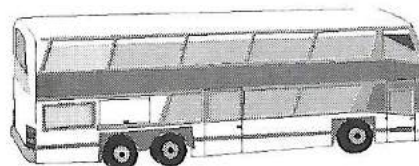
With my first result of the season under my belt I am now focused on writing these notes and thinking about the coming season. It's strange how something as simple as a tennis match can spark that urge to compete and that will to win. Competition will always bring out the best in people so that's why I am not too concerned with the results during pre-season - so far! Having said that, I expect much better performances against Ware and Walton in the final two friendlies before today's first encounter against Harlow.

Attitude, desire and above all, hunger to achieve, will once again be the qualities we are looking for as we attempt to reproduce the achievements of last year which went unrewarded due to circumstances beyond the control of the playing staff. We cannot expect to carry on where we left off with 17 wins from 19 games without hard work and determination. I'm sure everybody got fed up with my comments about under achieving on many occasions last season but I think I was proved right by our performances and results from mid-February. Despite the disappointment of the League and FA's decision in the close season, the players must come back and use that experience to their own advantage. I hope I will not be using those words too often this season because you can only under achieve if you are not giving your best.... and that's inexcusable.

Today will be a good test as we take on newly promoted Harlow Town who are managed by my old friend Eddie McCluskey. I must congratulate Eddie and his team for securing their second consecutive promotion since he arrived at Harlow at the beginning of the 1997/98 season. This continues his excellent record in non-League management and I'm

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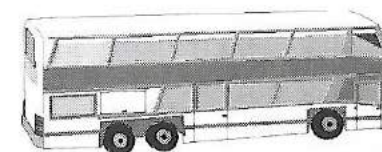


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sure he has been busy strengthening his squad during the summer, and I know we will be in for a difficult game against a strong, experienced and well organised outfit.

We will start today with a very similar look to the squad that finished last season. Our performances during the final third of the season proved the quality is here when they played to their full potential, concentrated and were physically and mentally strong. No need to change too many faces during the summer but the addition of David Tilbury, Joe Lyons and Fabio Valenti will, I'm sure, add both variety and strength to the squad. One or two others may also have signed by today and I wish all of them a long and successful stay at Wealdstone.

Another addition is our new physio Ian Pickens who has replaced Alan Wharton and obviously we extend our thanks for everything Alan did for us over recent years. We hope Ian can enjoy as much success as his predecessor.

Well that will do for my first notes because I am hot and can feel the swimming pool calling me. Enjoy the season and let's hope we get off to a good start today.

GORDON

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## 'stones youth team news

I attended the Allied Counties Youth League (ACYL) meeting at Thame United FC on the 2nd August 1999, we had been voted into the league at their last EGM, 31 votes in favour and only one against. We shall be boycotting the club that opposed our entry (not really!!).

The Wealdstone FC Youth team fixtures for the first 12 weeks are now out. It's going to be tough to start with as the league season begins on Wednesday 8th September, twelve days before the PASE course starts. Before all this there will be a selection trial at Broadfields at 6.30pm on Monday 16th August when approximately 40 lads (16-20 years old) will turn up to be assessed by Gordon and Frank. Approximately 24 will be selected for the PASE scheme and they will make up the majority of our youth team squad. When the PASE course starts they will be coached 12 hours a week by Frank. They should be pretty fit and well prepared.

The team's first kit is being supplied by ICIS as our sponsors in the usual blue and white quarters. Thank you ICIS.

The league fixtures for the first twelve weeks are as follows. All games are on Wednesday evenings unless stated otherwise. Our home games (in capitals) will be played on the ground of Viking Greenford FC (formerly Viking Sports).

8 Sep 99 Wembley	6 Oct 99 Hillingdon Borough	3 Nov 99 UXBRIDGE
15 Sep 99 HAYES	13 Oct 99 Northwood	10 Nov 99 Brook House
22 Sep 99 Maidenhead United	20 Oct 99 BROOK HOUSE	17 Nov 99 NORTHWOOD
29 Sep 99 KINGSBURY TOWN	27 Oct 99 Ruislip Manor	24 Nov 99 HILLINGDON BORO

We have a 'proper' trip in the League Cup where we have been drawn away to NORTH LEIGH. They are based near Witney. Their first team play in the Hellenic League but don't be fooled by that, their youth team won the ACYL (West Division) last season with a record of P18 W14 D4 L0. This fixture will take place in October/November. Groundhopping visit anyone? I'm sure our programme editor has been there already. (Yes, in July 1997 I saw them lose 3-1 to Walsall in a pre-season friendly. - Ed).

Here's to a new Stuart Pearce?

GRAHAM 'GRIM' JONES

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## Today's mascots

Today's mascot is PAITH SHUKLA aged 6. Paith attends Aylward School in Stanmore and is a member of the Wealdstone Juniors F.C.'s Sunday morning Mini-League scheme. We hope that he enjoys his afternoon with us.

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## **Junior 'stones news with Paul 'Fingers' Fruin**

Let me start by welcoming all our juniors back to the White Lion Ground for Wealdstone FC's opening league fixture of the new season against newly promoted Harlow Town. Today should have seen the Stones starting life in the Ryman League (Premier Division), playing the likes of Aldershot, Dagenham, Enfield, St Albans, Slough and of course Harrow's number two club from Earlsmead, Harrow Borough. As most of our juniors will know by now, Wealdstone were not allowed to take up their hard fought and rightfully earned promotion from Division One due to work on the White Lion Ground not being finished by the League's deadline of 1st April 1999. When the ground was inspected on 3rd April we were given to understand that we had a few extra days to get the work completed (a metal roof over the new seating area and a turnstile repair). Despite the fact that this work had been completed by the time a further inspection was made on 9th April the League Management Committee ruled that the work was finished after the deadline date. Our appeals to the Football Association and the Ryman League clubs at the League's AGM are now history.

When Wealdstone first applied to rejoin the Isthmian League for the 1995/96 season I was one of the few supporters who voted against the move to take us across from the Southern League. My biggest fear was that Wealdstone FC would become just another Isthmian League team with no ambition to progress. Just take a look at the top two divisions in the League this season. In the Premier there are I would say 10-12 clubs who have no ambition to progress to the Nationwide Conference and are happy to just stay where they are. I reckon the same applies in Division One with most of the clubs happy to stay in the division, or maybe go up into the Premier and stay there year in year out, so long as they don't have to have the ambition to reach the Conference. Fortunately Wealdstone have stayed a club with ambition, with a manager in Gordon Bartlett who has the desire to match that ambition and take us on into the Conference, but unfortunately for us we have been held back by the League and clubs with no ambition.

So back to today's game. Did you know that this is our first competitive fixture of the Stones Centenary season, the club having played its first ever game 100 years ago this coming October. No doubt there will be a number of events and games to celebrate the birth of this great club during the coming season.

The recent friendly against FA Premiership new boys Watford kicked off the celebrations, with a crowd of around 1,500 enjoying the evening's entertainment. Let me pass on my congratulations to Wealdstone vice-chairman Nick Dugard on the brilliant job he did in organising the evening, weeks of hard work went into putting the game together. Well done Nick.

There is a new face in the Junior Stones ranks this season, Jeanne Canning. Jeanne will be helping me run the juniors and you will have a chance to meet her on matchdays. Between the two of us we hope to be able to come up with some new ideas for you. Last season we had 433 junior members, we are looking to increase this to over 500 this season. We are already well on the way to that figure with 300 juniors already signed on. It is **FREE** to join the Junior Stones and all our junior members receive a **FREE SEASON TICKET** to all of Wealdstone's home Ryman League games. Once you have attended 7 home league games you will be given a **FREE GIFT**. Membership of the Juniors is open from 0-14 year olds. If you wish to join just ask Jeanne or myself in the ground for a membership form, or phone me 'Fingers' at home on 01895-636609 or on my mobile 07050-045063. This season your membership card will give you a discount in the Supporters Club shop.

Once again we will be running our Family and Bring A Friend Days this season. We will also have new Player postcards to give away. Watch out for the launch in September of a new competition that will be easy to enter and open to all members of the juniors. We also intend to run another day trip up to Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United, at the moment the planned date is during the October half-term week.

The major event for the juniors is the Harrow Show over the bank holiday weekend later this month. You will find details elsewhere in this programme.

**Today's Quiz:** The first three juniors to find 'Fingers' and Jeanne standing together in the ground **after the fifth free-kick** of the game and give them the correct answer to the following question will win a mystery prize each. What age will Wealdstone

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Football Club be this October?

Birthday wishes go to the following Juniors for August: Akhil Rawal, Kevin Williams, Leo Werin, Lee Roach, Stephen Fairman, Chloe Jackson and Robert Gurney. A special birthday wish also goes to Jessica Werin who had her birthday in July on the day Wealdstone played Edgware in a friendly. Like every Stones fanatic Jessica spent the afternoon at the match.

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## Supporter's scene

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to a new season, the millennium season - and our centenary, albeit unfortunately still in Division One of the Ryman League.

Most people will know of the League's decision to keep us in the First Division and few will comprehend it. However, it is over, there is now nothing we can do about it, we are playing in Division One, and let's hope that with the playing squad we have retained, together with the spirit we can get going at this club, that we will once again be knocking on the promotion door again this season.

A couple of weeks ago we hosted a pretty full Watford side in front of the biggest crowd at a home Wealdstone game since our last season in the Conference in 1987. Despite the scoreline, general opinion seems to be that this was a very successful and well organised evening showing Wealdstone FC off in an excellent light. A huge vote of thanks to Nick Dugard who I know found the experience of organising such an event from scratch immensely challenging, and ultimately rewarding. Hopefully many of the people who came for the first time that evening will come again, indeed, some may even be here today. Welcome to you all, please enjoy the day and why not make this a regular habit.

I thought the ground looked superb, certainly in the best condition I have ever seen it. A big thank you to all who helped get everything ready. In particular I would like to thank 'Fingers' Fruin, last season's 'Supporter of the Year' JJ, West Ham Steve, Mike Canning, Deadly Doug Robinson, Terry Dollman, Trevor Davies, Dave Parish, Khanna, Nick Symonds, Barry O'Sullivan and Bill from The Change of Hart.

Hopefully many of you will venture up to the newly refurbished club shop today. With much more space it certainly will not be the cramped huddle we have had the past couple of years. We will be hoping to run a number of new centenary souvenirs over the coming weeks and as always any suggestions will be welcome. Already the first tranche of replica kit have almost all gone, and orders are being taken for more. We hope also to have new centenary mugs in soon, more of the popular 'Bronx' hats from last season and also the new Wealdstone CD. Produced by Colin Bunner and Khanna, and with the money raised going to the 'Bring Home The Stones' appeal, these may even be available today and more details can be found in the Club Shop.

Again I would particularly like to thank Trevor Davies, JJ, Barry O'Sullivan, Sarin Rawal and Bill for all their efforts in making the shop look as good as it does now. I believe that Bill only came in the ground for a quick half hour walk, yet ended up spending the day helping on the shop and the ground.

I would like to welcome Mike Canning onto the Supporters Club committee. I know he will be an excellent acquisition for us and already Mike is heavily involved with 'Fingers' on organising our huge presence at this year's Harrow Show, coming up in a couple of weeks over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Do please try and visit or lend your support if you have a couple of hours free, as Wealdstone FC will be one of the major attractions at the Show this year.

For the Football Club's centenary season the Supporters Club committee is made up of Paul 'Fingers' Fruin, Dave Albert, Dan Helen, Sarin Rawal, Barry O'Sullivan, Nick Dugard, Graham Jones, Mike Canning, with myself as Chairman. We exist to represent all Wealdstone supporters, and to promote and further the name of Wealdstone FC. If anyone feels they would like to be part of this then do please come and see any committee member.

Once again this season we shall be selling Golden Goal tickets for £1 each prior to each home match, with the winning ticket, which has the time of the first goal, winning



SUPPORTERS SCENE (continued)

a prize of £50. This season we are delighted that the Golden Goals are being sponsored by FUNTASIA - The Party Shop in Kenton. Our thanks to them, and also to those people, especially Tony Platt, who helped sell almost two sets of Golden Goal tickets at the Watford match. The winners that night were Andrew French and S. Dennis. Well done to both of you.

This is our centenary year and plenty of celebrations are planned of which more details to follow in due course, but keep November 19th free for a big celebratory evening. On the pitch our expectations will once again be for continued progress, but our biggest hope this season has to be to win the funding to build the Prince Edward site. By the end of the season we will know whether Prince Edward is to be a reality or not. For the sake of the next 100 years let's pray it is. So - and yet again - this is a key season for Wealdstone FC. Enjoy it and let's hope for a great start today.

HOWARD KRAIS

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**WIRRAL PROGRAMME CLUB**  
**24th NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR SURVEY 1998/99**

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The Wirral Programme Club survey of last season's non-League programmes resulted in ours being placed 33rd nationally out of 1192 entries. We received 153 points. Denaby United (Northern Counties League) were placed First with 199 points, followed by Hoddesdon Town (Minerva Spartan South Midlands League) 192 points, and Evans & Williams Sports (Wales) 191 points. For the first time in at least seven seasons our local rivals Northwood failed to finish in the top three nationally.

In the Ryman League (Division One) we were runners-up four points behind Uxbridge with Barton Rovers third, seventeen points behind us. This meant that in each of our four seasons in the Ryman (formerly ICIS) League we had finished runners-up in the Division we were playing in at the time. Overall in the Ryman League our programme was placed 6th behind Northwood (180 pts), Aldershot Town (179), Dagenham & Redbridge (175), Uxbridge (157) and Bishop's Stortford (154).

It should be noted that the programmes were surveyed, not as many assume voted upon. Marks were awarded to each programme as follows (the maximum marks available in each section are given):- Cover 15 (design 10, match details 5), Page Size 10, Team Layout and position within the programme 10, Results 10, League Tables 10, Price 15, Pictures 15, Printing and Paper Quality 20, Frequency of Issue 20, Value for money 20 (this takes into account the ratio of adverts to content, the clubs league etc.), Contents 105 (other than those listed) taking into account their relevance to the club, its league, environs etc., the size of print used, the spacing between lines, the size of the margins, and if the contents are original or reproduced (from League Bulletins, newspapers, magazines etc.). To gain full marks in the Frequency of Issue section programmes from 10 different current season matches were required for each team entered (allowances were made if ten home games had not been played by the closing date and the Wirral Programme Club had been informed of this), the minimum entry was one programme. As many programmes varied from issue to issue all the programmes received were surveyed, the marks in each section totalled and divided by the number of issues to get the final mark for each section, the marks from each section were then totalled to get the final score. We duly submitted ten, as did the other Ryman clubs mentioned above.

Our record in this Survey over the last seven seasons is as follows:-

Season	Nationally	League	Division
1992/93	106th out of 1159	7th Southern League	2nd First Division South
1993/94	47th out of 1188	4th Southern League	3rd First Division South
1994/95	56th out of 1133	7th Southern League	3rd First Division South
1995/96	22nd out of 1321	5th Isthmian League	2nd Division Three
1996/97	30th out of 1085	6th Isthmian League	2nd Division Three
1997/98	35th out of 1202	7th Isthmian League	2nd Division Two
1998/99	33rd out of 1192	6th Isthmian League	2nd Division One

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## Stones in action



WEALDSTONE v WATFORD AT EDGWARE TOWN FC, TUESDAY 27TH JULY 1999

ABOVE: Mark Williams (No.5 extreme left) opens the scoring for Watford after three minutes play.

BELOW: Wealdstone's Dave Tilbury jumps for the ball watched by Watford's Tommy Smith. (Pictures by David Saunders)





THEY PLAYED IN OUR PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES  
WEALDSTONE APPEARANCES IN FRIENDLIES - 1999/2000 SEASON

	CRA	BER	NOR	WAT	EDG	FLA	WAR	WAL
Noel IMBER	F	F	F	F	F		F	F
Eddie BOXFORD	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Joe LYONS	F	F	F	F	F		F	F
Dominic STERLING	F		F	F				
Dave TILBURY	F		F	F	F	F	F	F
Paul LAMB	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Paul McKAY	F	F		s	F		F	F
Brian JONES	F	F		F	F			
Rocky BAPTISTE	F	s	s	F	F		F	F
Paul BENNING	F	F	F	F				
Fabio VALENTI	F	F			F		s	s
Lee WALKER	s	s	s	s	s	F	F	F
Chris JAMES	s		s		s		s	
Marlon GRAHAM	s		s					
Andy SWAYSLAND	s							
Chris WALTON		F	F	F	F		F	
Nathan COPEMAN		F			s			
Daniel GUSTAF		F						
Steve BIRCHAM		s			s	F	s	F
Carl HOLMES		s	F	F		F	F	F
James COURTLIDGE		s						
Paul HALBERT			F		s	F		s
Sean FINNAN			F					
Ian WAUGH			s	s	s	F		
Jerome BOADU					F	F	s	
Lewis REID					s	F	F	F
Craig BELSON						F		
Lee SMITH						s	s	s
Ed WINTER						s		
Steve CUNNINGHAM						s		
Anton McKAY						s		
Blerim HAXHOLLI								s

Code: F = Played from start of match; s = Came on as substitute during match.  
CRA = Crawley Town; BER = Berkhamsted Town; NOR = Northwood; WAT = Watford;  
EDG = Edgware Town; FLA = Flackwell Heath; WAR = Ware; WAL = Walton & Hersham.

MEET THE STONES  
AT THE HARROW SHOW

Sunday 29th August 11am-7pm & Monday 30th August 10.30am-6.30pm  
Headstone Manor Recreation Ground, Pinner View, Harrow

Once again plans for the Stones site at this years show are in full swing. We are always looking to improve on our stand at the Harrow Show and this year has been no different. We have increased the size of the site this time to four pitches, giving us a total area of 400 square feet. We want to once again bring together the whole of Wealdstone Football Club from the Mini-League, Wealdstone Juniors FC, Junior Stones, the Wealdstone players, Management, Directors and Wealdstone Supporters, to show the people of Harrow that we are a true family club.

The board of directors have kindly offered to sponsor a 20ft by 10ft marquee in which we will house the model and plans for Prince Edward Playing Fields, picture boards from the Junior Club and action pictures from our promotion day at Worthing. We also intend to have a souvenirs table and a Junior Stones and Mini-League membership table. Once again we shall be giving away balloons, stickers and hats along with face painting in club colours.

Meanwhile on the two open air sites we will be holding our very popular 'Beat the Goalie' with footballs for prizes for anyone who can score three goals past the keeper. We have once again set the age limit to under 16's for 'Beat the Goalie' to encourage

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HARROW SHOW (continued)

families to come along and take part. You can also have a go at 'Soak the Ref'. Choose from one of our willing volunteers and throw six wet sponges at him or her.

Boys from Wealdstone Juniors FC will be taking part in a penalty competition in the afternoons. The Under 8's and 9's start us off on Sunday at 1.30pm, with the Under 10's and 11's starting at 3.30pm. On Monday the Under 12's and 13's have their turn, again starting at 1.30pm with the Under 14's, 15's and 16's rounding us off at 3.30pm.

Members of the Board, Management and Players have been invited to join us. Who knows Brian Jones might show us his goalkeeping skills again this year. Watch out Noel!

We are still looking for volunteers to come along and help out. Please see Nick Dugard or myself, or you can phone me at home on 01895-636609 or mobile 07050-045063.

See you at the Show.

PAUL 'FINGERS' FRUIN  
Vice Chairman, Wealdstone FC Supporters Club

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# TEAMDRAW

Winners for the month of July are set out below and congratulations to you all!

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5th Prize: Miriam Goodman	£10		

So far we have 320 memberships which is a big increase on our old Blue Ribbon draw, but we are still some way off our 500 'magical target'. So if you haven't yet joined TEAMDRAW see Nick Dugard or give him a call on 01727 872675. It costs just £1 per week (£4.33 per month).

Future draws will be carried out on the pitch whenever possible and thank you again for your support of this important fundraiser.

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## THE F.A. NON-LEAGUE CLUB DIRECTORY 2000

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9	CARL HOLMES			
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Wealdstone FC Supporters Club are pleased to announce that this season's 'Golden Goal' tickets have been sponsored by Harrow's number one party shop 'Funtasia'. The Supporters Club have been using Funtasia for the past two years for the Harrow Show and our Family and Bring A Friend days.

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On behalf of the Supporters Club may I thank Funtasia for their generous sponsorship and ask our supporters to mention Wealdstone FC when you shop with them.

PAUL 'FINGERS' FRUIN (Vice Chairman, W.F.C.S.C.)

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## The GRAHAM SHARPE Column

So, dearly beloved, here we are, gathered together again to celebrate the start of another season. What have you been doing since the end of the last one, then? No doubt you've been off somewhere sunny for a holiday.

Whilst I was away on mine I made an ill-advised comeback on the football pitch, cobbling together a squad of Old Gits to take on all comers in a seven a side tournament organised at the hotel where we were staying. We swept aside the opposition in our first round-robin game, by playing six at the back and a young ringer up front, then went down to a shock defeat against a team of waitresses (!) before finding ourselves in the final of the competition against a side consisting mainly of fit, young teenagers. Our desperate tactics of cheating, conning and conniving kept us in the game and, indeed, a goal up until with time running out I managed to knock one past my own dodgy Scottish keeper to force a penalty shoot-out in which I then missed my penalty as we went down 8-7. Back to full time retirement, I think.

One of my recent tasks was to help compile the odds for the Ryman League (Premier Division). We've ended up making Dagenham & Redbridge 4/1 favourites from Aylesbury United at 9/2 in what looks a very tight division and, of course, it was difficult not to consider what price we may have been had events turned out differently. I suspect we'd have been on a par with Boro' at around 20 or 25/1.

As it is, although we do not compile a full list for the First Division, I'm sure most neutral observers and a good many not so neutral will be regarding Wealdstone as one of the leading contenders this time round. This is what will make it so awkward for us to repeat last season's achievement as we will not have the advantage of surprise which we clearly had last term when we launched that astonishing late run, picking up win after win while most people's attention was not really focused on us.

Realistically we cannot hope to enjoy a second half of the campaign such as we did last time so the first half of the season will be doubly important and it is going to be vital to get off amongst the pacemakers and stay the course with them.

Today's game will be a good indicator as we have traditionally enjoyed tight, hard fought games against Harlow and a pal of mine who supports them tells me that they have brought in a couple of decent players, have done pretty well in pre-season and are looking to be competitive. I can hardly wait to get over to their place to see that inspiring view of the ski-slope again. The Alps have got nothing on Harlow!

To a certain extent I see our situation this season as similar to a club which has missed out on promotion via the play-off system - something which can often take some while to get over. Indeed, my own 'other' club, Luton Town, failed to recover from the blow a couple of seasons back while Brentford fared even worse and were relegated. I'm sure Gordon will instil the necessary strength of character and singleness of purpose in the side to ensure that we don't suffer a similar backlash.

Whilst on holiday I met a Mum with a football horror story to tell. Her young lad had been on a soccer course and come home with a shirt signed by all the players of Norwich City's squad, of which he was justifiably proud.... Until, that is, she washed it for him!

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# WEALDSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1999/2000

## RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIV ONE)

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Sat Aug 14	HARLOW TOWN	HOME				
Tue Aug 17	Yeading	Away				
Tue Aug 24	THAME UNITED	HOME				
Sat Aug 28	Grays Athletic	Away				
Wed Sep 1	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	HOME				
Tue Sep 7	Leyton Pennant	Away				
Sat Sep 11	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	HOME				
Sat Sep 18	Croydon	Away				
Sat Sep 25	Braintree Town	Away				
Sat Oct 2	UXBRIDGE	HOME				
Tue Oct 12	Maidenhead United	Away				
Sat Oct 16	BEDFORD TOWN	HOME				
Sat Oct 23	Chertsey Town	Away				
Sat Oct 30	WHYTELEAFE	HOME				
Sat Nov 6	BROMLEY	HOME				
Sat Nov 13	Oxford City	Away				
Sat Nov 20	BARTON ROVERS	HOME				
Tue Nov 30	Leatherhead	Away				
Sat Dec 4	Bishop's Stortford	Away				
Sat Dec 11	ROMFORD	HOME				
Sat Dec 18	Worthing	Away				
Mon Dec 27	STAINES TOWN	HOME				
Mon Jan 3	Bromley	Away				
Sat Jan 8	GRAYS ATHLETIC	HOME				
Sat Jan 15	YEADING	HOME				
Sat Jan 22	Thame United	Away				
Sat Jan 29	LEYTON PENNANT	HOME				
Sat Feb 5	Harlow Town	Away				
Sat Feb 12	CROYDON	HOME				
Sat Feb 19	Bognor Regis Town	Away				
Sat Feb 26	Bedford Town	Away				
Sat Mar 4	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	HOME				
Sat Mar 11	Uxbridge	Away				
Sat Mar 18	BRAINTREE TOWN	HOME				
Sat Mar 25	Whyteleafe	Away				
Sat Apr 1	CHERTSEY TOWN	HOME				
Sat Apr 8	WORTHING	HOME				
Sat Apr 15	Romford	Away				
Sat Apr 22	OXFORD CITY	HOME				
Mon Apr 24	Staines Town	Away				
Sat Apr 29	LEATHERHEAD	HOME				
Sat May 6	Barton Rovers	Away				

## RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Tue Sep 14	Hertford Town or Corinthian Casuals (1st Rd)	Away				

## F.A. CHALLENGE CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Sat Aug 21	CLACTON TOWN	(Prelim Rd)	HOME			

## MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Wed Nov 3	HAREFIELD UNITED	(Rd 1)	HOME			

## FRIENDLY MATCHES

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Sat Jul 17	Crawley Town	Away	W2-0 (2-0)	280		Baptiste 2
Tue Jul 20	Berkhamsted Town	Away	L0-3 (0-1)	112		
Sat Jul 24	Northwood	Away	L0-3 (0-0)	187		
Tue Jul 27	WATFORD	HOME	L0-7 (0-4)	1421		
Sat Jul 31	Edgware Town	Away	W5-3 (3-1)	191		Jones, Baptiste, Walton, Walker (pen), Halbert
Tue Aug 3	Flackwell Heath	Away	L2-5 (1-3)	120		Walker 2
Sat Aug 7	Ware	Away	D2-2 (1-0)	109		Holmes, Baptiste
Tue Aug 10	WALTON & HERSHAM	HOME	D1-1 (1-1)	125		Baptiste (pen)

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### Relocation Report

If patience is a virtue I guess I must be the most virtuous person here this afternoon.

Since obtaining outline planning last October we were told that as a **matter of course**, because our plans were outside of Harrow's local plan and our proposals included building on playing fields, our application had to be ratified by the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR). Harrow planning department informed us that they did not expect problems with our application and that we should expect a reply within 28 days.

After a couple months the DETR, following letters from Harrow Council, replied to our proposals asking for further details on the methodology and assumptions we had made to calculate the provision for car parking at Prince Edward Playing Fields.

Following meetings between Harrow planners and myself a comprehensive reply was sent to the DETR in January explaining our requirement for 400 car parking spaces with 200 overflow car parking spaces. The letter also requested for a decision by mid/late February.

No reply was forthcoming from the DETR and any attempts to contact them by Council members, officers and Tony McNulty MP was met with the response that this was a quasi-judicial procedure and the DETR could not enter into correspondence.

Then, out of the blue, following a telephone conversation to Harrow's Chief Planner, Mr Graham Jones, we were told that the DETR were minded to "Call in" our application. This would mean that DETR would totally review our proposals and this procedure could take up to 2 years. All this because of the number of car parking spaces, which is an issue that **no one at all** connected with the Prince Edward Playing Field development had objected too. Even those local residents who were totally opposed to the development did not have a problem with the car park in fact, their concerns centred on cars parking on the local streets.

This was obviously a major blow and as far as we were concerned a totally unjust decision. I immediately contacted Tony McNulty MP who in turn lobbied the Minister for Sport and the Minister for the Regions, Regeneration and Planning. The outcome at this stage is that we think we have prevented the application being "called in" and we are expecting confirmation from the DETR that they will accept 100 less car parking spaces.

This change to our original plan will need to go before Harrow's planning committee and the local residents will be notified of the change. I have held a number of meetings with members of the Planning Committee, including the Chairman and Vice Chairman, and although the local residents opposed to the scheme will again have an opportunity to voice their opinions the amendment should obtain the necessary permission. Also with the DETR agreeing with the changes prior to the Planning Committee it will be very difficult for the Committee to not to approve the latest scheme.

It is anticipated the Planning Committee will consider our amended application on October 19<sup>th</sup>. In a nutshell bureaucracy has been the cause of this 12-month delay to our plans for Prince Edward Playing Fields, a delay that we can hardly afford.

We are continuing with all the necessary legal agreements that are required for detailed planning and transfer of the playing fields so that we can minimise any possible delays once the 19<sup>th</sup> October Planning Committee has agreed the amendment, and we anticipate going for detailed planning as soon as possible after the 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## RELOCATION REPORT (continued)

As you may well have seen in the local press recently, the current situation at Prince Edward Playing Fields is deteriorating month by month with a serious bout of fly tipping the latest problem to beset the disused playing fields. This is, obviously, incredibly frustrating as we all know a solution to Prince Edward Playing Fields has been on the drawing board for a number of years now. However, Camden Council are now as keen as anyone to see the whole situation resolved as every incident of this nature ends up costing them time and money.

On the brighter side, during this enforced delay we have not been sitting on our backsides. A lot of work has gone in to raising funds for the project. We currently have applications for funding in with the Football Association, the Football Trust, the Lawn Tennis Association as well as a number charities and grant giving bodies. We have also opened negotiations with a number of Breweries with a view to them assisting with funding the development. These current applications total nearly £3/4 million and this exercise is still on-going.

We have received a pledge from Harrow Hockey Club of £10,000 towards the project and we are talking to many other local sporting groups with a view to get football and cricket clubs involved at an early stage. We are also making approaches to local businesses to encourage commercial partnerships and sponsorship within the project.

National Lottery Sports Fund is still due to be the major fund provider for this project and we are planning to put our application to them as soon as feasible after the committee meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Sports Fund is currently changing its whole application procedure and they are not accepting any applications between June and October so we could not put in our application much earlier.

Our National Lottery Sports Fund application may be delayed by a new National Lottery fund that may well also help towards the funding of Prince Edward. The New Opportunities Fund is the latest National Lottery good cause and within this fund is the Green Space Initiative. This initiative is designed to assist environment projects, green spaces and community projects. Unfortunately the Green Space Initiative is not accepting applications until the end of the year and any application we have with them will have an effect on our Sports Fund application. However the Sports Fund have told us that they have no problem jointly funding the project with the Green Space Initiative.

Wealdstone Football Club's new share issue is now well underway and despite some justified criticism of the initial application literature, share holders are now purchasing new shares and exchanging their current shares for new ones. Don't forget the reasoning behind the new share issue is to raise much needed funds for the new stadium as well as giving you a say and an investment in **your Club**.

We need to raise as much funding from within the Club prior to our Lottery Application so if you considering an investment please complete your application form sooner rather than later. If you require any further details on the share issue please contact me or a Club official on matchdays or you can call me on 01604 585176.

Although these delays are frustrating please don't lose sight of the fact that we are gaining more and more support from the people that really matter and I am still utterly convinced that **we can make this happen!**

Kip Hewitt  
Project Director



RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION ONE) - MATCH ATTENDANCES 1998/99 SEASON

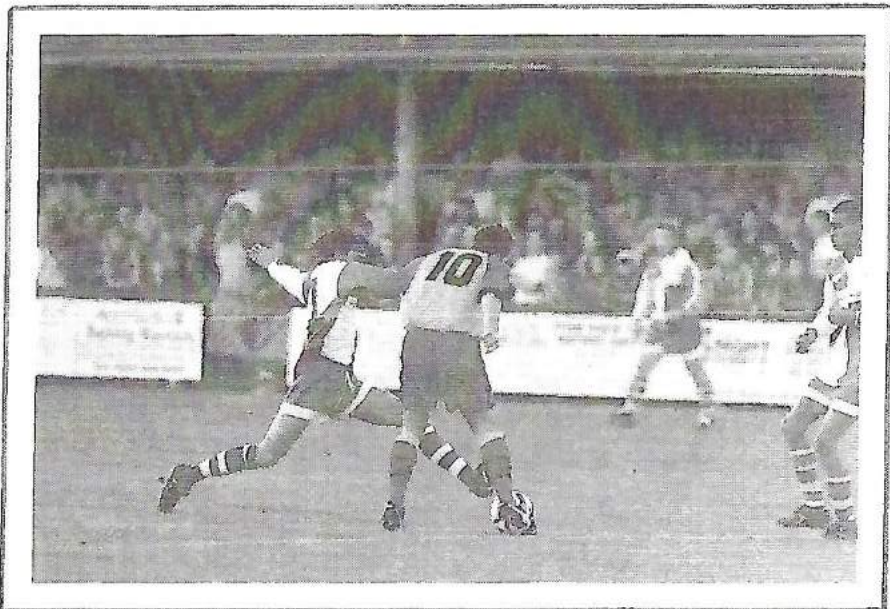
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Barton Rovers	X	142	124	125	186	112	74	103	427	116	89	97	148	130	111	101	98	<b>259</b>	87	91	134	90	135
Berkhamsted Town	88	X	132	146	155	92	176	72	167	144	101	143	129	97	164	128	103	<b>311</b>	104	105	135	122	134
Bognor Regis Town	339	298	X	401	312	396	272	242	311	223	140	201	335	368	254	494	279	<b>286</b>	274	279	551	257	310
Braintree Town	186	293	353	X	552	261	282	610	312	232	242	246	635	361	388	367	169	<b>476</b>	316	343	263	334	343
Canvey Island	245	210	225	730	X	447	330	440	335	320	252	375	343	326	355	210	219	<b>649</b>	360	582	173	128	345
Chertsey Town	234	202	211	149	162	X	168	214	188	213	184	240	192	162	253	306	215	<b>270</b>	177	210	128	164	202
Croydon	50	47	114	88	81	84	X	67	69	90	55	50	73	50	97	84	54	<b>122</b>	58	71	111	60	75
Grays Athletic	181	194	292	202	307	183	132	X	194	189	192	193	193	138	353	165	94	<b>196</b>	154	169	184	166	193
Hitchin Town	609	312	417	261	274	221	319	241	X	318	367	330	274	303	381	322	365	<b>354</b>	328	243	317	456	333
Leatherhead	98	135	211	161	148	211	167	171	227	X	137	151	167	141	152	127	127	<b>211</b>	156	147	235	178	155
Leyton Pennant	121	56	156	179	120	104	91	112	126	87	X	93	79	104	187	98	104	<b>234</b>	76	82	112	107	115
Maidenhead United	231	224	279	201	143	164	138	181	229	201	154	X	182	235	238	251	289	<b>362</b>	125	159	175	83	202
Molesey	94	88	102	114	112	142	71	123	133	151	103	103	X	104	138	130	110	<b>220</b>	105	127	109	102	118
Oxford City	127	117	179	167	172	154	181	184	152	232	136	163	107	X	95	137	131	<b>267</b>	147	117	131	138	154
Romford	230	150	292	220	385	220	152	255	103	231	214	195	94	214	X	179		<b>172</b>	198	182	106	240	202
Staines Town	239	402	232	249	238	293	124	148	230	327	198	214	172	207	197	X	212	<b>305</b>	152	191	232	165	225
Uxbridge	96	88	152	124	150	132	71	97	175	92	79	178	139	104	175	183	X	<b>319</b>	137	127	135	152	138
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Wembley	77	71	101	75	96	53	46	80	105	67	80	73	66	64	92	74	74	<b>304</b>	X	72	97	67	87
Whyteleafe	103	108	125	120	208	130	107	95	108	159	88	78	121	92	105	108	103	<b>165</b>	128	X	135	73	117
Worthing	150	201	058	319	393	345	262	128	203	189	228	230	187	164	281	287	282	<b>387</b>	306	306	X	130	287
Yeading	92	103	155	159	169	148	108	105	115	136	104	138	186	105	158	145	351	<b>315</b>	127	101	153	X	151

<b>Average Away</b>	187	185	253	219	228	201	183	195	205	194	160	185	198	180	219	216	190	<b>294</b>	185	190	183	170
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Best 10 Ave Home Crowds	Worst 10 Ave Home Crowds	Top Ten Crowds	Lowest Ten Crowds
Wealdstone 394	Croydon 75	Worthing v Bognor 1058	Wembley v Croydon 46
Canvey Island 345	Wembley 87	Canvey v Braintree 730	Croydon v Berkhamsted 47
Braintree Town 343	Leyton Pennant 115	Wealdstone v Staines 660	Croydon v Barton 50
Hitchin Town 333	Whyteleafe 117	Canvey v Wealdstone 649	Croydon v Oxford 50
Bognor Regis Town 310	Molesey 118	Braintree v Molesey 635	Croydon v Maidenhead 50
Worthing 287	Berkhamsted Town 134	Braintree v Grays 610	Wembley v Chertsey 53
Staines Town 225	Barton Rovers 135	Hitchin v Barton 609	Croydon v Uxbridge 54
Chertsey Town 202	Uxbridge 138	Wealdstone v Croydon 592	Croydon v Leyton 55
Romford 202	Yeading 151	Canvey v Whyteleafe 582	Leyton v Berkhamsted 56
Maidenhead United 202	Oxford City 154	Braintree v Canvey 552	Croydon v Wembley 58



## Stones in action



WEALDSTONE v WATFORD AT EDMARE TOWN FC, TUESDAY 27TH JULY 1999

ABOVE: Wealdstone's Paul Benning challenges Watford's Richard Johnson (No.10) for the ball.

BELOW: Chris Walton of Wealdstone jumps highest during a first half attack on the Watford goal.

(Pictures by David Saunders)



## HARLOW TOWN F.C. HISTORY

Life started for Harlow Football Club on the 18th October 1879, when a friendly match was played against Saffron Walden Town on the college cricket ground. RC Day wrote his name in the club's history books, scoring the only goal of the game in a 1-0 win.

In the early years only friendly matches were played until the formation of leagues towards the turn of the century. In those pioneering days Harlow played in both the Stansted & District League and the East Herts League. The first move towards becoming a senior club came in 1932 when the club joined the Spartan League Division Two (East). After five years of competing in this league the club were granted Senior Status by the Essex County Football Association and the club competed in the Essex Senior Cup and F.A.Cup for the first time. At this time Harlow, still a village, had the smallest population of all the clubs competing in the Senior Cup - a far cry from today with an ever increasing population of around 80,000.

Following the Second World War the club continued to play in the Spartan League and after completing a hat-trick of Epping Hospital Cup wins, the club picked up it's first senior honour in season 1952-53. The Spartan League Division One Cup was won, defeating Bletchley in the Final. Only one more season was spent in the Spartan League before a switch to the more demanding London League.

Six seasons were spent in the London League, winning the League Cup in season

1959-60. This was the last season that the club played it's home matches at the Green Man Field, as in August 1960 the club left it's roots in the old town, moving into the newly built stadium at the Harlow Sportcentre.

The club's improved facilities enabled them to move into the Delphian League in season 1961-62 and just two seasons later became members of the newly formed Athenian League Division Two, following the merger of the Athenian, Delphian and Corinthian Leagues. Promotion was won at the first attempt, finishing in third place in the table. Life proved to be a constant struggle in the early years in Division One, that was until a change of fortunes in season 1971-72. The season proved to be a great success, culminating in the lifting of the club's first ever championship in May. The following season saw the club challenging for the Premier Division title, eventually finishing fourth behind Dagenham, Slough Town and Tilbury. This was to be the only season that the club competed in this division as the following season saw the vast majority of the top Athenian League sides joining the expanding Isthmian League, forming the Isthmian League Division Two. (later to be re-named Division One).

Since arriving in the Isthmian League Harlow have certainly had their fair share of ups and downs. After five years of mediocrity the club took the Division One title by a clear fourteen points in season 1978-79, adding the Essex Senior Cup in the same year. Defeating Tilbury 1-0 in the Final. The following season saw the club make national headlines with a sensational F.A.Cup run that saw the club win through from the preliminary round to the fourth round proper, defeating both Southend United and Leicester City along the way. Watford eventually brought the run to an end,



winning a pulsating match 4-3 at Vicarage Road in front of the "Mach of the Day" cameras.

Despite reaching the competition proper for the next two seasons the club could not reproduce the form in the league and found themselves relegated at the end of the 1981-82 season. Manager Ian Wolstenholme, who had led the club to it's greatest successes over the previous five years resigned leaving the way open for one of Ian's first signings Gwyn Walters to take over first team affairs. Gwyn called upon a very young side to revive Harlow's fortunes, winning back their Premier Division place at the first attempt, after finishing as runners-up to Worthing.

Two more seasons were spent in the top flight before the club again suffered relegation, finishing in bottom place with just five wins from the forty-two matches played. Gwyn Walters called it a day and former player Dave Edwards was appointed for the start of the 1985-86 season. Worse was to follow as the club once again suffered relegation, this time into Division Two (North). At this time the club was struggling financially and a move to a new stadium on the outskirts of town was planned. Unfortunately the planes never came to fruition and Harlow looked set to lose it's senior football team.

Despite this the club's crippling financial position took it's toll and after having the Sportcentre ground closed in March 1992, the season was completed with "home" games at Bishop's Stortford, Stevenage Borough and even Aveley. With no new ground to move into and the Sportcentre ground now falling well short of the required standards, the club did not compete in season 1992-93.

Thankfully, all was not lost as a large investment in the early part of 1993 saw the Sportcentre ground brought back into line with the League's ground grading and with the clubhouse completely revamped the club were allowed back into the Isthmian League for the start of the 1993-94 season, albeit in Division Three.

Manager Dave Edwards continued in charge of the team, having to start from scratch. Only a tremendous run of five wins in their last five games saw Oxford City pip the Hawks to the third promotion place and things looked set for the following season. However, Edwards was replaced by then Chairman Geoff De-Benedetto and the team suffered a poor season under the guidance of former Leicester City man Len Glover. By the February De-Benedetto had been replaced as Chairman and Glover was relieved of his duties. Dave Greene took over as manager and in his two seasons in charge the club finished in 5th and then 4th place. At the end of the 1996-97 season Dave Greene left the club and the experienced Eddie McCuskey was appointed as the new manager.

McCuskey's experience helped the side win promotion in the last two seasons.

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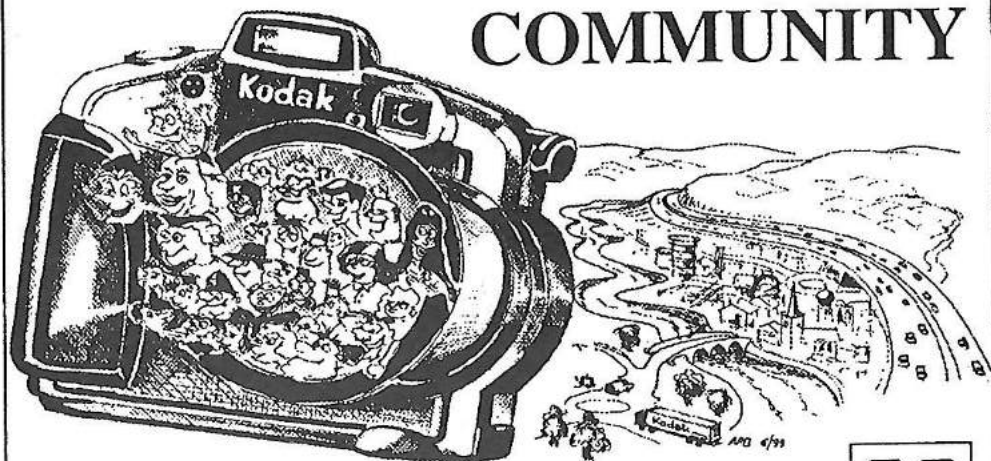
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## PEN PICTURES 1998-99

**Lee Claridge** Defence. A local lad who originally came up from the club's youth team in the late 1980's. Has since represented Bishop's Stortford, Stansted and Saffron Walden. Re-joined the Hawks in February 1997.

**Wayne Cort** Forward. Finished as the club's top scorer last season, having signed in the summer from Fisher Athletic. Went on tour with the Middlesex Wanderers during the summer - scoring two goals in India. Previously played for both Hampton and Dartford.

**Danny Cowley** Midfield. Signed in February 1999 from Barking, making his debut as substitute at Edgware in early March.

**Tony Kelly** Midfield. A vastly experienced player who joined the club in February 1998 from Billericay Town. After first playing for St Albans City and Dulwich Hamlet Tony went on to make 156 Football League appearances with the likes of Bristol City, Stoke City and Leyton Orient.

**Phil Leggatt** Midfield/Defence. Another local lad who joined the club in March 1998 from Grays Athletic. Started his career at Southend United.

**Neil Moore** Defence. Another one of the local players who is now in his fourth season with the club. Despite playing in a defensive role Neil has played in a number of positions for the club and still likes to get forward at every opportunity. Was voted Players and Supporters "Player of the Year" for the last two seasons.

Works for the club's landlords - The Harlow Sportcentre.

**John Nicholson** Defence. An experienced player who joined the club in August 1998 from Dagenham & Redbridge. A serving officer in the Metropolitan Police, John has also seen service with Romford, Met.Police, Billericay Town and March Town United.

**Roy Parkyn** Midfield. Joined the club for the second time in September 1998 having previously played during the latter part of the 1993-94 season. A vastly experienced player who can name Enfield, Hendon, Gravesend & Northfleet and Bishop's Stortford amongst his former clubs.

**Marc Salmon** Forward. First signed for the club in September 1993 from Hendon having already played over 100 times for Enfield. Finished as the club's leading scorer in his first two seasons before embarking on a professional career with Charlton Athletic. After one year at Charlton Marc was released and re-joined the Hawks in September 1996 after a short spell playing in Finland. Marc has continued where he left off, hitting the net over fifty times since his return.

**Marvin Samuel** Midfield/Defence. Joined the Hawks in August 1997 from Fisher Athletic where he had just been voted "Player of the Year". After a tremendous first season with the club Marvin was awarded the same award with the Hawks, again winning the award last season. Known for his outrageous hair styles and colours.

**Darryl Trigg** Goalkeeper. Signed during the close season having spent the second half of last season at Brighton. Previously played in the Ryman League for Wivenhoe Town.

**Paul Flowers** Defence. Signed during the close season having gained previous experience with Colchester United, Romford and Dagenham & Redbridge.



**Lee Francis** Defence. A former Arsenal F.A. Youth Cup winner who recently signed for the club from Slough Town. Previously with Yeovil Town and Enfield.

**Jon Hooker** Midfield. Signed during the summer from Billericay Town. A former Brentford player who has also played for Hertford Town and Bishop's Stortford.

**Greg Howell** Midfield. Started his career with Tottenham Hotspur and has had spells with St Albans City and Enfield.

**Trevor Wilkinson** Utility. Trevor signed for the club in August 1997 and has since played in a number of positions for the club. Scored two goals on his debut in a 2-1 win at Ware. A former Enfield and St Albans City striker who came to the club from Harrow Borough.

set about transforming the club's fortunes. Eddie came to the club with an excellent track record in management, having won two Conference championships, two F.A. Trophy finals as well as a host of other honours in a ten year spell with Enfield. After his playing career was cut short, Eddie moved into management with Clapton, before taking over at Barking. A ten year spell at Mayesbrook Park culminated in Barking winning the Isthmian League Premier Division championship in season 1978-79. In his first season in charge of Harlow the club won promotion from Division Three, following this with a second promotion last season, when the club finished runners-up in Division Two. Eddie is assisted by Fred Donnelly a former youth team manager at Arsenal. Fred has assisted Eddie on a number of occasions over the years.

**MEET THE BOSS**

**Eddie McCluskey.** Eddie was appointed manager during the summer of 1997 and

**WEALDSTONE'S RECORD AGAINST HARLOW TOWN**

Played 11 Won 3 Drawn 2 Lost 6 Goals For 15 Goals Against 14

**Isthmian Football League**

Season	Home	Away
1995/96 (Div. 3)	LO-2	LO-3
1996/97 (Div. 3)	LO-2	L1-2

(Wealdstone's score shown first)

**Summary of League Encounters**

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	2	0	0	2	0	4
Away	2	0	0	2	1	5
Total	4	0	0	4	1	9

**F.A. Cup**

1962/63:	Harlow Town 0	Wealdstone 2
1965/66:	Wealdstone 5	Harlow Town 1
1980/81:	Harlow Town 1	Wealdstone 1
(Replay)	Wealdstone 0	Harlow Town 1

**F.A. Trophy**

1978/79:	Wealdstone 1	Harlow Town 2
1984/85:	Harlow Town 0	Wealdstone 0
(Replay)	Wealdstone 5	Harlow Town 0

(Home team shown first)

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**ADVERTISING BOARDS**

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As you can all see, we have made a special effort during the summer to obtain the support of local businesses to advertise on boards around the pitch perimeter. So far we have been able to secure 25 new signs and we would like to place on record our grateful thanks to all of those companies and, in return, we hope you will look to utilise their services. However we would like to get more companies to invest in boards and we would like you to help us out! Does your company operate locally? Do they have a Marketing/Advertising budget? If you can help out or perhaps give us leads to follow up, or to seek details, see Nick Dugard on matchdays or ring him on 01727 872675.

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## From the terraces Megaphone Mick

So here we are at the start of yet another season. The close season appears to get shorter and shorter each year, but I suppose this time we had our unsuccessful appeal to the Football Association and Ryman League Annual General Meeting to keep us occupied for some of the time. What is done is done, and there is now no point crying over spilt milk. Small minded petty bureaucracy won the day last season, so this year we have no excuses as we know what we are up against. If we are, as we hope, there or thereabouts around Christmas time then we must ensure last season's fiasco cannot be repeated, and do everything we can to get an 'A' Grade for this ground at the earliest possible opportunity.

### IWAG

The 'Independent Wealdstone Action Group' did the club proud last year, with peaceful protests at an England versus Wales semi-professional game at St Albans, together with leafletting at the Hilton Hotel in Park Lane (for the Ryman League Dinner Dance) and of course at the previously mentioned Ryman League AGM. The support we got from other club's supporters at the game at St Albans was amazing, and this was very heartening indeed, if ultimately futile. So well done to everyone who got involved with IWAG, at least we can say we gave it our best shot. This is not the end for IWAG though, as this season there is the proposal to boycott the bars and snack bars on opponents grounds in this league due to the lack of clubs that were prepared to stick their necks out and back our promotion appeal. The feeling is that why should our large away following line the pockets of clubs that ignored us in our hour of need? As I write I am hoping that we can regularly inform people in advance which local watering hole we will be in prior to games. This will be more pertinent to Saturday games than evening games due to work commitments, but as an example the proposed meeting place for this coming Tuesday's game at Yeading will be at 'The Grapes' on the corner of Yeading Lane and the A4020 Uxbridge Road. (Individual supporters have the right to decide for themselves whether or not they wish to support this action during the season. However, as can be seen in the Chairmen's notes, the Football Club are not in favour of such action. - Ed).

### PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES

These have been fairly disappointing from our point of view, apart from our first pre-season game at Crawley Town where we were superb in the first twenty five minutes and won the game 2-0, the second half being played at a canter. Crawley have a lovely ground, and how good it is to see a local council that is prepared to help its local side to such an extraordinary extent. We had our usual defeats at Berkhamsted and Flackwell Heath, and in between these was the long awaited friendly against Premiership new boys Watford. Graham Taylor was true to his word and played a very strong side, especially in the first half. The final score of 7-0 was slightly flattering to the away side, as we battled throughout, with Rocky, Jones and Lyons looking particularly impressive. Joe Lyons continually embarrassed Watford's right back Des Lyttle, and this at least brought a small crumb of comfort. If it is any consolation, last week I was lucky enough to witness Chelsea's 4-0 mauling of Sunderland, and really the home side should have scored double figures with the chances they created. I missed our 2-2 draw at Ware, and am writing these notes prior to our friendly against Walton & Hersham.

### THIS AFTERNOON

Today we welcome our old friends Harlow Town, for what promises to be a lively encounter. They seem to have had the Indian sign over us in recent encounters, so hopefully we can put this ghost to rest come 5 o'clock this evening. We have now achieved three successive promotions, albeit with the last one being taken away from us. Our aim now has to be four out of four, as we look to right the wrong of last season. Thankfully the man with the Midas touch, Gordon Bartlett, has decided to give this division another crack instead of taking up what must have been a very tempting offer at Aylesbury United, and we also have virtually the same squad of players together with a few newcomers. Thank you for staying Gordon (and Leo and Frank for that matter), it's good to see there is still some honesty in football after all. What with the Anelka affair and the recent brattish behaviour by Everton's Francis Jeffers it appeared that

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football was going mad. Gordon's loyalty only goes to prove what an amazing club we are fortunate to support. Life is never dull at Wealdstone, that is for sure. There was a band in the mid-1980's called 'The Redskins' that had a couple of minor hits and had a song entitled 'It Can Be Done'. That has to be our aim this season, it CAN be done again. We supporters can once more be a major factor in our continued success. Don't just want it to happen, help MAKE it happen. Let's start by making as much noise as possible today - See ya in the pub.

MIKE VINCENT

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11 Sep	BOGNOR REGIS T.	Steve Hibberd	4 Mar	MAIDENHEAD UTD	
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30 Oct	WHYTELEAFE		8 Apr	WORTHING	
6 Nov	BROMLEY	Roy Couch	22 Apr	OXFORD CITY	In Memory of Ron Davies
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11 Dec	ROMFORD				
27 Dec	STAINES TOWN				

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RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION ONE)			
CURRENT LEAGUE FORM (Up to & including Friday 13th August 1999)			
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lwddd1	Chertsey Town	w1d1d	dwldww
wwdw1w	Croydon	ldwdwd	lwlw1d
dwwdwl	Grays Athletic	w1dwl1	dw1lww
wlwwww	<b>HARLOW TOWN</b>	dw11d1	l1d1lw
lwdw1w	Leatherhead	l111w1	d1w111
			ld1w1w

This Season In CAPITAL Letters

### TODAY'S RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION ONE) FIXTURES

Barton Rovers v Leatherhead	Oxford City v Bishop's Stortford
Bedford Town v Bognor Regis Town	Staines Town v Grays Athletic
Braintree Town v Yeading	WEALDSTONE v HARLOW TOWN
Bromley v Romford	Whyteleafe v Croydon
Chertsey Town v Thame United	Worthing v Uxbridge
Maidenhead United v Leyton Pennant	

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### RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION ONE)

(Final Table 1998/99 Season)

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			PTS	WEALDSTONE RESULTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	HOME		AWAY	
Canvey Island .....	42	17	1	3	45	17	11	5	5	31	24	90	W3-0	L2-4	
Hitchin Town .....	42	16	4	1	45	14	9	6	6	30	24	85	W2-1	L1-3	
<b>WEALDSTONE .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>84</b>			
Braintree Town .....	42	9	5	7	42	25	11	5	5	33	23	70	D2-2	L0-1	
Bognor Regis Town ..	42	11	3	7	37	19	9	5	7	26	25	68	W2-0	L0-2	
Grays Athletic .....	42	12	3	6	32	17	7	8	6	24	25	68	L1-2	D1-1	
Oxford City .....	42	9	7	5	35	27	7	7	7	23	24	62	W2-0	L1-3	
Croydon .....	42	10	5	6	30	25	6	8	7	23	28	61	L0-1	W3-2	
Chertsey Town .....	42	7	8	6	27	29	7	8	6	30	28	58	D2-2	W1-0	
Romford .....	42	7	6	8	28	33	7	9	5	30	30	57	W1-0	W4-0	
Maidenhead United ..	42	3	7	11	13	28	10	8	3	37	18	54	L0-3	W2-0	
Worthing .....	42	5	8	8	24	26	8	5	8	23	35	52	W4-1	W2-1	
Leyton Pennant .....	42	6	7	8	30	32	7	5	9	32	38	51	W1-0	W2-1	
Uxbridge .....	42	5	7	9	29	27	8	4	9	25	24	50	W2-1	W1-0	
Barton Rovers .....	42	6	8	7	15	18	5	7	9	28	31	48	W5-2	W3-0	
Yeading .....	42	6	6	9	27	23	6	4	11	24	32	46	W2-0	W1-0	
Leatherhead .....	42	10	4	7	35	23	2	5	14	13	36	45	D1-1	W1-0	
Whyteleafe .....	42	9	3	9	34	34	4	3	14	17	38	45	W2-1	W2-0	
Staines Town .....	42	6	10	5	18	19	4	5	12	15	38	45	W3-1	D2-2	
Molesey .....	42	3	11	7	12	30	5	9	7	23	22	44	D2-2	L0-2	
Wembley .....	42	6	4	11	20	32	4	6	11	16	39	40	W1-0	W2-0	
Berkhamsted Town ...	42	6	5	10	31	37	4	2	15	22	44	37	W5-2	L1-4	

Relegated Molesey had the best undefeated run of results in the Division (13 matches) when they won 4 and drew 9 of the first 13 league matches they played. They also suffered the worst run without a win (14 matches) when drawing 4 and losing 10 league fixtures between January and April. During this run they also recorded the worst run of successive defeats by any club in the Division that of 9 straight defeats. The best run of successive wins was achieved by Wealdstone with seven during February and March.

### CLUBS RELEGATED FROM PREMIER DIVISION (1998/99 SEASON)

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Bishop's Stortford ..	42	5	4	12	20	41	4	6	11	29	49	37	
Bromley .....	42	5	7	9	28	32	3	4	14	22	40	35	

### CLUBS PROMOTED FROM DIVISION TWO (1998/99 SEASON)

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Bedford Town .....	42	16	4	1	49	9	13	3	5	40	22	94	
Harlow Town .....	42	16	3	2	64	17	11	5	5	36	30	89	
Thame United .....	42	14	4	3	50	24	12	4	5	39	26	86	

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