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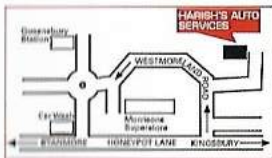
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Stones mourn tragic death of former player

Good evening Ladies and Gentleman, and welcome to our first home League match of this Ryman League campaign. I trust everyone has been enjoying the summer and is now recharged for another football fix. Today's visitors are Tooting & Mitcham, and I sincerely hope their Players, Officials and Supporters enjoy their brief stay here tonight and travel home safely. Both teams kicked off with draws on Saturday so there is no doubt an equal sprinkling of optimism from both camps.

Immediately prior to the kick off this evening there will be a minute silence. As a number of people may already be aware, Jomo Faal-Tomas passed away earlier this month at the tender age of just 21. Jomo played for us in the 2007/08 season at Northwood, and was also part of our Youth set up earlier in his career. It is very hard to put into words ones feelings when an occasion like this comes about. His whole life was in front of him, yet this absolute destroyer of a disease has sought him out so soon. The Club would like to offer it's sincerest condolences to Jomo's family at their time of loss. Elsewhere in this programme is a condolence page with a selection of messages from fellow players, staff and supporters. A Charity collection is to be arranged at either tonight's game or as soon as can be arranged, and we ask you to consider a donation in his memory.

The club would like to thank the Support-

ers Club for being tonight's Match Sponsors. As last year showed, the Supporters Club has a vital role to play, and is always willing to listen to the fans ideas. The Ball donor is Nick Woolford. Nick is a regular name in this regards, and once again we thank you. I certainly hope he enjoys his hospitality and brings us some luck.

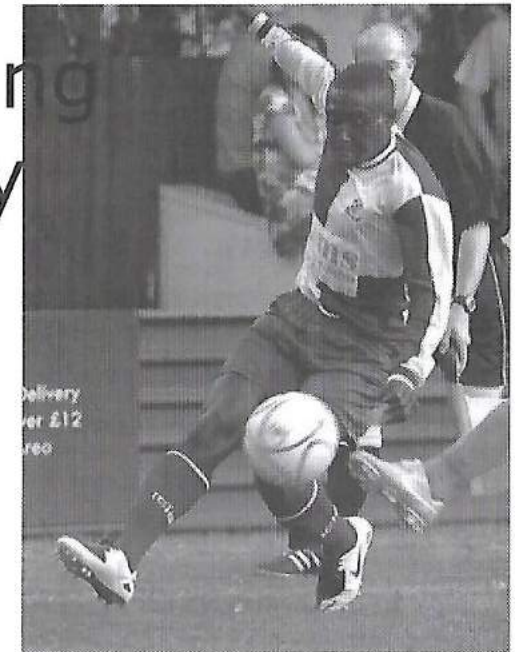
On Saturday we had a chance to see the Stones in action for their first League game. The line-up was very familiar however, and the new signings only came into the team as substitutes. The consensus was certainly that we had the better of the overall game. The woodwork was tested a couple of times and Greg was unlucky with the penalty shout in the first half. The second period saw a lot of injury time, and that is when the game really opened up. With both sides tiring, the score could have been two apiece but for some fine saves from both 'keepers. Charlie Mpi and Jamie Osborne both looked good in their short spells at the end of the game, and certainly shows we have some depth to our squad.

If you wish to sponsor a player this season, or maybe be a Match Sponsor or Ball Donor, please see or ask for Dennis Byatt at the game tonight. There is a list of prices elsewhere in the programme. Enjoy the game

Adam Gloor

Always smiling —Stones say goodbye to a bright young star

Players and club officials pay tribute to Jomo Faal Thomas who died this month



"Jomo was a fit young man and always a pleasure to have around the Football Club. I was devastated when Carl text me the sad news after training last Thursday. He was an excellent footballer who conducted himself in a quiet, unassuming manner and my lasting memory is his big smiling face whenever he arrived late- which was quite often! He was one of those lads you could never get annoyed with. He was an absolute diamond and my only disappointment was the time he made the move to St. Albans when he had three pro clubs interested in him. The news of a young person's death makes you realise that football results and decisions pale into insignificance at times like this. I would like to send my sincere condolences to his family and friends at this sad time. Jomo enriched the lives of so many around him and his presence will be sadly missed. Rest in Peace Jomo. *Gordon Bartlett*

RIP Jomo, absolute diamond of a fella! You'll be missed mate. *Lee Chappell*

Jomo, I feel privileged to have known you and played alongside you. Sincere condolences to your family and we will always remember you. *Chris O'Leary*

Words can't describe the numbness and complete shock I felt when we received the dreadful news from Carl in the bar that night after training. To be taken from us at such a young age and in such a way is beyond belief. Your smile lit up the room as soon as you walked into it even though you were always late! My heartfelt condolences and best wishes go out to your family at this terrible time. The world will be a sadder place without you in it. Rest in peace Jomo, *Mark Gill*

Gone but not forgotten. You're always going to be remembered as a top guy and a true baller. I'm going to miss you bro. *Carl Martin*

It was a privilege and honour to know such a gentle, polite man in the world we live in

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today. My sincerest condolences to his family at this time of great loss. *Ryan Ashe*

I will never forget that beaming smile mate. Everyone thought so highly of you Jomo. Bundles of ability, a superb attitude and a great lad to be around. Was a real pleasure to have met you. My thoughts are with your family. Never forgotten. Rest in Peace my friend. *Stephen Hughes*

Gone too soon. A talented footballer who was destined to go far. Many a person who had the pleasure of meeting or knowing Jomo would agree he was a genuine nice guy who enjoyed life and never stopped smiling. Thoughts and prayers are with his family - RIP Jomo Faal Thomas. *Ben Alexander*

Read about it in the Non League Paper today, couldn't believe it. Didn't play that much with Jomo but he was a smashing lad with a bright future- absolutely tragic *Simon Martin*

It's hard to put into words the great loss and shock of losing Jomo at such a young age to his battle against Cancer. Jomo was a quiet, laid back and unassuming guy, a lovely lad who always had that big smile on his face! He had an uncanny resemblance to a small Sol Campbell, and as a player had huge potential which showed by the interest he attracted from many league clubs. It's a massive loss to everyone who knew him, even when he was going through his battle he unselfishly kept it to himself, which for me sums Jomo up, a top top lad. My thoughts go out to his family, you were blessed with a lovely young man. *Ben Martin*

Gone but never forgotten pal, you will be sorely missed by me and everyone who you were connected with, a true player and all round top guy. Keep bombing down the flank. *James Gray*

Jomo was a class-mate, a team-mate and a great friend. Always had a massive smile on

his face, a great attitude and a real natural talent. He was a quality footballer, who just loved the game and wanted nothing more than to play at a top level. His desire to succeed saw him play and trial all across the country and i know he impressed everywhere he went. No-one has a bad word to say about Jomo - he was one in a million. *Joel Canning*

Only got to know Jomo for a brief period of time but he was always friendly and happy for a quick chat. A nice bloke and a very promising and talented young footballer. Sad to see him leave Wealdstone. Absolutely devastated to hear of his passing at such a tragically young age. RIP young Jomo. We wont forget you at Wealdstone. *Peter John-Baptiste*

I was sat with Gordon and a few other people from the management team after training when he got the text from Carl. When he said Jomo had passed away, I could not believe it. He was such a young person of only 21 years, kept himself unbelievably fit and was a pleasure to know. He had the cheekiest grin and always blended in well with his fellow colleagues at the club, he was liked by so many of them. I didn't even know Jomo was ill let alone having such a serious condition, so I was shell-shocked to say the least. Had a great future ahead of him in football and in life in general.

I'm sure the lads who played with him that are still here are as gutted as I am. My dad told me he only spoke with him two days before his passing on Facebook and even then he made light of his illness, saying he hoped to be back playing once he recovered, even then he didn't let on how serious it was. I guess Jomo being Jomo didn't want to make a fuss. My condolences go to his family during the tragic time. RIP Jomo. *James Smith*

Very sad to hear of Jomo's tragic and untimely passing. I must admit I'd been keeping an eye out for him, tracking his progress on the 'net and was surprised when he wasn't picked up by one of the bigger fish. Like

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most, I was unaware of his illness but guess that explains why I couldn't track down his current club. Jomo was a particular favourite of mine during his time at Wealdstone and I always sung his praises, as (to me) he stood out as having "what it takes". To pass away at such a young age is always, always tragic. In Jomo's case it is especially so, as his huge potential was there for all to see. I would like to pass on the sympathy of my father, my son and myself to Jomo's family and friends at what must be such a difficult time. RIP. *Neil Rands*

We were so shocked to hear the sad news about Jomo. He only spoke to me on Facebook a few days before he passed away thanking us for his birthday wishes. Asked who he was playing for this season he replied 'not playing at the moment, have to get over my health problems first. Not knowing how serious the illness was. He

was a great character in the dressing room and a good player..
R.I.P. Jomo *Graham and Pauline Smith*

Jomo. A true gent and a great lad. In true Jomo style you must be late when arriving in Heaven. Rest in Peace mate. *Andy Burrows*

Jomo was a great lad with a massive amount of ability and could have gone a long way in football. He never stopped smiling and I'm glad that I had the opportunity to know him and to play with him. RIP mate. *Alan Massey*

From my time spent with Jomo not only did you get to see what a fantastic footballer, he was blessed with great ability and athleticism, but also what a great lad always had a smile on his face and he will be greatly missed. *Scott Cousins*

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED

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Forty five of these games were played during our amateur days prior to the 1971/72 season, most of them in the Athenian and Isthmian Leagues. Since we turned professional in 1971 we have met today's visitors a further 14 times with the following results:-

Isthmian League

1997/98	(Division 2)	Home W2-0	Away D2-2
2001/02	(Division 1)	Home L0-1	Away L2-3
2008/09	(Premier Div)	Home L0-3	Away W3-2

Cups

1974/75	F.A. Cup (3rd Qfy Rd)	Away L0-1
1993/94	London Challenge Cup (1st Rd)	Away L2-5
1995/96	Isthmian League Cup (2nd Rd)	Away L3-4
2001/02	Isthmian League Cup (4th Rd)	Home L0-1
2005/06	F.A. Trophy (1st Qfy Rd)	Away W2-1

Friendlies

1979/80	Home L1-2
1984/85	Home W4-1
1985/86	Away L1-2

Cash strapped now, but we will build up solid base for the future

A warm welcome to this new season here at Grosvenor Vale. As always the summer weeks pass so quickly, and it hardly feels like there has been a break. I guess the weather doesn't help much and I for one have gone searching for some better weather and therefore am conspicuous by my absence at tonight's game due to a 'poorly' timed summer holiday.

Not that the summer has been quiet, the Vinnie Jones day, all the plans for the Watford and Leeds games, the building of the new stand and the struggle to channel as much money as possible to the playing side are just some of the headlines.

To this latter point first. We have great faith and confidence in the players we have and we are excited about the season ahead. However, let's be clear about this. The budget has been cut considerably from last season. This has meant Gordon has (as always) needed to 'wheel and deal' to bring in the players he needed, but there are some players he has simply had to say "no" to because of funds. My own worry is that this will hit us in terms of depth of squad. That said, I believe completely that we have a squad which has strength in all departments this season and will compete.

We are doing everything we can to try and increase the income into the Club and ultimately to the playing budget. But as I have said many times before we will not do anything foolish to chase success. This summer we have seen countless clubs in financial trouble, some going under. Everything we do at this Club must be built on solid foundations and while we are ambitious and hungry for success on the

pitch we must continue to be prudent financially.

The job that Dennis and Leo are doing on the commercial front is crucial and needs everyone's support. 100:400 remains important and if you have committed to this scheme and not yet paid then we do need to collect the money in now. If you have not yet pledged then it is certainly not too late and please see Nick Dugard or Jez Albert tonight.

We have a number of plans in place for growing income and you will see the fruits of these in the coming weeks. Income generation really is our number one short term priority—particularly if we want to enjoy another season like last year.

All the big events this summer were not only highly successful, they were also most enjoyable and thanks to everyone involved in organising them. Vinnie Jones' return to Wealdstone was a memorable day, both on the golf course and here in the evening; Watford FC honoured Gordon by bringing a full first team here for his testimonial match and the Leeds friendly was a night enjoyed by over 1,100 people.

If only that was our regular crowd, it would certainly go some way to helping our financial issues. All in good time perhaps. Last season our home crowd rose by around 40% so the pressure is on to maintain this growth this season. Another 40% might be optimistic, but who knows, if we keep playing attractive football and reaching out to the local community we will continue to offer a product that more and more people will want a piece of. Whether it was through the sterling efforts of some supporters one

hot day early in July, manning a stall at the Ruislip Manor Funday or our scheme to offer half price admission to servicemen, particularly those at RAF Northolt, where we will be training this season, our commitment to the locality should not be open to question.

On a sadder note, we were all shocked recently by the news of the tragic death of Jomo Faal-Thomas, at such a young age, and only a year or so since this strapping, talented if slightly shy right full back looked as if he had the footballing world at his feet. We will remember Jomo properly tonight and I am pleased that there are plans in place for us to respond through further sup-

port of an appropriate cancer charity as well.

This is a time of the year when all our dreams for the season remain in place (notwithstanding whatever happened on Saturday). This is the same for our opponents Tooting as much as for us. Based on two very competitive matches last season I am sure it will be a tough encounter tonight and I look forward to getting the reports by text or online (from 5,000 miles away) and being back in a week or so.

Enjoy a great season

Howard Kraiss, Chairman

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Wealdstone FC is delighted to announce that their main shirt sponsorship agreement with West One Electrical Contractors has been renewed for a second year.

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Stones Chairman Howard Kraiss said: 'We are delighted with this extension of our agreement with West One. This is a great vote of confidence in what we are trying to achieve at the club and I am especially pleased as Ron and his team have become firm friends and partners of the club over the past year. We look forward to another successful year ahead'

Wealdstone are also announcing that the scholarship arrangement with Stanmore College is continuing for the coming academic year; the partnership has been operational for six years. Wealdstone FC and Stanmore College provide young footballers aged 16-19 with opportunities for sporting and academic excellence.

Each year in September, a new intake of students is able to combine preparation for a career in football with an academic programme appropriate to their needs and aspirations. It is expected that most students will want to combine a football preparation course with a Sports Studies course at an appropriate level. Students will have full access to the Sixth Form College's facilities sited in Elm Park.

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Howard Kraiss is also seeking new sponsorship and partnership opportunities, particularly with local businesses. 'We are very keen to open up new links with businesses at such an exciting time for Wealdstone with so much positivity around the club following our move to The Vale. This can be shaped to suit business needs and although times are tough we believe we can offer great opportunities for local companies to promote their products and services, and be part of a winning and progressive team.' Contact Wealdstone FC Commercial Manager Dennis Byatt on: 07811 045828

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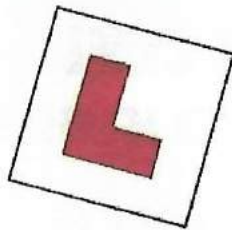
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FROM THE DUGOUT

A satisfactory start on which to build



Good evening everyone and welcome to The Vale for our first home league fixture of the season against Tooting and Mitcham United to whose players, officials and supporters we extend a warm welcome and trust they enjoy their short stay with us and have a safe journey home at the end of the evening.

Both sides kicked off their respective league campaigns with a draw at the weekend. Our visitors will probably be somewhat disappointed with only taking one point from one of the newly promoted sides in Waltham Abbey after having taken the lead and then seeing the opposition reduced to ten men, whilst a clean sheet and a workmanlike performance saw us glean a creditable draw at Billericay.

We felt that overall a point was the least we deserved given that we had a header cleared off the line, a stonewall penalty appeal turned down and the woodwork denying us on two occasions in the second half. Whilst never reaching our full potential we had enough chances to win the game whilst the dangerous front pair of Billericay called Sean into action on a couple of occasions late on.

The general consensus at half time was that we didn't press the ball quickly enough and react to the second phase well enough and that we gave away too many unnecessary free kicks. Having addressed those issues and with a blustery wind at our backs in the second period we found ourselves frustrated by a lack of quality on the ball in the final third which was more as a result of an over eagerness to finish the job off than anything else.

All in all a satisfactory start but you always find yourself wanting that little bit

more. On the back of a decent pre-season where the attitude and workrate of the players was exemplary it gives us a solid base from which to move forward.

The squad itself has taken shape nicely and we are very happy with it. We feel it has a nice balance to it and the only problem comes, as always, is in keeping everyone happy. It was pointed out to the starting eleven on Saturday that the shirt is theirs to lose as a willing and able deputy is ready to fill their boots as it were if performance levels drop. That is the incentive to put all the hard work of the close season into practice.

On the subject of the squad I'd like to take the opportunity of welcoming all the new members of the playing staff to the club and hope that you have a successful time with us as well as welcoming back the usual suspects. They're a decent bunch really even if the initiation ceremony of singing a solo on the back of the coach travelling to Essex may have seemed somewhat intimidating. Fairplay to those who took up the challenge. At this point I would also like to add my personal thanks to those players who have departed the club for pastures new. We wish you well.

On a club note in general lots of initiatives have been ongoing throughout the summer—namely;

- Erection of the new corner stand
- 100/400 scheme
- Further ground/pitch work and drainage schemes masterminded by Fingers and Barney The Owl
- Football fun weeks with Sir Leo 'The Legend' Morris
- Friday night live music nights

ANDY BURROWS

There are far too many people involved in these, and numerous other, projects to mention personally but thank you anyway. In what is now my fourth season at Wealdstone the generosity and hard work of the people involved at this Football Club never ceases to amaze me. You should all be rightly proud of yourself and your achievements thus far whilst knowing that it is a work in progress and we still have a long way to go to get where we want to be.

Time constraints and printing deadlines prevent me from saying anymore but suffice

to say that the dressing room looks forward to your continued support from off of the pitch - make it as loud and vocal as you can - and we will do everything within our power to give you a successful team on it. Of that you can be certain.

Here's to three points. Up the Stones!

Gilly

R.I.P. JOMO - sleep peacefully my friend. Your pain is over but your memory will always live strong

Join the faithful in making it all happen

So it's Tuesday afternoon and most stones fans are at work, college or relaxing at home.....

Well, for a few of us the match day has all ready started. For me, my mid week match day starts at 4pm (long after Sir Fingers who never sleeps). The ground has to be opened, the toilets have to be cleaned, the water needs to be turned on, the board room has to be hovered and cleaned. Then there are the small jobs that go unnoticed—the players water bottles get filled up, their drinks ready for half time and their kit laid out by Tony (again a man who does not sleep), the programmes need to be counted, posters are to be put up around the ground, bins to be emptied, stands need to be cleaned etc etc.

Wealdstone is very much a fans club. There are not many clubs where you see a director at the ground before 1pm. Well at Wealdstone you can find a director helping out behind the bar, or on the turnstiles and helping out stew-arding games. So today while you have your half time cup of tea and burger, just think if it was not for people getting here hours before most, then none of this would be possible. If it was not for the likes of Fingers, Tony, Bappo, Khanna and even Graham (sorry mate) then there would be no ground open, no kit washed,

no burgers to eat, no programmes to read and no music to listen to.

Now while you enjoy watching the game tonight, think of the people who have made this possible, those who will be lucky to see 10 minutes of the match. If we are not running round the ground getting footballs back, climbing trees (trying not to fall out this season), going into people's gardens, climbing stand roofs and there are the people sorting out food and drinks for players and the officials walking round the car park and the back off the ground making sure all is ok for everyone in the ground.

So after the game is done tonight and after you have cheered the mighty stones off the pitch the night is still young for us. The ground has to be locked up, litter picked up, toilets cleaned, water tuned off, kit washed, changing rooms cleaned, etc. etc.

I am proud to do my bit for this great club and its fans. If there is anyone out there who could spare some time on a match day, we would love to have you come on board.

Well here's to a great season on and off the field Up the stones!

Andy



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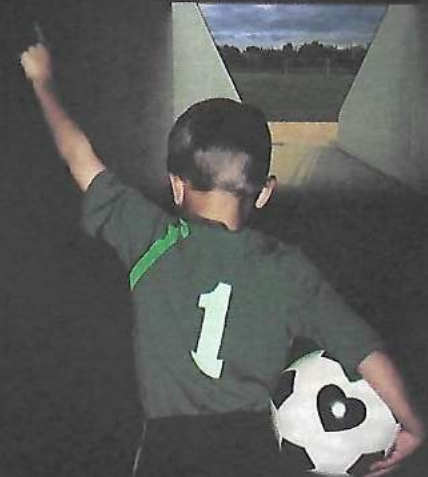
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PRE SEASON ROUND UP

FRIDAY NIGHT GIG - THE BEACHED BOYS

This Friday (August 21st) in the Social Club we have the excellent **Beached Boys** back for a 2nd time by popular request. Doors open at 8.30pm (although you can arrive earlier for a drink if you want) and the band will be on stage at about 9.30pm.

The normal entry price is £10 but tonight everyone entering the ground should have received a ticket allowing them **half price entry for £5**. If by any chance you did not receive a discount voucher then you can still gain half price entry upon production of tonight's programme.

The regular Friday night gigs have been running since February and we are fast gaining a reputation as a respected music venue. Details of all gigs can be found on the Tropic at Ruislip website (www.tropicatruislip.co.uk).

The following Friday (August 28th) we have **Absolute Bowie**. If you like David Bowie then this band is definitely for you - they were one of the bands we welcomed earlier this year and they were absolutely superb - in all seriousness, people said that they were better than the real Bowie.

Another band coming up soon is **Kast off Kinks** who appear on Friday 11th September - again one not to be missed. They even have one of the original Kinks members Mick Avory on drums plus 2 other members of the bands were in The Kinks for years (Jim Rodford from 1978 to mid 90s and Ian Gibbons 1979-1989 & 1993-1996). The legendary Ray Davies has even been known to guest with the Kast off Kinks but don't hold your breath for an appearance at Ruislip.....but you never know.

Peter Worby

Wealdstone FC launch new Macron kit

Long established and high quality Italian kit manufacturers Macron are entering their second season as Wealdstone's official kit supplier and supply a full range of sports wear and accessories to their first team through to the many junior sides. The partnership with Macron has proved to be very fruitful over the past year and a superb new Wealdstone first team third kit has been launched this week at The Vale. Sales of replica kit have proved to be very strong last sea-



son and the new kit featuring the stylish 'Argentinian' design is now available for sale through the Stones supporter's club shop at The Vale on match days. Wealdstone FC wishes to thank Dave McKensie at ProKit UK for his continued support.



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- Throwing any article onto the field of play.
- Climbing floodlight pylons, fences, stands or any structure or building.
- Using obscene or offensive language like to cause offence to others.
- Using violence of any nature.

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Not just a very long name



Tooting and Mitcham F.C. were formed in 1932 when two clubs who were local rivals decided to amalgamate, the idea being discussed for the first time at a Christmas London League match in 1930. **Tooting Town** originated in 1887 as Tooting Grave-ney F.C. The first ground was at Figges Marsh, but in 1905 the Club moved to an enclosed ground at Lonesome. This was unsatisfactory so in 1907 another enclosed ground was obtained called "The North Surrey Poultry Farm" in Gorringe Park.

In 1913 came another move, this time to a ground in The Ridgeway, beside the railway line. Then came the First World War and in 1915, after a club now called Tooting had tried to continue a Metropolitan League with Old Kingstonians, South Tooting, Summerston, West Norwood and Wimbledon, attempts to carry on were abandoned and the players joined a munitions firm called Darraq for the duration.

During this period the Club had absorbed, by amalgamation, Tooting Bec F.C. in 1896 and Balham St Johns in 1902 and many successes were achieved. In the 1914-15 season came the ultimate success when the Club was elected to the Athenian League and, indeed, one game was played before War broke.

In 1919, at the cessation of hostilities, the Club revived with the name Tooting

Town, a ground (two pitches) were rented at Tyrell's Poultry Farm, and admission regained to the South Suburban League. Success came easily and in 1921 the Club was accepted into the London League and efforts made to secure a ground of their own.

The Sandy Lane site was purchased in February 1922. (The ground was an unfenced agricultural field). The next ten years consisted hard work on the ground and moderate success on the field. The Town team played in the London League as did their neighbours over the other side of the fence, Mitcham Wanderers. It soon became obvious that two first class amateur sides could go no further existing side by side in competition, yet those who remembered the Christmas games between the two clubs could see how difficult amalgamation, the only answer, would be.

In spite of its success, the Club, like its neighbours from Tooting felt the need for amalgamation which was effected in 1932. On amalgamation, Tooting & Mitcham United remained in the London League but moved upwards into the Athenian League in 1937. Although their League form was disappointing it was compensated for by a first win in the Surrey Senior Cup in 1938 when Dulwich Hamlet were beaten 2-1 at Selhurst Park. Tooting & Mitcham were the Athenian

League Champions in 1950 and 1955, then were invited into the Isthmian League in 1956. They proved themselves good enough to hold their own against the strongest opposition, winning the Championship in 1958 and again in 1960.

In season 1958-59 the club reached the 3rd round proper of the F.A. Cup for the first time in its history, beating Bourne-mouth and Northampton Town. In the 3rd Round proper they were drawn at home again this time to Nottingham Forest and led the First Division side 2-0 at half-time, but an own goal and a very controversial penalty for handball saw Forest scramble a draw. In the replay Forest won 3-0 and went on to lift the Cup at Wembley.

Their best ever run in the F.A. Cup came in the season 1975-76 when under the guidance of Roy Dwight they reached the 4th Round proper. After beating Romford and Leatherhead they had to travel again in the 3rd Round to Swindon Town and soon found themselves 2-0 down, but a dramatic fightback saw Tooting score twice in the last four minutes to force a draw. In the replay at a packed Sandy Lane Tooting scored a great 2-1 victory with Alan Ives scoring the winner after a great solo run. In the 4th Round Tooting made the long trip to Bradford City and despite a brave performance went down to a 3-1 defeat. The club has also reached the competition proper on seven other occasions.

In season 1983-84 Tooting finished in the bottom two of the Isthmian League but were saved from the drop as Staines Town did not have the required ground grading. There was no reprieve in season 1988-89 when the club were relegated for the first time in its history. They won the Full Members Cup beating Dorking 1-0 in the final at Kingstonian F.C.

Season 1995-96 saw the club flirting with disaster again, and season 1996-97 proved to be one of the worst in the Club's history, resulting in relegation to the Second Division for the first time.

Season 2000-1 was the club's best for many years. The 6th round (last eight) of

the F.A. Carlsberg Vase was reached which equalled the club's best ever run in a national cup competition, and defeat only came at the hands of eventual winners Taunton Town.

Even more importantly, the Ryman League Second Division Championship was won despite an horrific backlog of fixtures, the club's first league title since 1960. In addition the Surrey Senior Cup final was reached, although Crystal Palace proved too strong by three goals to nil in the final at Gander Green Lane. Season 2001-2 was one of consolidation, with a mid table finish. Ten years of frustration and setbacks finally ended with a move to the club's new Imperial Fields ground for the start of season 2002-3.

After a promising start results tailed off and Manager Ian Hazel resigned, to be succeeded by former Falkirk and Millwall striker Richard Cadette. A finish of 11th place in the next season was a disappointment, but in 2004-5 the club were within striking distance of second place in February, only to finish out of the play off places after only picking up ten points in the last ten games.

Season 2005-6 proved to be a re-run. Second in February, the club ended up scraping into the play-offs and were beaten by Tonbridge in the semi-finals. Richard Cadette was replaced as manager by the hugely experienced Billy Smith for the start of 2006-07. Eighteenth in the league in early December, the club embarked on an incredible unbeaten run of over thirty games in the new year, winning the Surrey and London Senior Cups in the space 48 hours, and finishing just one point behind champions Maidstone United. Unfortunately the play off final against Hastings United proved to be a game too far, ending in a 2-0 defeat.

In 2007-08 the club celebrated its 75th anniversary, inviting past players back for a series of special events culminating in a club dinner featuring our most famous old boy Alex Stepney, the legendary Manchester United and England goalkeeper, as guest of honour

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2009/10

OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17
AUGUST																			
15 Billericay Town	D0-0	481	16	Thomas	McCoy	Chappell	Gray	Massey	Ashe	Forbes	O'Leary	Alexander	Ngoyi	Spendlove	Osborne*	During	Fitzgerald*	Mpi*	Beagle
18 TOOTING & MITCHAM																			
22 MAIDSTONE UNITED																			
25 Boreham Wood																			
29 Dartford																			
31 SUTTON UNITED																			
SEPTEMBER																			
5 Aveley																			
12 Arlesy Tn/Hatfield Tn/ Southend Manor (FAC1Q)																			
19 BOGNOR REGIS TOWN																			
22 Waltham Abbey																			
26																			
OCTOBER																			
3 CANVEY ISLAND																			
10 AFC Hornchurch																			
13 HENDON																			
17 MARGATE (FAT1Q)																			
24 HORSHAM																			
31																			
NOVEMBER																			
7 Carshalton Athletic																			
14 Margate																			
17 CRAY WANDERERS																			
21 HASTINGS UNITED																			
23 Kingstonian																			
28 Sutton United																			
DECEMBER																			
5 DARTFORD																			
12 Tonbridge Angels																			
19 BILLERICAY TOWN																			
26 Ashford Town MIDDX																			
28 HARROW BOROUGH*																			
JANUARY																			
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16 AVELEY																			
23 Bognor Regis																			
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10 BOREHAM WOOD																			
17 Horsham																			
24 CARSHALTON ATHLETIC																			
TBA NORTH GREENFORD UTD																			

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Wealdstone FC Team Draw Results - July 2009

1 P Saffer- £100																			
2 D. Nixon	£50	3	R Kemp	£30	4	N Symmons	£20												
5 R Matthews	£10	6	T Parks	£10	7	C Fine	£10												
8 N Benveniste	£10	9	M Kane	£10															

Well done to our winners! Quite a number of new members have come on board during the summer, many joining up via 100:400 so good luck to all of you for future draws. Team Draw is now 10 years young and remains a very important fund raiser for the club

Pre-Season Games 2009/10 (First Team)

18 July	WATFORD	L0-3 (704)	
21 July	LEEDS UNITED	W2-1 (1102)	Forbes, Lafayette
25 July	AFC Hayes	W3-0	Ngoyi, Mpi (2)
25 July	Enfield Town	W2-1	Osborne, Williams
28 July	Hanwell Town	W4-2	Abbey(2), Ashe(pen), Osborne
01 Aug	Potters Bar Tn	W3-0	Abbey (2) Alexander
04 Aug	OXFORD CITY	W4-1 (142)	Ashe (pen), Fitzgerald, Osborne, Locke
08 Aug	Hitchin Town	D0-0	
10 Aug	Beaconsfield SYCOB	W3-2	Hughes, Mpi, Alexander

Pre-Season Games 2009/10 (Reserves)

Friendly home matches being played at Peel Centre, Hendon.

23 July	Broadfields
25 July	Sun Postal Sports
28 July	Hampton & Richmond Borough
01 Aug	Potters Bar Town
06 Aug	Kentish Town
08 Aug	Rayners Lane
09 Aug	SAFCSA

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RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (PREMIER DIVISION) (Final Table 2008/09 Season)

	P	W	Home Goals				W	Away Goals				Pts	GD	W'stone Results	
			D	L	F	A		D	L	F	A			L1-2	L1-3
Dover Athletic	42	18	2	1	55	17	15	3	3	36	17	104	57	L1-2	L1-3
Staines Town	42	15	5	1	45	18	8	8	5	30	23	82	34	W4-3	D2-2
Tonbridge Ang.	42	10	5	6	40	28	10	8	3	42	26	73	28	D0-0	W2-1
Carshalton Ath	42	6	5	10	26	39	13	6	2	38	24	68	1	D1-1	L2-3
Sutton United	42	11	9	1	33	19	7	4	10	24	34	67	4	W4-0	L2-3
AFC Hornchurch	42	12	2	7	32	21	7	6	8	28	30	65	9	W1-0	L0-1
Wealdstone	42	11	4	6	37	22	7	4	10	33	34	62	14		
Dartford	42	9	6	6	39	22	8	5	8	23	25	62	13	D0-0	D2-2
Tooting & M	42	10	4	7	36	28	6	6	9	21	29	58	0	L0-3	W3-2
Ashford Tn (Mx)	42	11	2	8	34	27	7	0	14	27	42	53	-2	W3-1	L1-2
Billericay Town	42	9	8	4	34	27	6	3	12	20	39	56	-12	L1-3	L2-3
Canvey Island	42	10	4	7	39	31	6	3	12	26	39	55	-5	L2-3	D1-1
Horsham	42	8	4	9	24	25	8	3	10	25	35	55	-11	W1-0	W2-0
Harrow Borough	42	7	6	8	33	34	7	6	8	23	39	54	-17	W6-0	W3-0
Maidstone Utd	42	6	6	9	18	24	8	5	8	28	27	53	-5	W3-2	L1-2
Hendon	42	8	4	9	38	27	7	2	12	31	38	51	4	W2-1	W4-1
Hastings United	42	6	4	11	23	33	8	3	10	29	35	49	-16	W1-0	L1-2
Boreham Wood	42	6	2	13	20	28	6	10	5	28	33	48	-13	D1-1	L0-2
Margate	42	8	4	9	29	29	5	3	13	22	35	46	-13	W2-0	W1-0
Harlow Town	42	5	4	12	31	37	8	2	11	30	40	42*	-16	L1-2	L0-2
Heybridge Swts	42	4	6	11	20	34	6	5	10	21	29	41	-22	W3-0	W1-0
Ramsgate	42	5	5	10	26	37	3	6	12	21	42	31**	-32	L0-1	D2-2

* Harlow Town deducted 3 points for fielding an ineligible player against Wealdstone.
** Ramsgate deducted 4 points for playing more than permitted short term loan players in 3 matches.

WEALDSTONE FC APPEARANCES 2009/10 SEASON (Up to & including Saturday 15th August 2009) APPEARANCES (All Matches excluding Friendlies) (Substitutes who actually played are shown in brackets)

	RL	RLC	FAC	FAT	MSC	MCC	TOTAL	CAREER
Max Possible								
Ben Alexander	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	66 (71)
Ryan Ashe	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	94 (7)
Lee Chappell	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	157 (21)
Kieron Forbes	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	43 (5)
James Gray	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	76 (2)
Marvin McCoy	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	28 (7)
Alan Massey	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	71
Greg Ngoyi	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	20 (3)
Chris O'Leary	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	130 (5)
Danny Spendlove	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	19 (10)
Sean Thomas	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	49
Rob Fitzgerald	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-(1)
Charlie Mpi	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-(1)
Jamie Osborne	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-(1)

Sun comes out for start of the season



Massey was a headache for Tooting on Saturday
Photo's Steve Foster

Wealdstone negotiated a tricky encounter at a sunny New Lodge on Saturday and claimed a hard won point - something they were unable to achieve home or away last campaign against a competent Essex side.

With the highly unusual luxury of starting this match with virtually the same side that finished the previous season, continuity bore fruit and Stones were able to snuff out most of what Billericay had to offer in attack through out. But it took some exceptional goal keeping from Sean Thomas at the very end of this match to ensure

**Ryman League
Premiership
Billericay Tn 0
Wealdstone 0**

**Report by
Nick Dugard**

Stones came away with a deserved point to get their season off to a good start.

Wealdstone did had enough chances to collect all 3 points; Alan Massey, Greg Ngoyi and Danny Spendlove were all desperately unlucky with shots

that hit the wood work or were cleared by good defending.

Stones were quickest out of the traps and immediately put Town under pressure with Greg Ngoyi causing their back line a few problems. But the much changed home side started to play out of defence with more fluidity and finally tested Sean Thomas on 13 minutes when a decent shot that could only be parried by the former QPR keeper but the ball was cleared to safety.

Moments later Town's leading goal scorer Billy Bricknell fired wide when very well placed to the

away side's relief.

Stones withstood pressure from the home side as Ryan Ashe and Keiron Forbes in the midfield found it hard to get moves going. But central defenders Alan Massey and Skipper James Gray provided a brick wall and continually frustrated the home attack.

Following a flat period of play from both sides with too much lost possession, Stones perked up when Forbes went on a raking trade mark run and was unlucky that it came to naught. But Wealdstone's first corner of the half almost created the break through.

Ashe took the kick and Massey met the ball with a clean header that was destined for the back of the net with Andy Walker nowhere, but a defender did his job on the line and headed away to safety.

Town's Joe Flack shot over and then Ben Alexan-

der wildly miscued a great chance as the half ended.

Stones emerged from the break with an unchanged side and were again under some pressure and were finding it difficult to break out and create penetrating forward play.

But on 56 minutes, a corner was cleared to Spendlove who crossed well to a leaping Ngoyi but he was agonisingly off target. The diminutive striker's luck was out again a minute later as he struck an upright.

The hard working Chris O'Leary went down following a challenge in the midfield and was replaced by Rob Fitzgerald and then Alexander was subbed by another new boy, Charlie Mpi.

Ngoyi was rightly irritated by an uncompromising series of challenges from Town's Russell Pond who appeared at one point to poke the Wealdstone for-

ward in the eye area. Pond was eventually booked for his troubles.

But the story now was the effect on the game created by Charlie Mpi. It was immediate and dramatic – the rangy striker carved out a corner almost from his first touch.

Mpi then roasted Town's left back for pace and created a chance for Spendlove to curl a lovely shot that crashed off the crossbar. And Mpi's enthusiasm and pace found him in space to volley a shot in front of goal but he rushed his strike and blazed over.

Thomas then came to the rescue with a series of great stops but substitute Jamie Osborne had a super chance to grab victory when put clear but his shot was just too close to Walker who stretched expertly to push the effort away.

Stones Manager Gordon Bartlett was happy with the point 'I'm happy with that and we could have won it. We said at half time that we wanted to keep a clean sheet and we have achieved that – Sean pulled off some excellent saves at the end but overall we did well against what is a bogey side for us' he said.

Wealdstone: Thomas, McCoy, Chappell, Gray, Massey, Ashe, Forbes, O'Leary, Alexander, Ngoyi, Spendlove. Subs used: Fitzgerald, Mpi, Osborne, N/u: Beagle (GK), During.



Danny Spendlove jostles with the flame haired right back

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SUPPORTERS CLUB

Welcome to everyone for tonight's first home league game of the season against Tooting and Mitcham United and in particular we welcome their supporters who are here tonight. We hope you enjoy the game and have a safe journey home. Although we did not score any goals in the first league game of the season at Billericay on Saturday, we created enough chances to win the game handsomely but I think most supporters would have been happy with a point in view of the positive way that we played. There definitely seems to be a very optimistic feeling going around the club after the pre-season friendlies and there are many supporters including myself who feel that we can do even better than we did last season and at least reach the play-offs. Hopefully we can start tonight by securing three points.

During the close season at the beginning of July, the Supporters Club were represented at the Ruislip Chamber of Commerce Annual Fun day which took place on Ruislip Manor High Street. The Supporters Club, Football Club and Social Club had a combined stall and its aim was to promote all aspects of the football club. The stall was perfectly positioned on the corner of Shenley Avenue and the High Street. Supporters Club committee members, Jez Albert, Adam Edwards, Mark Barton and Nick Dugard helped at the stall throughout the day and we really felt that it was worth doing as it certainly raised the profile of the club amongst the local Ruislip population. It is likely that we will be there again at next year's fun day.

Stones supporter, Toby Jackson and owner of the specialist badge company, Lapels has been quite busy over the close season. He produced a special badge for the prestigious friendly against Leeds United and I understand from him that there are very few left after selling the majority at the Leeds game. He has also produced a special "Grosvenor Vale" Badge and Toby will be selling both badges tonight at £3 each. If you do not get a chance to see Toby tonight, they also can be ordered directly from Toby by e-mail on LapelsToby@aol.com.

Everyone at Wealdstone Football Club was deeply saddened to hear about the passing away of ex Stones player, Jomo Faal-Thomas on 6 August at the age of 21 from cancer. Jomo was a player who was very popular with all of the players that he played with. Jomo spent the 2005/06 season playing for our youth team before joining Hayes the following season. He rejoined the Stones in August 2007 and made his first team league debut on Saturday 18th August 2007 away to Folkestone Invicta in the

Ryman Premier League In November 2007 he left us again to join St Albans City. After just three months with the Hertfordshire club he rejoined us for a second time in February 2008. His last game for the Stones was on Saturday 26th April 2008 away to Hendon in the Ryman League (Premier Division) with the Stones winning 2-1.

Altogether he played in 28 league & cup matches for us without scoring any goals. We send our sincere condolences to his family, friends and former colleagues. The funeral is taking place tomorrow (Wednesday, 19th August) at 1.30 pm at Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London EC1 (Nearest Tube: Old Street)

The Supporters Club will shortly be issuing a Supporters Club membership card for the coming season which will include the full fixture list for the 2009-10 season. Supporters Club membership can be purchased for £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. Alternatively you can purchase life membership for £25. Annual and life membership of the Supporters Club entitles you to reduced prices for souvenirs which are on sale in our club shop located behind the ground at the turnstile end. The shop is open before and after the game and also during the half-time interval. The club shop, run by Adam Edwards and Mark Randall, ably supported by Mark Barton, opened for business last December and since then has gone from strength to strength raising valuable income for the Supporters Club. In the space of four months over £3,000 was raised and at the last home game of last season, over £1,000 worth of stock was sold. A monumental effort.

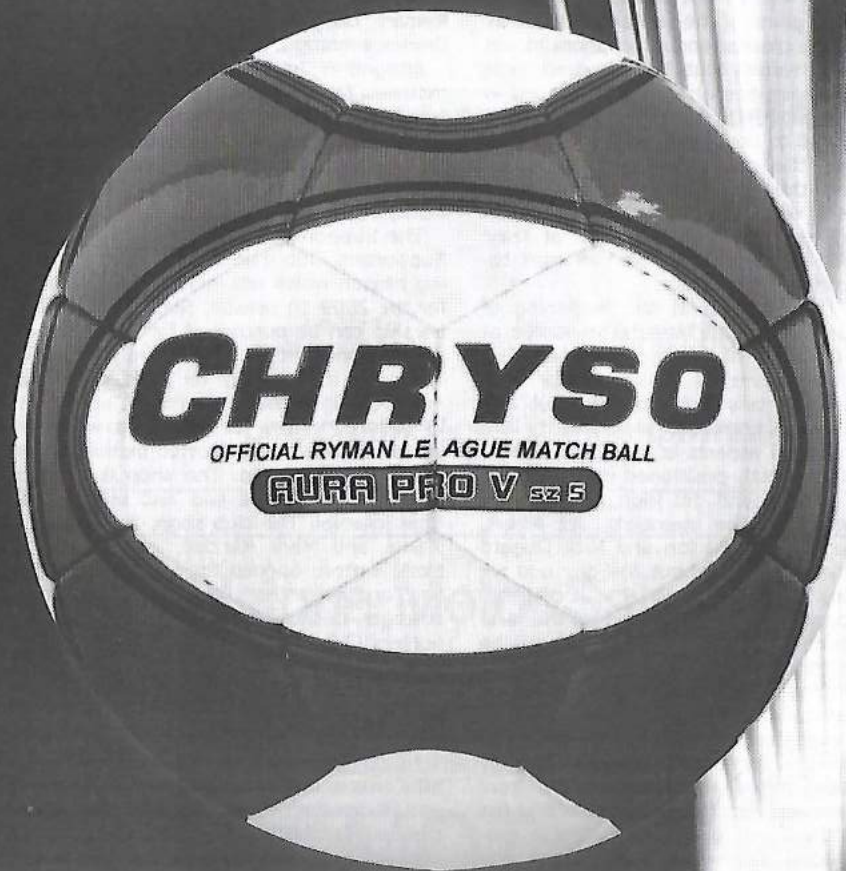
Last season, the Supporters Club started to send our members and life members regular e-mail releases of news relating to the main club and Supporters club. We received some very positive feedback on this service and we are continuing to send these e-mail news releases for the coming season. If there are any members or life members of the Supporters Club who do not receive these news releases and would like to do so, please send your e-mail address to me at david.albert@sky.com and we will ensure that these news releases are sent to you.

For more information on the Supporters Club, please check out our website (www.wfsc.co.uk) which is regularly updated. UP THE STONES!

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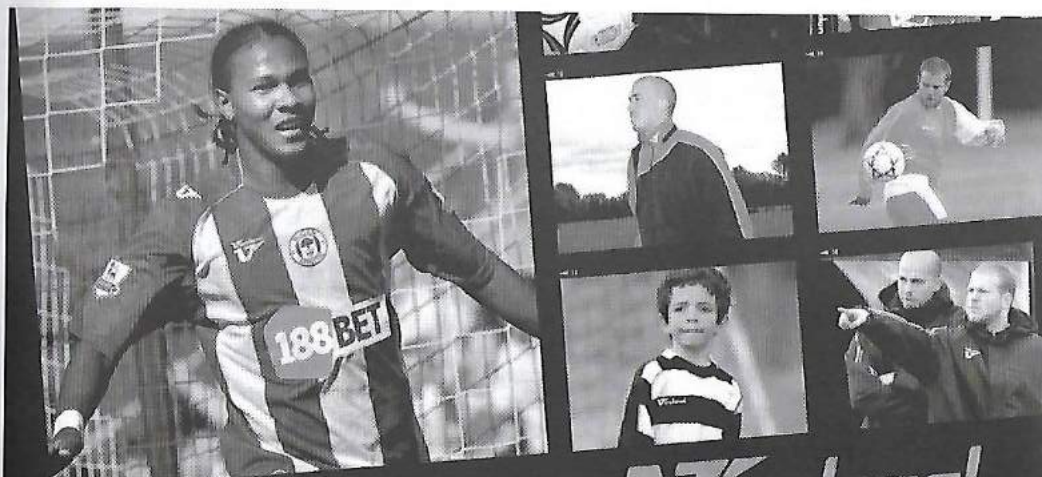


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Ryman League Division One : Wealdstone 4 Bromley 1**

2001/02

THIS demolition of Bromley at the White Lion ground was the perfect to start to a season.. all the sweeter as it followed a wretched 2000-01 campaign that had begun with Gordon Bartlett scratching around for a team in the final 48 hours before the big kick-off.

No surprise that that season had been a struggle from first to last. We finally missed relegation by one place. But the summer of 2001 had been very different: Four players had been signed from the successful Hemel Hempstead side, Fergus Moore, Richard McDonagh, goalkeeper Andy Carter and Vinny Somers, while goal ace Bryan Hammatt re-joined the Stones and netted twice in his first game back, a friendly at Berkhamsted.



Even the ground looked smarter: the adjoining hotel had finally been completed with its new car park and access road, while inside the new turnstile block, walls and terracing on the stand side had been completed. Confidence was high all around the club and we prepared his for this opener with a morning's training at Broadfields followed by tea and toast. More Gordon Bartlett than Gordon Ramsay, but it did the trick as we had an understanding, pattern of play and genuine threat up front throughout the game.

Bromley had assembled an expensive new side in the wake on a season similar to our own but the pattern was set when the returning Fergus Moore—who had been allowed to leave three years earlier as we leapfrogged up the divisions—cracked in the opening goal from a 25-yard freekick after just five minutes. All the more satisfying as it was a routine worked on in training just a few hours before. Bromley hit back to level after 16 minutes but the Stones were rampant with Lee Walker and Hammatt's Little & Large act up front causing the visitors all sorts of problems, while new midfield capture Jason Shaw (from Hampton & Richmond) bossed that department alongside McDonagh and Danny Tilbury. Add tricky winger Somers to the mix and it was no surprise when we stunned the South Londoners with two goals just before the break.



Shaw banged in our second from the edge of the box following a slick passing move, while Somers gave keeper Danny Harwood no chance from close range to make it 3-1

at half time. Fergus Moore, fired up on his return, saw red for a late challenge in the second half but even that failed to stop our ten men taking control - and centre-back Danny Reeve hit the fourth from the penalty spot after the livewire Hammatt took a tumble in the box. A crowd of 304, about fifty up on the previous average, celebrated noisily all the way to the Change of Hart.

So a great start. And it was followed by an excellent 2-1 win at Walton & Hersham three days later to put us top of the table. But... well, you know the rest of the story. We stayed in the top five until mid-October, when a quite astonishing run of ineptitude saw the Stones win just one game (at Bromley, funnily enough) in 23. Yes, TWENTY-THREE! And that ended, typically, with a 1-0 win over leaders Aylesbury on March 9. We just missed the drop, again, and so ended another season that flattered to deceive.

Wealdstone: Andy Carter, Tom Bryson, Fergus Moore, Billy Amarteifio, Danny Reeve, Richard McDonagh, Vinny Somers, Jason Shaw, Lee Walker, Bryan Hammatt, Danny Tilbury. Subs: Ricky Pither, Shane Chandler, Dennis Greene.

Through the summer our 100:400 fund has been creeping up to the point where we are in touching distance of our goal, of raising £40,000—money which will go directly to the playing budget. At the time of writing we have had just a fraction under 95% of the total pledged, which equates to just under £38,000. So we are very close.

This means two things. First we now need to start turning the pledges into money. Already about £15,000 has been collected but please it will help enormously if people can come forward to make their donations.

We are doing all we can through our commercial operation and through all other means to bring new funds into the Club but your individual contributions help no matter how big or small. Remember 100:400 was set up to encourage 100 people to donate £400. But we will accept donations of whatever level, whether £400, more or less. It all helps and we are very grateful to everyone who has contributed.

Secondly, whilst achieving the £40,000 mark will be a great result and a wonderful boost for everyone we won't stop there and will look to carry on to make the fund as big as we can - so we can channel more funds into the playing budget.

Please don't wait to be asked—come forward and contribute—it does directly influence what you will see on the park this season. Thanks for your continued support

Howard Kraiss, Chairman

NO.1 IN THIS EXCITING NEW SERIES...

BY TIM PARKS

THE FAN

Last season saw the Stones programme bring you interviews with the stars on the pitch... this time around we thought we'd turn the spotlight on the fans. And we start with a newcomer to the supporters' ranks, ex-Hornet Simon Ricketts



Name: Simon Ricketts

Where you live: Apsey, Herefordshire

Occupation: I'm a journalist. I've worked for, among others, The Watford Observer, Daily Mail and The Independent but I'm now at The Guardian (don't tell Attic)

First Stones game attended: If you don't count a couple of games at Yeading (which I can't really remember) then it is April 5th, 2008 – a home game, at Northwood, against Carshalton. We lost 5-2 but it was the beginning of my conversion to becoming a Wealdstone fan.

Why you came to be watching Wealdstone: My friend Glen, who was one of my Watford FC-watching friends got me into it. Bottom line is, I fell out of love with Watford when Vialli came in 2001 and I thought I'd fallen out of love with football altogether. It had got too bloated, cash-obsessed and distant for me. Glen, who felt the same, had been to see Wealdstone a lot as a youngster and he thought that coming along might rekindle our passion for the sport. He was right, it worked.

What are the advantages, and joys, of non-League football? How long have you got? The accessibility, the friendliness, the

▲ **WHO'LL BLINK FIRST?** Simon wins that game hands down

feeling of 'togetherness', of being involved, the mad things you see at a non-League game, the banter, the quirkiness, the passion. It's real football and I'd missed it.

Any disadvantages? I can't find a prawn sandwich for love nor money.

Have you regularly watched other clubs? I was born in Watford and grew up a Watford fan. I watched them through the glory years, twice, helped to cover them for the local paper, and even worked on books about the club. I thought I was going to be a Watford fan forever. Wrong.

Most memorable Stones game you've seen: Come on. I might be a reasonably new fan but that's the easiest question ever. If I say 'six' and then 'nil' then I think my job is done.

Best live football match seen: I could repeat the previous answer but I'll say being at

THE STAND

Wembley in 1999, with my Dad (who has since died) and my brother, watching Watford beat Bolton 2-0 to reach the Premiership for the first time. Hugging and dancing and celebrating a massive moment for Watford at the grand old Empire Stadium. An emotional memory.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones-watching experience? Gilly could pipe down a little bit!

Favourite all-time Wealdstone line-up: I can't draw on years of memories, so I'll just say the current one – because I think we've got a real chance this season.

Best current Stones line-up, in your opinion: Woods; Chappell, Locke, Massey, McCoy; Spendlove, Ashe, O'Leary, Forbes; Ngoyi, Hughes. But I'm happy to leave those kind of decisions to Gordon.

Favourite all-time Wealdstone strip? I loved the quarters. Maybe it's because it's the strip I always associate with Wealdstone but I still think the quarters should come back.

Favourite current Stones strip? Not entirely popular, I expect, but the third strip, the Argentina-a-like is pretty cool. Those golden numbers might need a bit of work, though.

What are your expectations for the coming season? My heart says we'll be champions, my head says play-offs. I think Gordon and the gang have got something special lined up.

How does Grosvenor Vale compare to our other grounds? I can only compare it to Northwood. There are not as many gravestones and fewer parakeets at The Vale. However, there are very few grounds that exude the passion that Grosvenor Vale does. I've seen how hard people have worked at the Vale. Most of the fans know a fencepost or a paving slab intimately. Watford and Leeds fans were

both very complimentary about the ground and that should give everyone pride. I love the place.

What do you think of our programme?

I've seen your awards, I don't need to give my opinion do I? Honestly, it's a great programme and it is always worth buying. However, what with my job, I have to be careful, otherwise I might get recruited.

Have you any ideas for improvements?

Get rid of the bit

where you ask Johnny-come-latelys their opinion. Speak to the 'real' fans who've been following the Stones for years!!

And finally ... Where, and at what level of football, do you think we'll be playing in five years' time? I think, with some luck and a following wind, Wealdstone could be knocking on the door of the football league again. As for where we'll be playing, wherever it is, I'll be there.



▲ **MY FAVOURITE GAME** Simon votes the 6-0 Borough Massacre as his most memorable match. Good choice!

Up next... well, that would be telling but he's the man on the tannoy, the fan of the year and so posh he's got a hyphenated first name. No more clues.

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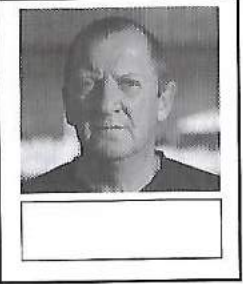
Kit Donors

Once again, it is time for you to find a player or coach to sponsor for the season. Please speak to any club official who can help you through the process. The contribution this makes to the club is very valuable indeed. If you want your photograph taken with the player whose kit you have sponsored then that can be arranged. Thank you to all those listed below who have already come forward, and please see Pete Worby or Dennis Byatt if you wish to join them! Complete kit sponsorship will be £100 per player this season.

Gordon Bartlett



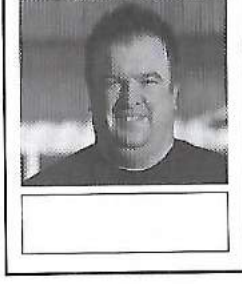
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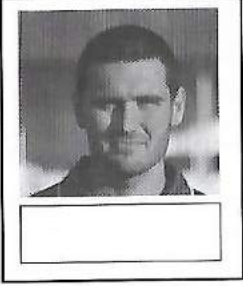
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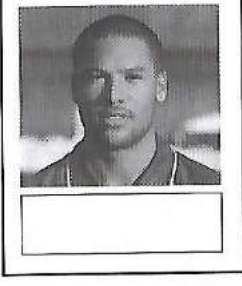
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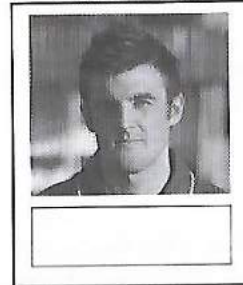
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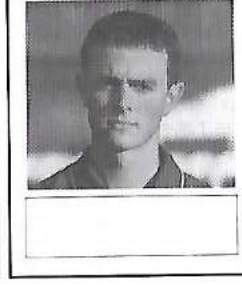
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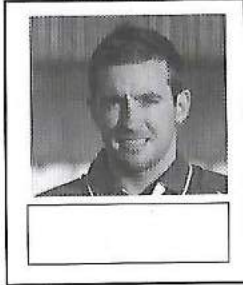
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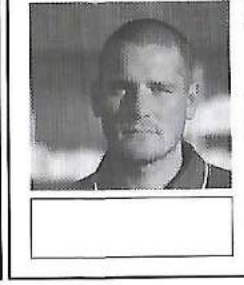
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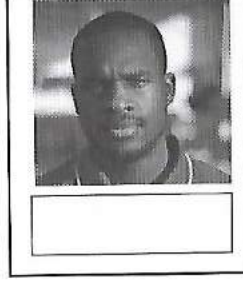
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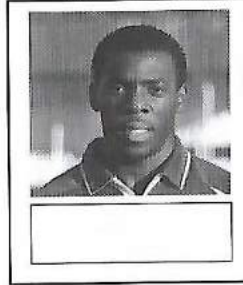
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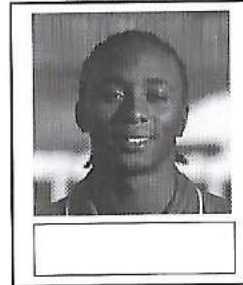
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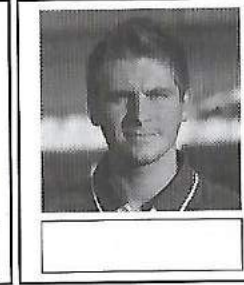
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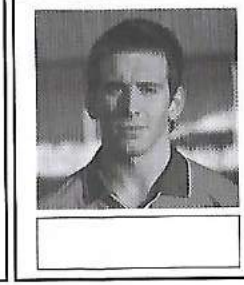
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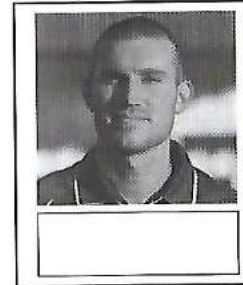
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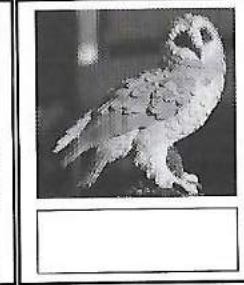
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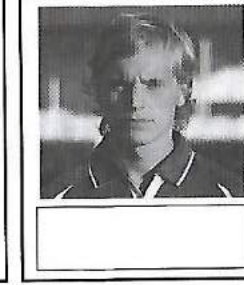
Stephen Hughes



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Danny Spendlove



Greg Ngoyi



Packages of Support

Good evening everyone and welcome to tonight's game. We would like to take this opportunity to give you details of some of the sponsorship packages available this season.

Match Day Sponsorship

By sponsoring a match your package will include:

- Admission to the ground and complimentary programme
- Your name/business mentioned in the programme
- A mention in public address announcements
- Refreshments (tea/coffee) at half time
- Signed match ball
- You choose the Wealdstone Man Of The Match
- Food and refreshment with the players after the game

Prices start from £150 per match and can be tailored to your requirements

Match Ball Donor

By donating the match ball your package will include:

- Admission to the ground and complimentary programme
- Your name/business in the programme
- A mention in public address announcements
- Signed match ball

Price is £70 per league game, and start at £70 for FA Cup and FA Trophy games

Match Day Mascot

A match day mascot would typically be a young supporter and the package includes:

- Admission to the ground for one child (Mascot) and an accompanying adult
- Complimentary match day programme
- Your name and details in the match day programme
- Warming up on the pitch with the first team squad
- Leading the teams onto the pitch and a photograph with both team captains and referee
- An opportunity to meet the players and get their autographs

Price is £50

Kit Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor a player's or one of the management team's kit this season Your name/business will appear in every home game programme underneath the picture of the person you wish to sponsor.

The price is £100

If you are interested in any of the above, or wish to discuss an individual requirement for any of the packages, please contact our Commercial Manager, Dennis Byatt on 07811 045828.

Youth & Reserves

At the time of going to press the majority of the Youth Leagues have still to finalise dates for games but we should get these very soon. The Reserves have also started their season, and managed a decent start too. They beat Tonbridge Angels 3-2 here at the Vale with goals from Ade Kelani, Darren Locke and Sam Blennerhassett. The Stones play at Northwood and Leatherhead before hosting Uxbridge

Coming up at The Vale:

Saturday 22nd August
15:00
Maidstone United
Ryman League

Coming up at The Vale:

Monday 31st August
15:00
Sutton United
Ryman League

Coming up at The Vale:

Weds 26th August
19:45
Uxbridge
Suburban League

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