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Wealdstone FC

# Can Stones write another chapter this season?

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and a welcome to the St. George's Stadium for this final game of this fascinating season. As these notes were written before the Tonbridge game on Thursday night it is unclear what the Stones need to achieve to sneak into the play-offs, but whether it is only a mathematically unlikely chance, or somewhat better, there can be no denying it has been a season to remember for so many reasons.

It is not only a key fixture for Wealdstone but also relegation haunted Carshalton. With only three teams expected to be relegated this season the Robins ought to be safe but if there is even a slight possibility of slipping into the drop zone we should expect a very committed team facing us. It also means we can expect a decent following from South London. The Club hopes all the players, Officials and Supporters from Carshalton enjoy their stay and travel home safely. Our record against today's opponents is shockingly poor of late. We have one draw and six defeats in our last seven League meetings, and they have a certain Richard Jolly ready to take advantage of any mistakes this time around.

The game with Dartford was a very exciting and open game. I felt we were way out of our depth in the first half hour, but from the moment Sean brought

off that fantastic save the Stones got ever more into the game. By half time some amongst us felt we could have had a penalty as McClure was bundled over close to the interval. Although Dartford still had the odd chance to increase their lead, the Stones were beginning to penetrate ever more frequently, and deeper into, the Dartford back line. By the end of the game we had them defending very deep as Wealdstone went for the jugular. This was fantastic to see and the sort of pressure the Stones need to conjure up again today. There was a time when Alan Massey scored plenty of headed goals so it was with understandable pleasure he celebrated the equaliser. Fatigue? Amazing what a goal does to one!

Hopefully Gordon Bartlett was able to blank out team tactics for the vital end of season games during his Testimonial Dinner on Wednesday. A comfortable sell-out for the night with Steve Perryman starring. There is no doubt Gordon's testimonial was richly deserved. One season involved at Wealdstone can test any man but fifteen years on and the determination for, and pursuit of, success for the Club remains in Gordon's sights. See also page 32 for the opportunity to tee-up with the man himself at the excellent Pinner Hill golf course on May 21st.

As always there are to be

**Elsewhere today**

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some working parties to undertake remedial jobs around the ground. Ranging from clearing up to painting and some more challenging improvements any volunteers would be appreciated. There is a dedicated thread on the Wealdstone FC Forum which has the latest requests for help. To find the forum go to the page: [www.wealdstonefc.co.uk/forum](http://www.wealdstonefc.co.uk/forum) and on the index page click on 'Stonesnet forum'. There you will see the relevant topic listed.

The Club has been proud to promote the Help for Heroes campaign, (wristbands for sale still in the bar for £2) and I have been reading some accounts of the Folkestone v Croydon game last week. Over 2000 souls turned up free of charge but instead asked for a donation to the cause. A local man lost his life in Afghanistan and his family wanted an occasion to remember him and do some good. Read page 19 for some moving accounts of the evening.

Back to Wealdstone and, as is customary at this time of year, a big thank you to everyone who has made this season fun and successful, especially where putting this programme together is concerned. Thank you to Martin at Juma for printing it. Mrs Editor has very loyally continued to support me for another full season even with the many tight deadlines this season. Not quite sure how long I

can get away with this so if any one has any wish to share or take over the reins then I am happy to explain everything I know if necessary. Many thanks to my regular contributors too. Tim Park's Rewind effort augmented with his popular Fan In Stand series, Tony Short with his Predicta updates, Nicks excellent reports and of course Roy Couch with the vital statistics. As important as these people are I also have to thank the loyalty of you the fans for buying the thing! On which note I apologise for the many mistakes that crept in, and for any confusion as a result especially towards the hectic end of the season. Like so many at the club we have only so many hours to do a lot and with a couple of programmes a week for the last couple of months...

Finally, don't forget to vote please. Your vote is important. Never mind Clegg and the others my choice is Marvin McCoy for player of the season. He can defend right back and in the centre, play wide, pass, dribble, cross, score from distance. He will surely go far. Who ever you're voting for, please look out for the canvassers by the turnstile.

Have a great summer & enjoy the World Cup

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A warm welcome to all for our final game of this memorable season, and a special welcome to all our successful juniors, both boys and girls who are with us today.

In many respects I can't really believe how quickly this season has passed. So much has been packed into it, as always at Wealdstone, both on and off the pitch.

The good news is that at the time of writing immediately after Dartford, the season is still alive with hopes of getting into the play-offs carrying on into Thursday night's Tonbridge game, and then hopefully onto today.

So the best memories may be yet to come, but whatever happens it will take something very special to beat the fortnight back in late October/early November that followed beating Aylesbury, included beating Harrow and then culminated in what was such a great day against Rotherham. It took us 23 years to get to the First Round of the FA Cup, hopefully we can do it again next year. Other highlights include getting to a Cup Final (if not the penalty shoot out), and a Leeds United themed set of memories that include the pre-season friendly, the pride of Jermaine's performances against Manchester United and Tottenham though also the disappointment of realising he was not going to be sold after all. I bet they wish they had done now!

As always, and in his testimonial year we need to salute our manager Gordon Bartlett with his excellent team behind him. Gordon puts so much time into the Club and yet his passion burns as brightly now as ever. In this packed last week of the season a bumper crowd will be celebrating Gordon's testimonial tomorrow (Wednesday) eve-



**The Club would like to thank the ball boys Liam, Jack and Sam for their fine efforts this season retrieving match balls, saving the Club alot of money...Well done and have a good summer**

ning—it is all so well deserved. I am delighted that Leo Morris will be celebrating his testimonial next season.

It has been a hard season in many respects, especially with the challenges of the weather and Fingers particularly has done an amazing amount of work, often with little recognition or reward. The pitch remains a big issue for us and one we will look to get right – though it will

take time and money and patience.

Off the field there are so many people to thank as always – so I won't even try and thank everybody – other than divide it into three groups.

First to my Board of Directors for all the time, effort and energy they give without much thanks – but in some respects with everyone's thanks. We have so much going on at the Club and I really believe that with the right breaks anything is possible and much of that is due to the work of a few on the Board.

Secondly to everyone who helps, whether on match days or not, in the Social Club, the Supporter's Club, the Stewards, the ball boys, those who help with the Board Room hospitality, the press, the programme, the tannoy, the gate, the Reserves, the Youth, the Juniors, the catering, the kit, the works in the ground and so on (apologies if I missed you out). So many people, giving up their time to help our Club. That is why so many others will always be jealous of what we have in abundance – passion, a desire to succeed and a love of the Club. Dare I say, more of the same next year please?

Finally, a huge thank you to all our supporters, young and old. Thanks to everyone who contributed to 100:400, to all

*Graham*

## Match Sponsors

"Today's match sponsor is Barry O'Sullivan who is celebrating not only his birthday (younger than he looks would you believe..) but his stag do too with around 20 of his good friends. Barry will be marrying Helen Prendergast at the end of May – good to see he's arranged this in the close season – and comes from a family of Wealdstone supporters. His father John O'Sullivan sadly passed away recently and would dearly have loved to have been here today. John enjoyed many afternoons watching the Stones in recent years and was a season ticket holder. He is sorely missed and will be in the thoughts of the group throughout the day."

Regards

*Darren*

Gareth Thomas has been Member of Parliament for Harrow West since 1997. He lives in North Harrow, and before that lived in South Harrow.

Prior to becoming an MP Gareth was a teacher at an inner city school in Harlesden.

Gareth remembers standing on the

our Club sponsors, match sponsors, kit grid donors, match ball donors and so on. Thanks to all those who travel home and away, or even just to home games. You've been immense and of course, we need you all, as much as ever, starting in August when we do it all over again.

But you know, as much as we need volunteer labour down at the ground through the summer months, and we do, I urge you all to take the opportunity to spend some time with your loved ones and get some brownie points because the new season will be with us before you know it. Have a great summer.

*Howard*

terraces at Lower Mead when Stuart Pearce was in the Wealdstone team! Gareth is Chair of the Co-op Party—who first proposed the idea of fans being able to control their football clubs through supporters trusts. When not following Wealdstone's (or Harrow Borough's) results Gareth follows Arsenal and is confident Arsene Wenger has got a Premiership winning team again!

### Steve Whittle Ball Donor

I began supporting the Royals in 1980, I am Stevo999 on the forum. I have fond memories of travelling around the country on Babs Robson's supporters coach, players such as the Cordice brothers, Paul Bowgett, Dennis Byatt, Stuart Pearce, Robin Wainwright and Nigel Johnson were among my favourites. 81/82 we were spoilt with the Quadruple, what an amazing season, nearly as good as 84/85.

When we left Lower Mead I decided to follow from afar until we came to Ruislip. The club has revitalised my thirst for the game, we may not be the richest of clubs but we are fast becoming the envy of others due to amazing supporters, brilliant management and a spirit that will never die.

## Ball Donor

### In Memorium

Jim Hall, aged 76, who died on March 16th at Northwick Park Hospital. His funeral took place at Breakspear Crematorium on March 25th. He played for Wealdstone from 1958-1962, joining from Enfield as a centre half, and during his time with us he played in a number of positions including goalkeeper.

In his youth he had also run for Thames Valley Harriers, played cricket for Middlesex and football for several clubs other than Wealdstone. In more recent years he had been a popular gymnastics coach at Vale Farm Sports Centre.

## Desperately Seeking Players!

Wealdstone U10s are looking for boys in current school year (aged 10 before 31.8.10) to bolster their current squad for moving up to 11-a-side next season. Please call Hayley Hough on 07949 024547 for training details. Thanks,

*Alison Callaghan*

## In the Community

And so, the end of another season - and a quite a strange staccato one at that. Others will cover the details of the highs and lows but from my perspective it's been a great one no matter what happens in the last week of the season. The community side of the club continues to grow. Our gates are swelled by the influx of young voices from the local football clubs and schools - most of whom come with parents and all of whom are local and getting in the habit of following their local football team.

It can't be stressed enough how important it is for us build relationships with the local community. And although we are doing that successfully, we are only scratching the surface.

We have a long way to go to realising our dream of a fully integrated club at the very heart of the community. To achieve this we all can play our part. Any group you see that would benefit to being affiliated to our club please bring them to my attention. The only obstacles we have to achieving our goal is energy and resource. Our small cabal of part-time volunteers are stretched in

## Toby Jackson Lapel Badges

Please check out Toby's stand today. It offers badges from every club in the Premiership and three English Leagues, the entire Scottish League and the Ryman Premier as well as England and Trophy commemorative badges.

juggling home life, work life and Wealdstone FC life. Put starkly we need more people! If you feel you could be the link to a new partnership we're only too happy to have you on board. The chief requirements are energy and a passion for Wealdstone FC.

Unfortunately, the terrible winter has ensured that we will be unlikely to show an attendance rise on last season. That was always to be a tall order but we would comfortably have done so if the planned Saturday games had taken place. But rest assured, the club is growing.

We continue to make ticket offers to both existing and potential supporters. We do this to grow and develop our support base. Offers, such as today's, targeted at those in the Ruislip area, are designed to bring the club to the attention of those who may not be aware there is a football club here worthy of their support. Other offers are there

## Greetings from Oz

Go Stones. I'm watching your progress, on line, from Tasmania Australia. I used to sell programmes at the Station Road ground back in 1963/64. Left the UK in Sep 64 aged 13 and haven't been back since. Good luck on Thursday and Saturday.

*David McDonald*

to encourage people to use the social facilities as doing so directly benefits the football club. Price reduction offers happen when we have a number of home fixtures in a short space of time. The idea being to make it more affordable. We will continue to do this next season. We are aware that the core season ticket buying support is the most valuable of all and hope that people take advantage of the thank you evenings that take place at the social club.

So, happy a great summer - enjoy the World Cup - hopefully watching it at The Vale - and see you next season. Cheers

*Mark*

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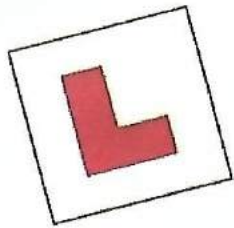
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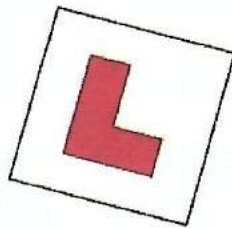
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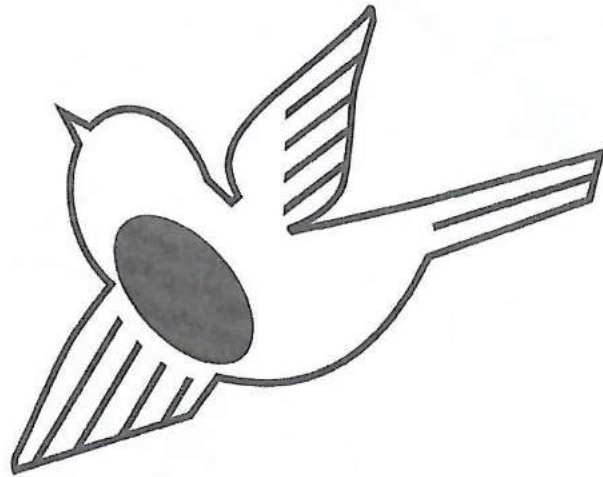
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## CARSHALTON ATHLETIC FC

Mill Lane Mission was founded in 1903, originally for local boys and it wasn't until 1905 that they formed a senior side and were officially registered as Mill Lane Mission FC with the Surrey FA. Mill Lane Mission joined the Croydon & District League and amalgamated with Carshalton St. Andrews (known as the Robins and formed in 1897) in 1908. Before the start of the 1908/09 season, Mill Lane Mission changed their name to Carshalton Athletic Football Club.

The present ground at Colston Avenue has been

used since 1921 after previous pitches at Carshalton Recreation Ground (1907-14) and Culvers Park (1919-20). The ground was dedicated in 1921 to the memory of those killed in the Great War and is known as the War Memorial Sports Ground.

The early years were spent in the Southern Suburban League, the Surrey Senior League, the London League and the Corinthian League where consecutive Championships were won in 1952/53 and 53/54.

The Robins were elected to the Athenian League in

1956-57 and a year later they reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the first time, losing 1-0 to Dulwich Hamlet.

In 1973 they became founder members of the new Isthmian Division Two and in 1976-77 the Robins gained promotion to the Premier Division. That season they also won the Surrey Senior Shield.

They reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup in 1969/70 and 1987/88. In 1982/83 they progressed to the Second Round before losing 4-1 to Fourth Division Torquay United.

In 1988/89 Carshalton won their first major honour for many years when they defeated Woking 4-2 in the final of the Surrey Senior Cup. This was the Robins' first ever triumph in the County Cup and they also recorded their highest ever final league placing in the Premier Division of fourth. The following season Carshalton repeated their Surrey Senior Cup victory this time defeating Dorking 4-2.

In 1993/94 the club had an excellent FA Cup run reaching the First Round Proper before losing to Barnet 2-1. In 1994/95 the Robins again reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final losing to Sutton in the final minutes.

In the summer of 2000 the club was plunged into turmoil when it was sold twice in a matter of weeks. Shortly afterwards the clubhouse was completely destroyed in an arson attack. Manager Gary Bowyer was sacked and two further changes of manager followed but it came as no surprise when Carshalton were relegated to Division 1 after 24 years in the Premier Division.

In 2002 Graham Roberts was brought in as manager to turn the tide and he guided the Robins back to the Premier as champions. However, his term proved to be short lived and he left the club by mutual consent and Billy Smith was reappointed as manager in June 2003. The Robins eventually ended the next season in

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Most of these encounters took place when both clubs were amateurs playing in the Athenian League between 1956 and 1964. During the 1963/64 season, our last as members of the Athenian League, we met Carshalton in the 1st Round of the FA Amateur Cup. A Matt Farrell goal earned us a 1-1 draw at Lower Mead but we lost the replay in Surrey by three goals to one, Viv Evans scoring our goal.

Since we turned professional in 1971 there have been ten games between us with the following results:-

#### Isthmian League

2001/02 (Division 1)	Home L1-2	Away L0-3
2007/08 (Premier Div.)	Home L2-5	Away L0-1
2008/09 (Premier Div.)	Home D1-1	Away L2-3
2009/10 (Premier Div.)	Home Today	Away L2-4

#### F.A. Cup

2007/08 (2nd Qfy Rd)	Away W1-0
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#### Friendlies

1978/79	Home	L0-1
1990/91	Away	D3-3

7th place which was enough to clinch qualification to the new Conference South.

With rejection by the Council of an ambitious £12 million rebuilding project, popular Chairman Steve Friend relinquished his position. The subsequent changes off the pitch including financial restructuring saw manager Billy Smith struggle and he stood down in January 2005.

Goalscoring legend Jimmy Bolton was appointed manager and he secured the Robins' survival in the Conference South, with a memorable win on the last day of the season away to Eastbourne Borough.

A winless start to 2005/06

saw Jimmy relieved of his duties and the board brought in Dave Garland as manager. However, it wasn't until 10th December (18 games) that Carshalton finally won a league match, their worst ever run for 100 years. Despite an impressive performance against Accrington Stanley in the FA Trophy, Carshalton were still caught up in a relegation battle on the final day of the season and with Hayes winning 2-1 at home to Sutton United, Carshalton were relegated to the Ryman Premier for 2006/07 season.

During the summer of 2006 the club was reborn as Carshalton Athletic FC Limited. Under the guidance of

directors Harry Driver, Roger Searle & Les Withers, shares in CAFCL were offered to club supporters. The club also managed to secure its future at Colston Avenue, obtaining a 50 year lease from the Council.

Carshalton finished mid table in 06/07 but by October 2007 results were disappointing and Dave Garland left the club. First team coach Hayden Bird was appointed to take the helm.

He made some high profile signings and there was a noticeable commitment to playing attractive, passing football but the Robins still faced another nail-biting fight for survival in the Ryman Premier at the end of 2007/08. Relegation was only avoided on the last day of the season with a home win over Tonbridge Angels.

Halfway through the 07/08 season, the board welcomed a new director, local businessman Paul Dipre. Paul has instigated a programme of improvements at Colston Avenue, including new spectator and commercial facilities, a new Academy and backing for the first team.

In 2008/9 this investment clearly had the desired effect as the Robins had one of their most successful seasons ever in the Ryman Premier, finishing fourth in the table and in the play-offs, the Robins won a thrilling semi final at Tonbridge Angels 3-2 but were then defeated 1-0 by second-place Staines Town after

extra time.

Despite this loss Robins' supporters were confident that the club were moving forward and exciting times lay ahead. After just a few games of the new season, however, Bird tendered his resignation. The board moved quickly and appointed Francis Vines, a Carshalton old-boy with management experience at Crawley, Farnborough and Basingstoke. However, Francis failed to deliver the results that were required and with only 4 league wins from 18 games he was sacked in February and Ian Hazel took charge of what had now become a relegation fight.

#### **Ian Hazel (Manager)**

Appointed manager for the remainder of 2009-10 following the sacking of Francis Vines in February. Ian played for, amongst others, Wimbledon, Bristol Rovers, Maidstone and Carshalton before becoming player/coach and then manager at Tooting. He has also had spells managing at Sutton and Leatherhead. He is now also the Head of the Academy at Carshalton Athletic.

#### **Nick Hamann (Goalkeeper)**

Signed from Hamburg SV after a long spell at Chelsea. Came through the youth team set up at Stamford Bridge before moving back to Germany in 2008.

#### **David Ray (Defender)**

Signed from Farnborough Town, David started his career at Crystal Palace, spending six years at Selhurst Park before moving to Basingstoke Town and then Bognor Regis Town.

#### **Justyn Roberts (Defender)**

Signed from Sutton United after a period on loan. Finished last season with Tooting & Mitcham. A former trainee with Nottingham Forest, he has also played for Weymouth and Rushden.

#### **Lewis Gonsalves (Defender)**

Signed from Sutton United midway through 2008-9, Lewis was quick to show why he was revered at Gander Green Lane. Although not tall, Lewis is an imposing figure in the air, has great pace and is a very good tackler.

#### **Rob Watkins (Defender)**

Signed from Basingstoke in October 2009. A left sided defender who started his career with Fulham. Has also played for Gravesend, Crawley and Merstham.

#### **Kenny Beaney (Midfield)**

Recently signed permanently after a period on loan from Sutton United. Began his career with Dulwich then joining Fisher in 2007-2008. Finished last season with Bromley after a brief spell with Grays

#### **Adrian Toppin (Midfield)**

Now in his third spell at Car-

shalton, he has previously played for Bromley, Staines, Met Police and Dulwich Hamlet.

#### **Rashid Kamara (Midfield)**

Signed from Hemel Hempstead Town in October 2009. Has also played for Harrow, Tilbury, Wycombe and Arsenal.

#### **Karl Murray (Midfield)**

Signed in October 2009. Has played for Woking, Northwich, Grays and Ebbsfleet having been a trainee at Shrewsbury.

#### **Barry Stevens (Midfield)**

Barry's versatility is crucial in any squad. Stevens can play anywhere across either the midfield or forward line. A natural winner with a superb attitude to the game.

#### **Tommy Williams (Midfield)**

Recent signing from Kingstonian. Tommy is back at Colston Avenue for his second spell, his first being back in season 2002-03.

#### **Ricardo Joseph (Midfield)**

Spent the first part of his career with Rushden & Diamonds, before joining Margate last season. Ricardo is a left-sided player who can play in either defence or midfield.

#### **Pico Pelayo Gomez (Striker)**

A young Spanish striker on loan from Brentford, has recently broken into the first team and scored two goals in three starts.

#### **Richard Jolly (Striker)**

In addition to being the highest goalscorer in the Ryman Premier Division in three of the last four years, Richard is a creator of goals. His previous clubs include Wealdstone, Heybridge Swifts, Aldershot, Braintree Town and AFC Wimbledon.

#### **Byron Harrison (Striker)**

Recently signed after a protracted delay from Ashford Town (Middlesex). Previously played for Harrow Borough, Boreham Wood, Havant & Waterlooville and Worthing. Byron has been looked at by several professional clubs and has a big future in front of him.

## REMEMBER!

### Help for Heroes is still collecting

Official collection jar and wristbands (£2) can be found at the bar here at The Vale

### Supporters Club Player of the Year Award 2009/10 Season

A very tricky one to predict this year, could be very close with so many worthy winners of the famous Trophy. Listen out for any announcements tonight and at next weeks games as to the ways to get your vote counted.

## Chairman's Blog 'The Electric Chair'

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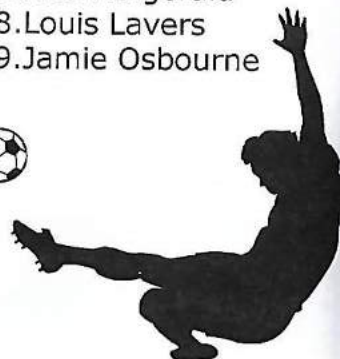
All proceeds will go towards the pitch improvement fund.

Anyone interested can contact Tony Waugh at [Wealdstone\\_kit@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Wealdstone_kit@hotmail.co.uk) or via the Forum message board.

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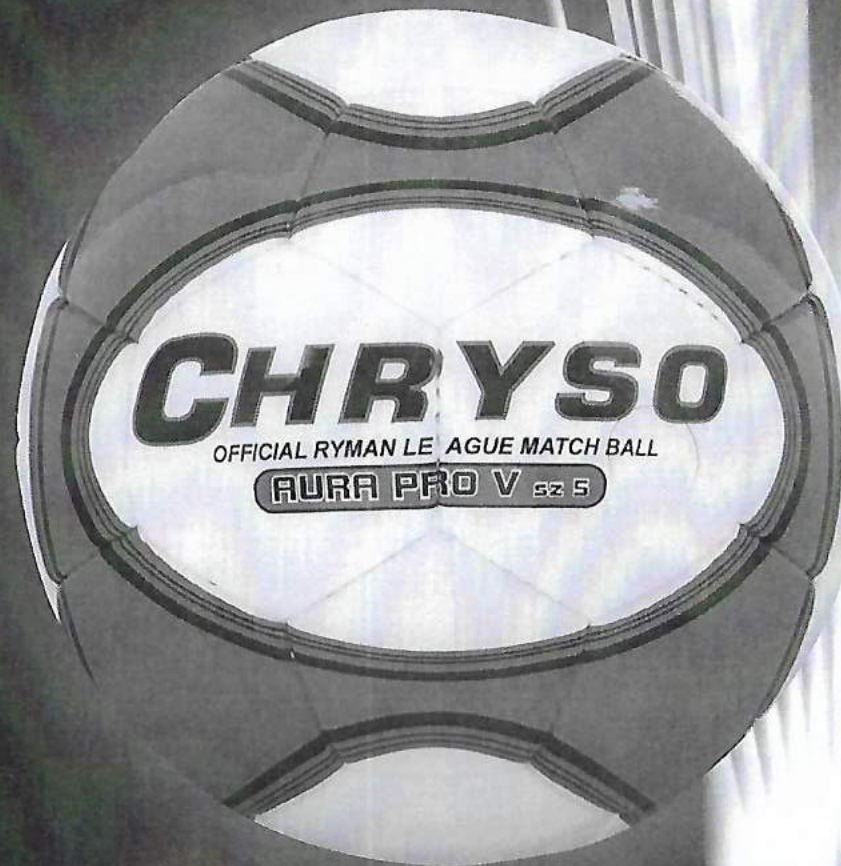
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| 1. Sean Thomas   | 8. Chris O'Leary  | 15. Charlie Mpi    |
| 2. Marvin McCoy  | 9. Greg Ngoyi     | 16. Adam Logie     |
| 3. Lee Chappell  | 10. Callum Martin | 17. Rob Fitzgerald |
| 4. James Gray    | 11. Dan Spendlove | 18. Louis Lavers   |
| 5. Alan Massey   | 12. Darren Locke  | 19. Jamie Osbourne |
| 6. Ryan Ashe     | 13. Sam Beagle    |                    |
| 7. Kieron Forbes | 14. Mark E'bayer  |                    |



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## WEALDSTONE 1 DARTFORD 1



Pics by Steve Foster

Wealdstone's remarkable stamina continues to inch them toward the play-off finishing line with a battling display that forced a deserved draw with Champions Dartford. And with other results helping them out they live to do it all again; such was this dramatic evening at the St Georges Stadium on Tuesday evening.

Stones have two matches left - on Thursday evening against play off rivals Tonbridge Angels and on Saturday against Carshalton Athletic - and maximum points could still see them secure a coveted play-off position.

Danny Spendlove re-

### Ryman Premier Wealdstone 1 Hastings Utd 0

Report by Nick DuGard

turned to the starting line up following injury problems but was later carried off with a nasty looking knee injury following a clash with Dartford's Elliot Bradbrook who was also had to be replaced. It is unlikely that the

influential Spendlove will be fit to play in Stone's remaining games.

Although Stones made a solid start to this surpris-



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# WEALDSTONE 1 DARTFORD 1



ingly open match, Dartford soon showed the 401 crowd why they are worthy Champions. Their main striker Lee Burns had an excellent game and seemed to be attracted to the ball like a magnet as Stones left side was constantly being pulled apart and exposed in the first half.

But Wealdstone certainly contributed to an entertaining opening period and good runs from Spendlove, Kieron Forbes and Chris O'Leary just lacked the finishing touch from a prolific front player that they have lacked for most of the season.

The alert and mobile Lee Burns spurred at least three excellent chances to take his side into the lead and combined with some last ditch defending Stones seemed to be holding out long enough to gain a foothold in the match.

But on 18 minutes the Darts did make the breakthrough when another ball out to the left flank left Stones defence exposed and Lee Noble smashed the ball past Sean Thomas in one swift cross field movement.

Thomas then pulled off a magnificent full length save from Allan Tait to keep Stones in the match as Dartford threatened to run riot. Once again Wealdstone's main problem was holding the ball up and far too much pressure was being exerted on the defence that nevertheless coped manfully with Darren Locke and Marvin McCoy outstanding.

The home side weathered the storm and came back into the match with two incidents involving Matt McClure. Firstly his turn and powerful strike just flashed past the far post with Darts Keeper Andy Young helpless; then McClure had a compelling case for a penalty turned down just before the break.

Stones had a more determined attacking look about them from the start of the second half as they played up the slope. Again Danny Spendlove launched off on some great mazy runs but there was frustratingly no end product to show for all the effort and flair.

After a decent corner attempt from Stones Forbes was replaced by Greg Ngoyi and he immediately livened up the home



attack.

In a great four man passing move up the slope with fine work from Ngoyi and Spendlove, the lack of a cutting edge was again evident but at least the screw was being turned on the Darts who were now having very little effective possession.

Marvin McCoy attempted to take matters into his own hands and showed the forwards how it should be done but moves broke down in the final third but still Stones pressed forward

regardless in the hope of a lucky break.

Charlie Mpi entered the fray for a tiring Chris O'Leary and his athletic presence served to put even more pressure on the Darts back line. Mpi was unlucky to see his instant strike flash just over the bar after a great headed flick on by Ngoyi

With 10 minutes left on the clock and pressure mounting up strode the ebullient Lee Chappell for another of his extraordinary torpedo like throws.

Summoning more power than usual Chappell propelled the ball at pace into the Dartford box and Alan Massey managed to get the faintest of touches to the ball as it flashed into the far corner with Greg Ngoyi following up; but it was Massey's goal and it was enough to keep Stones in the play-off hunt.

There was still time for cool Man of the match Sean Thomas to somehow stop Rob Howarth's late effort with his chest but Stones held on for the draw.



## Folkestone Invicta 0 Croydon Athletic 0

Nothing interesting by that scoreline but the game was very significant as you can see below (from the BBC News website)

More than 2,000 people have attended a Kent football match dedicated to a soldier who died in Afghanistan. Rifleman Peter Aldridge, 19, died on 22 January while on foot patrol with 3 Rifles Battle Group in Helmand. His family were at Folkestone Invicta FC's ground for its game against Croydon Athletic on Tuesday evening, as they have

connections with both towns. More than £10,100 was raised at the event for the service charities Help for Heroes and Care for Casualties. Rifleman Lee Rackham was one of several soldiers collecting money in memory of his fallen friend.

He said he remembered Rifleman Aldridge as being "passionate about his job and always smiling". Entry to the game was free to enable the crowd to donate money.

Bill Hewson, president of Folkestone Invicta FC, said

the Cheriton Road ground was the busiest it had been in more than 20 years. "I've been here since the year dot and I'm in my 89th year. It's the biggest thing Folkestone Invicta's ever done," he said. Mr Hewson added that it was apparent that people appreciated soldiers like Rifleman Aldridge who had given their lives for the benefit of others. The Aldridge family live in Folkestone and had previously lived in Croydon.

## THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

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By Sam Elliott

### We shall not be moved!

EVER get the feeling you're having a hint dropped at you without the words actually coming out of someone's mouth?

The Wembley pitch has been the focus of many a frustration as the ropery turf almost ruined FA Cup semi-final weekend.

Naturally, as the blame game gets cranked up a notch, out comes the list of up-coming events under the Arch.

"...and there's those two Non-League games before the FA Cup final," PFA chief executive Gordon Taylor said when questioned by Sky Sports about the state of the mega-money venue.

There's little doubt his tone wasn't sympathetic for the surface Barrow, Stevenage, Whitley Bay and Wroxham will be walking out on next month.

Of course, Taylor and the media wouldn't ever admit publicly that the FA Vase and FA Trophy are an inconvenience on an already congested calendar.

The FA themselves wouldn't ever dream of shifting the showpiece finals away from their historical home, would they?

And that's where the problem lies. The colour of outside cash has been blinding the Football Association from the minute the stadium opened.

Forget "those two Non-League finals" that have been hosted there forever and a day and focus more on the little matter of a totally needless Saracens v Harlequins Guinness Premiership league match at the weekend. No, not a cup final. A run-of-the-mill league match. And that's before we get to the motor racing and pop concerts!

Yes, Wembley needs the money these events generate. But we're all paying the price and if we're not careful the call for

Non-League's big days to be moved back to the Midlands may just grow a little louder.

Perhaps football and Wembley should be taking a leaf out of Rugby's book.

Twickenham refuse to even discuss the idea of hosting any other sport but their own. It's not totally down to NIMBY pressure, nor is it purely turning their nose up at a lower class competition. The RFU simply know how to preserve their biggest asset.

Maybe that, or the FA should pick up the phone and drag the Arsenal head groundsman kicking and screaming for eleven miles for a handy bit of overtime?

### A cure for that Il-feeling

I can certainly sympathise with the chairman of Ryman North Ilford, Roger Chilvers.

He has watched on helplessly as his side were deducted nine points for fielding a player they didn't know was banned. Now they're in the relegation race.

John Hughes played in eight games but he wasn't aware he was suspended until the debt he was saddled with after his Saturday side folded was paid up - all £88 of it.

The same thing happened to my West Middlesex Sunday League club, London Falcons. The loss of our three points may still wreck our title chances.

It's time for a national database so that managers like myself can tap in a name and get the all-clear in an instant.

### Use your vote wisely

Gordon Brown, David Cameron and company may be on the election trail, but so are we at The Non-League Paper!

Our National Game Awards are in full swing and you need to make sure your favourite player, manager or club doesn't miss out.

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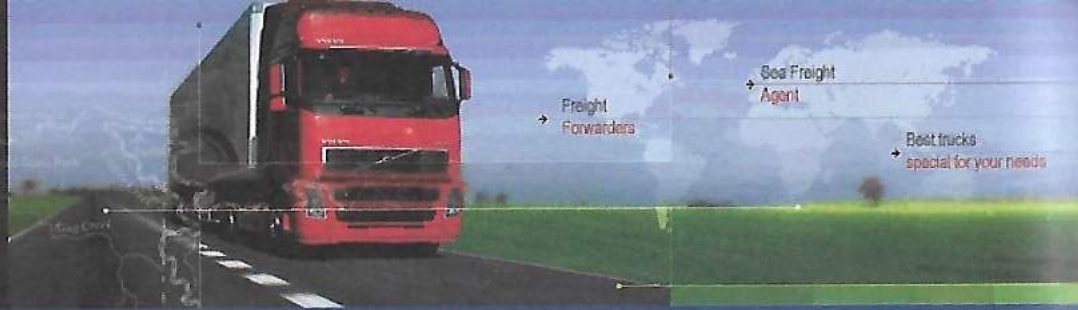


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# RYMAN STANDINGS

## RYMAN LEAGUE (PREMIER DIVISION) (Up to & including Tuesday 20th April 2010)

	Home						Away					PTS	GD	H	A
	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A				
Dartford	40	11	5	5	44	29	16	1	2	53	15	87	+53	D0-0	D1-1
Sutton United	41	9	5	6	35	25	12	4	5	28	19	72	+19	W2-1	L0-5
Kingstonian	41	11	3	6	40	36	9	4	8	32	32	67	+4	D2-2	D3-3
Boreham Wood	41	9	4	7	29	22	10	4	7	22	20	65	+9	D0-0	W1-0
Aveley	40	10	3	7	36	27	9	4	7	43	35	64	+17		D2-2
Hastings United	41	10	5	6	36	27	8	4	8	32	28	63	+13	W1-0	L0-1
Tonbridge Ang.	40	11	3	7	36	31	7	5	7	32	32	62	+5		W3-2
<b>Wealdstone</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>+2</b>		
AFC Hornchurch	41	11	7	3	29	19	5	6	9	20	25	61	+5	L2-3	D0-0
Hendon	40	9	3	7	26	21	8	3	10	31	34	57	+2	L0-2	W3-2
Horsham	40	10	2	8	35	31	6	5	9	29	33	55	+0	W2-1	W3-1
Tooting & Mitch	41	7	5	9	33	37	8	5	7	25	24	55	-3	L0-2	L2-3
Billericaay Town	41	8	6	7	23	23	6	6	8	20	17	54	+3	D0-0	D0-0
Canvey Island	41	6	6	9	28	31	7	5	8	28	29	50	-4	W1-0	D1-1
Harrow Borough	40	7	7	6	31	29	5	6	9	28	31	49	-1	W2-1	L1-3
Cray Wanderers	40	7	2	11	24	32	7	5	8	28	36	49	-16	W3-2	W3-1
<b>Carshalton Ath.</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-9</b>		<b>L2-4</b>
Maidstone Utd	40	5	4	11	19	34	7	5	8	18	22	45	-19	D2-2	W3-2
Ashford Tn (Mx)	41	6	8	6	32	34	5	3	13	28	40	44	-14	W1-0	D3-3
Margate	41	3	7	10	20	36	7	5	9	28	35	42	-23	W1-0	D1-1
Bognor Regis Tn	40	5	9	6	27	28	4	5	11	18	34	41	-17	W4-0	D2-2
Waltham Abbey	41	5	3	12	19	34	6	5	10	28	39	41	-26	L2-4	W2-1

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**7 P. J-Baptiste £10**    **8 M. Goodman £10**    **9 M. Ivers £10**

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Thank you

*Andrew Lane*



# WEALDSTONE APPEARANCES

## APPEARANCES (All Matches bar Friendlies) (Up to & including Tuesday April 20th 2010)

\* Player no longer with the Club

(Subs who played are shown in brackets)

Max Possible	RL	RLC	FAC	FAT	MSC	MCC	TOTAL	WFC CAREER
40	6	5	4	2	-	57		
Lee Chappell	35(1)	6	5	4	2	-	52(1)	208(22)
Marvin McCoy	34(1)	4(1)	5	4	-	-	47(2)	74(9)
Chris O'Leary	33(1)	4	5	3	1	-	46(1)	175(6)
Ryan Ashe	29(3)	3	5	4	1	-	42(3)	135(10)
Mark E'Beyer	28(5)	4(2)	5	4	2	-	43(7)	43(7)
Sean Thomas	31	3(2)	5	4	-	-	43(2)	91(2)
Alan Massey	29(1)	-(1)	5	3	1	-	38(2)	108(2)
Danny Spendlove	28(5)	2	1(3)	1(1)	2	-	34(9)	52(19)
Kieron Forbes	21	2	4(1)	4	-	-	31(1)	73(6)
Greg Ngoyi	16(11)	4	4	4	1	-	29(11)	48(14)
James Gray	21(6)	2(1)	3(1)	1(2)	-	-	27(10)	102(12)
Rob Fitzgerald	14(4)	2	4	3	1	-	24(4)	24(4)
Darren Locke	16(4)	5		2	1	-	24(4)	41(8)
Charlie Mpi	14(14)	3	2(1)	2(2)	1(1)	-	22(18)	22(18)
Callum Martin	20(3)	-(1)	-	-	-	-	20(4)	23(9)
Adam Logie	16(1)	2	-	-	-	-	18(1)	18(1)
Sam Beagle	5(1)	3	-	-	2	-	10(1)	10(1)
Jamie Osborne	7(13)	2(1)	-	-	-(1)	-	9(15)	9(15)
Louis Lavers	6(6)	3	-	-	-	-	9(6)	9(6)
Ross Lafayette	3(3)	1(1)	-(3)	-(1)	2	-	6(8)	6(8)
Billy Gibson*	5(2)	1	-	-	-(1)	-	6(3)	6(3)
Chris Ellerbeck*	1(7)	1(1)	2(2)	1(2)	-	-	5(12)	5(12)
Matthew McClure	5(1)	-	-	-	-	-	5(1)	5(1)
Dean Smith	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Ken During	1(3)	2(1)	(2)	-(2)	1(1)	-	4(9)	4(9)
David King*	3(3)	1	-	-	-	-	4(3)	4(3)
Sam Corcoran*	2(2)	-	-	-	2	-	4(2)	4(2)
Luke Woods	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	30(1)
Reece Yorke	(1)	2	-	-	1	-	3(1)	3(1)
Lee Protheroe*	2	-	-	-	1	-	3	3
Junior Osborne	1(2)	1	-	-	-(1)	-	2(3)	2(3)
Calum Botham*	2(2)	-	-	-	-	-	2(2)	2(2)
Sam Blennerhassett		1(1)	-	-	-	-	1(1)	1(1)
Seny Diedhiou	-	1(1)	-	-	-	-	1(1)	1(1)
Ben Alexander	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	66(71)
Adam Bernard*	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Chet Johnson	-(1)	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-(2)	-(2)
Haroon Shalizi	-	-	-	-	-(1)	-	-(1)	-(1)

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### GOALSCORERS (All Matches including Friendly games)

(Penalties scored are shown in brackets) \* Player no longer with the Club

	RL	RLC	FAC	FAT	MSC	MCC	FR	TOTAL	CAREER
Ryan Ashe	11(7)	-	6(1)	1(1)	-	-	2(2)	20(11)	47(13)
Greg Ngoyi	5	3	3	1(1)	-	-	1	13(1)	31(1)
Charlie Mpi	3	2	-	1	2	-	3	11	11
Callum Martin	9(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	9(1)	11(1)
Danny Spendlove	6	-	-	-	2	-	-	8	11
Lee Chappell	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	6	20
Ross Lafayette	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	6
Chris O'Leary	4	1	1	-	-	-	5	6	14
Ben Abbey *	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4
Jamie Osborne	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	4
Mark E'Beyer	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	4
Chris Ellerbeck*	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	4	4
Kieron Forbes	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	3	5
James Gray	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	11
Darren Locke	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
Alan Massey	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	8
Ben Alexander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	34
Rob Fitzgerald	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	2
Billy Gibson*	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-	1	2(1)	2(1)
Matt McClure	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Adam Logie	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sam Corcoran*	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Stephen Hughes	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	23(5)
Marvin McCoy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Lucas Williams *	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Own Goals	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
<b>Totals:-</b>	<b>62(9)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15(1)</b>	<b>7(2)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26(2)</b>	<b>123(14)</b>	





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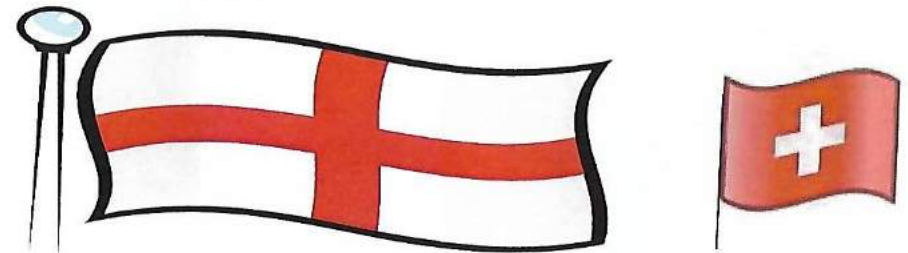
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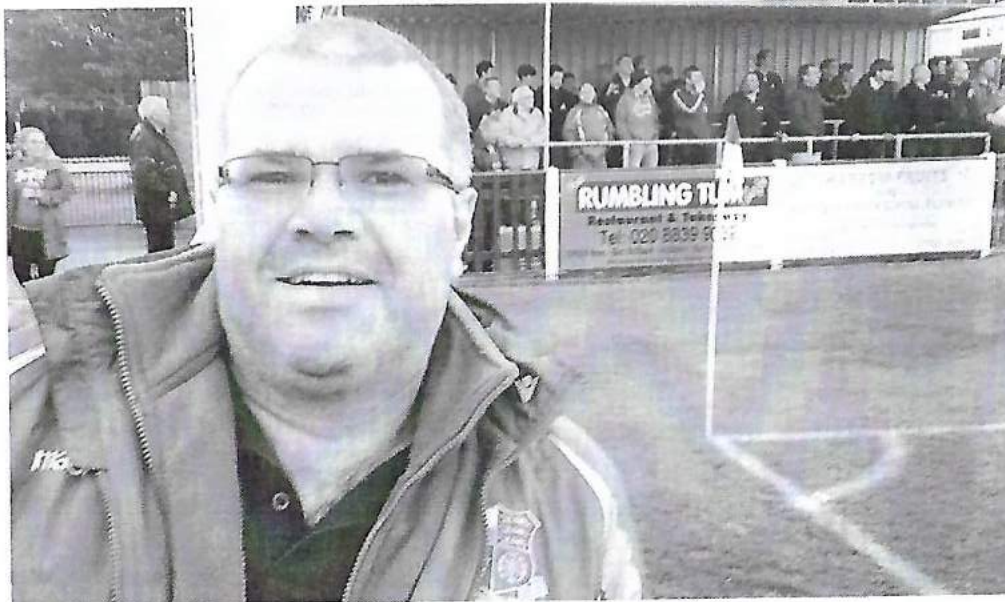
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# THE FAN ZONE STAND



▲ Barry O'Sullivan pictured on Tuesday night before the Dartford game... hopefully his play-off prediction can still come true

## This is a big day for rabid Stones fan Barry O'Sullivan, who is sponsoring the game as part of his stag do. He's marrying Helen next month but the Pope is not officiating..

**Name:** Barry O'Sullivan

**Date of Birth:** It is my birthday today.

**Marital Status:** Engaged to the wonderful Helen. Getting married on 29th May. Very exciting. Best Man is fellow Wealdstone Fan Darren Linden. This game is part of my stag do.

**Where you live:** Just off Belmont circle.

**Occupation:** Teacher at Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School, St Albans. My job title is the rather grand 'Director of Spirituality'. Still not 100% certain what it actually means.....

**First Stones game attended, and memories of it:**

I have a vague memory of attending a pre season friendly against QPR, not certain of the year, maybe 1980 or '81? I just remember Bob Hazel getting lots of stick and someone offering me 50p for my team sheet as I left. How friendly Wealdstone fans seemed to an impressionable 7 year old.....The 1st game I remember in more detail was the Trophy Final of 85. A group of us from St Josephs Primary School went along and were very impressed to have such a successful team on our door step!

**How you came to be watching the Stones:** The season following the Double a few from the lower years of the Salvatorian started to attend regularly. I went to most Saturday home games for the next few years. My first midweek game was the Enfield game following Meldrum's sacking – wow, what an atmosphere! My Mum knew we had won, she heard the cheer for the winning goal from near the Leisure centre in Wealdstone. So I was a new fan that thought Stones were a team that won regular silverware with fantastic atmosphere at its games. I was hooked.....

**Have you followed any other teams?** Southampton and the Republic of Ireland. I went to University in Southampton. My accommodation was a 3 minute walk from the Dell. Not able to get back to as many Wealdstone games as I would have hoped I started to take an interest in the Saints. Matt Le Tissier was in his prime. (See answer below) My 1st game was against Newcastle in October 1993, Le Tissier scored twice. Both goals were contenders for goal of the season. I went to most Saturday home games during term time. When I came back to London I still tried to get to a few games each season. However once they left the Dell the visits became fewer and fewer. I still look out for their results and hate Harry Rednapp.

I always followed the Irish national team. Euro 88 was a wonderful memory, especially 3.06 on Sunday June 6th. Thank you Ray Houghton. However tickets at Landsdowne were very difficult to come by. The odd away game, but only one home game. The temporary move to Croke Park gave me the opportunity to take out a block booking and attend games more regularly. Unfortunately it co-incided with the reign of the worst football manager ever, at any level, in any era. Mr Steve 'Stan' Staunton. I once thought he was nicknamed Stan because he looked like Stan Laurel, I now realise it is because he manages like him.

Follow Stones fans, Alan McHugh and Paul Ryan have been fine travelling companions in this more hopeful era of Giovanni Trapatoni. Despite what some elements of the Irish media may say I

am confident we are heading in the right direction and an appearance at a major finals is within our grasp. So hopeful I have decided to take out a 10 year ticket for the new Landsdowne. That was before it was decided to play most games on a Friday and before I got engaged. That 10 year ticket really did seem like a good idea at the time.....

**Player you've most admired (for any team, live or on TV)?** Matthew Le Tissier. He is the most gifted footballer I have ever seen. The 1st season I watched Southampton he had at least one goal in the goal of the month competition for the whole season. As well as amazing natural ability I admired him for his incredible loyalty. Many questioned his decision to stay at Southampton for his whole career.

His hunger and desire were called into question. Why not just call it loyalty?

**Advantages and disadvantages of non-League football?** Advantages:

At this level of football you really feel part of it. No over-priced prima donas taking your club for a ride and then leaving. The cost as well. I just could not afford to watch league football on a regular basis. Disadvantages: Not so much now, but it used to be very difficult to find league

tables and match reports etc. I also hate it when you tell people you support a non league team, those that know little about football then ask 'Which proper team do you support?' I enjoy watching football at this level because it is my team, my club.

**Most memorable Stones game/s ever seen?**

Choosing between the Northwood title decider in 1997 and the Dulwich Playoff win in 2004 is difficult. However the winner has to be the Northwood game. Not just the game but the importance in our history. After what seemed like years of what can only be described as park football we were finally on the up again. We were off life support and making progress again. It was also the first time as a Stones fan I REALLY celebrated silverware and boy did we celebrate. The dinner at WASPS that evening



▲ Helen and Barry. All together now: Aaahhh

Yes, there's more! ❖❖❖



▲ The famous Barry O'Sullivan went to Rome to see the Pope, and this is what he said... er, actually Barry was very polite, as was John Paul II apparently

celebrate. The dinner at WASPS that evening was a great event.

**Best Stones team you've ever seen:** Alex Welsh (Sorry Sean, his defence was really crap), Marvin McCoy, Fergus Moore, Dominic Sterling, Carl Martin, Brian Jones, Paul Gbogedi (No idea how to spell it), John Margerison, Kieron Forbes, Jermaine Beckford, Richard Jolly

**Most bizarre/comical moment at the Stones match. Comical or bizarre?** Hmmm. Difficult. How about Folkestone away years ago when during the warm up Mark Harrison hit a shot just missing the goal and hitting Terry Dolman right in the meat and two veg? Or when a referee turned to our little group and shouted 'Why don't you just leave me alone?' We didn't. However the most bizarre Wealdstone related experience for me has to be being knocked out by a stray 'beat the goalie' shot at the Harrow Show and coming round to find Ray Kemp throwing a bucket of water over my head.

**Best Stones current line-up?** Thomas, McCoy, Locke, Massey, Chappell, Spendlove, Ashe, O'Leary, Forbes, Martin, McClure

**Most gifted Stones player ever seen?** Brian Jones. He should have placed at a higher level. He was the sort of player that could change the game with his skill. I think it was at Cheshunt away when he was involved in a move with Simon Garner and Denis Greene that resulted in a winning goal. Amazing. If only he could have sorted his temper out.

**Favourite all-time Wealdstone playing strip?** Our present home strip is good quality and a very good design and is the 1st strip I have bought for years. However my all time favourite strip is the home quarters strip from the ICIS Division 3 winning season. As much to do with the memories than the quality and design I guess.

**Favourite trip watching the Stones?** I celebrated my 21st birthday at Newport (Isle of Wight) v Wealdstone. A few friends came down from Harrow and we had a great weekend with the game in the middle. We were having a terrible season and no one expected anything from the game. Newport had a bookmakers in the bar and a few of us backed 1-1 at odds of 5-1, the game did indeed finish 1-1 and we had a little bit extra to celebrate my birthday!

**Favourite away ground?** I really cannot think of any Wealdstone away ground I would describe as a favourite, so I will tell you about my favourite non Wealdstone ground instead! The Dell. One of the joys of watching non-league football is the closeness to the action. The same could be said of the Dell. You were almost on top of the pitch. The atmosphere was fantastic. I was really sad to see it go and as with many new grounds it may be more pleasing to look at with better facilities but St Mary's isn't a patch on the Dell for atmosphere.

**How did the move away from Lower Mead impact on you personally?** Our last league game at Lower Mead was the day I celebrated my 18th birthday. So that was a bit of a downer. I was also on

## MORE FAN IN STAND

the supporters club committee at the time and was aware that all was not well with the future of the club. I struggled to understand the finer points of what was going on and secretly hoped that once we got to Watford all would sort itself out. As we all know it didn't. The impact was we were supporting a club that was hanging on for dear life for many years. So instead of being part of the new non league scene that saw far bigger crowds and a greater public profile we started travelling to places like Flackwell Heath. However the fact that we survived playing at a reasonable level since we left Lower Mead is a great testimony to so many people that make Wealdstone unique. It is a shame the Cliftons and Pollocks of this world didn't have the same heart and love for Wealdstone FC.

### Things you like and dislike about Grosvenor Vale?

**Like:** It is home. The pictures and shirts on display in the club house that tell our history really contribute to giving us that home feeling. The transformation since that Sunday morning a few years back is amazing. I also like and admire the risk that was taken by 4 individuals to take on the debt of the social club and invest their own money. Let's be honest here, without that commitment and risk would we still have a football club to support? Thank you gentlemen.

**Dislikes:** The pitch, especially if the number of postponements cost us a place in the playoffs. I also think it is not a great ground to watch football. Too few elevations. However projects like Brian Collins corner are improving the football watching experience. One last little thing I dislike, I really wish the Vale was in the Borough of Harrow.

**How do you balance home/working life with football?** At the moment this is not really an issue. I live 15 minutes drive from the Vale, so it is no problem getting to home games. I have missed a few games due to being away on school trips etc and for 12 years I have never seen the Easter Bank holiday game due to being on pilgrimage in Bourdes. (Thanks to Guy Edwards for keeping me updated for the last few Easter Mondays -come and introduce yourself, so I can thank you in person!!) Obviously as married life approaches circumstances may change but I still hope to keep coming to games. Please don't make me go shopping on Saturday afternoons!!

### Do you have any suggestions for improving the programme?

I have no criticism of the programme and am amazed at how it is kept so fresh from year to year with new features. There is always plenty to read and the presentation is excellent.

**How can the club improve its awareness within the Ruislip community?** One way could be to allow the wider community to use our facilities and thus get people into the building that may never have set foot in it before. Partnerships with extended schools co-ordinators, partnership development managers from our local sports college would be partnerships with people who have a vast local network at their finger tips.

Offer to run one of their sessions at the Vale and maybe local people would associate the Vale with the wider Community than just football?

### How do you view our prospects this season?

As this is the last game of the season the fact that I can still comment on potential prospects (just after Horsham away) is a sign of a good season. Especially if come 4.45 we are in the play off places. A 1st round FA Cup appearance, a cup final and a play-off place is great progress indeed. If come 4.45 we are not in the play off places I cannot help but feel disappointed. I know the cups were good for the club, I know that circumstances conspired against us however, given where we found ourselves at

Christmas, I will still be very disappointed if we miss out on the playoffs. This team was good enough to make it. Some of the football we witnessed earlier in the season was the some of the best from a Wealdstone side for many years. If we keep the majority of this team together with just 2 or 3 additions the prospects for future seasons are very bright.

### Where do you think will the club be, status wise, in five years?

For the 1st time in many years I am becoming more and more optimistic about the future of our club and the progress that we can make on the field. The number of barriers that stood in our way seems to be diminishing. Our own ground, a strong youth set up, increasing crowds etc have lead to steady progress. However I believe the barriers that remain still have the potential to impact on our future. So if we sort out the lease, come to some sort of satisfactory conclusion with Barnet and the Football Foundation we will be in Blue Square South in 5 years, if not I hate to think of the level we could find ourselves at.

**And finally...** when did you last see the Pope? I met John Paul II in February 2004. It was a truly moving and blessed experience. A group from school were in Rome to mark the 40th Anniversary of our school and to visit the tomb of Nicholas Breakspear (The 1st and so far only English Pope) The one surprising part of the visit was that the Pope hadn't heard of Harrow Borough. After all those years of singing that song.....

# YOUTH/STUDENTS

## Football Conference Youth League

September			
16	Carshalton Athletic	L1-3	Hussein
23	Ashford Town middx	D1-1	H. Franks
	FA Youth Cup AET, L2-4 pens		
30	Boreham Wood Blues	L0-1	
October			
7	MET POLICE KAFC	W1-0	J. Francis
14	NORTHWOOD (MCFAY Cup)	W5-3	Matten 2, Hubbard Michael, York(pen)
21	Winchmore Hill (Lge Cup)	W2-1	Fearon, H. Franks
28	Thurrock	W3-2	James 2, Hubbard
November			
4	WATFORD CSE	W3-2	O'Connell 2, Yorke
11	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	L0-1	
11	HANWELL TN (Middx Youth Cup)	W3-2	H. Franks, O'Connell, York
25	SPURS FOUNDATION	W2-1	Hussein, Matten
December			
2	AFC WIMBLEDON	D2-2	Hussein, Rogers
January			
18	Hitchin Town (Lge Cup)	L0-2	
20	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	D1-1	James
22	St Albans City Saints	D1-1	Figueiredo
27	Crawley Town	L1-8	Scott
February			
3	Borehamwood Blues	L1-2	
8	Harefield United (Middx Youth Cup S/F)	W3-1	Matten, O'Connell, Salambayat
10	Met Police KAFC	L1-4	Matten
17	CRAWLEY TOWN	L1-2	Grandison
24	THURROCK	L1-4	James
March			
3	Watford CSE	L2-4	
5	AFC Wimbledon	L2-5	
10	Hayes & Yeading (Middx Youth Cup final)	D1-1AET*	*lost 8-9 pens
24	AFC Wimbledon	L0-4	
26	BROMLEY BLUES	L0-2	
31	ST ALBANS SAINTS		

## English College FA Premier Division One

September			
16	Fareham	L2-3	Mattan, O'Connell
23	FILTON	L1-3	
30	East Berks	L1-5	Grandison
October			
7	BIRTANNIC (MCFA Mid Week Cup)	W19-2	Grandison 4, Khan 4, Robb 4, Blennerhassett 3, H. Franks 2, Graham-Kingdom, Wood
14	Seevic	L2-4	Blennerhassett, Gangadeen
21	KINGSTON	D2-2	
November			
25	FAREHAM	L1-4	
December			
9	Filton	W2-1	Blennerhassett, O'Connell
January			
20	OAKLANDS (League Cup 1)	W1-0	Yorke
27	Chichester	W3-1	Grandison, Hussein, Rob
February			
2	Hartpury (League Cup 2)	L0-4	
3	Uxbridge	W3-1	
10	Thames Valley (middx mid week cup)	W6-0	Blennerhassett 2, Khan 2, Beeks, French
24	Phoenix (middx mid week Cup S/F)	W4-1	
March			
5	SEEVIC	W1-0	
10	EAST BERKS	W1-0	
12	Kingston		
17	Hounslow Post (middx mid week cup final)	L1-2	
24	UXBRIDGE	W6-1	

### Football Conference Youth League: 27/03/10

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Bromley Blues	17	13	2	2	36	41
Thurrock	18	11	2	5	15	35
Wycombe Wanderers	16	9	6	1	29	33
Crawley Town	16	10	2	4	31	32
Watford CSE	18	10	2	6	11	32
Woking	16	6	5	5	-1	21
Carshalton Athletic	19	5	7	7	-17	22
AFC Wimbledon	18	4	7	7	-1	19
Borehamwood Blues	18	5	3	10	-16	18
Met Police KAFC	16	3	6	7	-11	15
Wealdstone	20	3	4	13	-36	13
St Albans City Saints	20	2	4	14	-45	10

### English College F.A. Premier Division One:

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Filton	14	11	1	2	28	34
SEEVIC	14	10	1	3	31	31
East Berks	14	6	3	4	19	21
Chichester	13	5	4	4	4	19
Stanmore	12	5	2	5	-5	17
Kingston	13	3	6	4	-3	15
Fareham	14	4	1	9	-20	13
Uxbridge	12	0	0	12	-54	0

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### Bittersweet day out at Worthing

IN THE 25 years since the Stones tasted that incredible 'double' glory there have been just a handful of seasons when the team have entered the last week of the season with something positive to play for.

This current season (hopefully) is one of them; the early Ryman promotions seasons ditto; the Dulwich play-off naturally; and then the nail biters of the 2005, 2006 and 2007 when the Stones finished just clear of relegation.

But what of 1999? Shouldn't we have been partying like the Prince song of the same name? Well, yes. A sensational end to that campaign, our first in Div One after successive promotions, saw Gordon Bartlett's team put together a run of 17 wins, one draw and one defeat in our last 19 games. From mid-table obscurity to third place in nine exhilarating weeks.

Third place, behind Canvey and Braintree and Canvey, was of course a promotion spot.. except that the Ryman committee decided that, due to a ground-grading technicality (a bit of roof over the extra seating at the White Lion Ground being completed a few days late) the Stones would be denied the Premier Division place their heroics deserved.

This news was leaked out by smirking Canvey Island officials when we had visited them a couple of weeks earlier. Wealdstone officials were in the dark. And so, of course, we appealed the decision and its laborious

process was still underway when 200 Stones fans make the trek in bright sunshine to the South Coast for this Worthing game, knowing that victory would seal 3rd place.

There was a seething undercurrent of injustice as you knew, just knew, that our appeal was far too sensible to be listened to. And so we settled down to win a game of football and Carl Holmes, our excellent midfielder of that era (who lived near Stamford but travelled hundreds of miles every week for the Stones) blasted us ahead with a snap shot from the edge of the box just before half time.

A war of attrition developed, with few chances, but as we played out time 45 minutes later the referee stepped in to ensure the most memorable of finishes. It was a bit like the Arsenal-Man Utd Cup Final of 30 years ago when all the action happened in the last few minutes.

The ref decided to add a couple of hours of stoppage time, and as the familiar music of 'Sports Report' could be heard ringing out from the clubhouse, he deemed that a Worthing player had been fouled in our box. 'Soft' is not a suitable adjective. The home side levelled at 1-1, the Worthing fans celebrated with near delirium and a great deal of taunting of the large Stones following.

Our misery, it seemed, was complete. But no - we kicked off and Noel Imber launched a huge punt downfield which the home keeper, Phil Reid, gathered under pressure from the onrushing Brian Jones. Last chance gone, we thought... but then Jonah, passing the keeper, suddenly fell to the ground clutching his face. Did Reid lift

an elbow? The referee (now our dear friend) must have seen something for he astonishingly awarded us a penalty and showed Reid the red card! He also then sent off the Stone's Phil Dicker, but never mind.

Rocky Baptiste (yes, the same one, who was a star for us at the fag end of the old Millennium) was remarkably laid-back as he stroked in the resultant spot kick, prompting much celebrating and mutual taunting of the home support, who then were then dismayed at hosting the travelling army in their bar. So much so that we left to spend

£100s elsewhere.

Such are the highs and lows of watching Wealdstone - and knowing that you are going to be stitched up, anyway, in the end. Does it make us bitter? Only till the next time.

Team v Worthing: Noel Imber, Eddie Boxford, Dominic Sterling, Nathan Copeman, Ian Waught, Paul Benning, Chris Walton, Carl Holmes, Rocky Baptiste, Steve Bircham, Paul McKay, Subs: Brian Jones, Phil Dicker, Paul Lamb

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I Love Carol

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Barnabas



Danny Spendlove



Jim Gloor

Greg Ngoyi



Dave Smith



Well with two games to go we have a tight situation between the leaders with anyone of the first 28 able to win the prizes. I will try to get the result onto the website by Sunday. We will try to get cheques presented as soon as we can but with me in Scotland until May 4th it will not probably happen until after this date. Apologies for this delay. Back to the team and the need to win the final two games. It is now critical that everyone gets behind the boys and cheer them to two victories, so let's get behind the team and cheer them to TWO victories as we reach the climax of the season.

COME ON YOU STONES.

If you took part in this years competition and enjoyed it then please support it again next year as half of the entry fees go directly to the club. Almost £900 was passed to the club this year.

**Please note: Points total shown is after the DARTFORD game.  
Tonbridge prediction shown first so you can factor it in too!...**

Name	Pts	Ton	Car	Name	Pts	Ton	Car	Name	Pts	Ton	Car
Rob Locke	37	1=1	1=1	Hughie Marshall	26	2=2	2=2	Sateesh Khanna	21	2=1	2=1
David Seward	34	0=2	0=2	Keith Harris	26	1=2	2=1	Steve Yearley	21	0=1	1=2
Belmont Rattler	33	3=0	1=0	SENCO	26	2=0	2=1	Wobs	21	2=1	2=1
Roy Couch	33	2=0	2=2	Adam Corner	25	1=0	2=1	Tom Marshall	21	3=2	1=3
Roger Slater	32	2=0	3=1	Barry Benveniste	25	2=1	1=1	Adam Lloyd	20	2=1	1=0
Algarve Stones	31	2=1	0=1	Daphne Corner	25	2=1	2=1	Barbara Robson	20	2=0	2=0
Micheal Bennett	31	2=2	2=2	Mim's Goodies	25	2=1	1=1	Burrows All Stars	20	1=1	3=0
Munk	31	3=1	1=1	Peter Drew	25	2=0	2=1	Howard Kraiss	20	1=0	2=1
Naomi Benveniste	31	2=0	2=3	Ray Corner 2	25	2=1	1=1	Megaphone	20	3=2	2=2
Roo Roo	31	2=2	2=2	Tony Drew	25	2=2	2=1	Megastore	20	2=0	2=2
Slug	31	1=2	2=0	Andy Hibbs	24	1=0	1=1	Antony Mcdonagh	20	1=1	0=2
Daisy Kraiss	30	1=3	2=0	Barmy Army	24	1=1	1=1	Monica Williams	20	1=0	2=0
Tony Waller	30	2=1	1=1	GFST	24	3=1	3=2	Paul Rumens	20	2=1	1=1
Ryan Lloyd	30	1=0	3=2	John Comfort	24	2=2	1=1	Quentin Fox	20	3=1	3=0
MCBA1999	30	2=1	1=1	Micks Winners	24	2=2	3=1	Sarah Stimpson	20	4=3	3=2
Bob Hall	29	1=1	2=2	Sprouthead	24	1=1	1=2	Dear OSCAR	19	3=1	2=1
Greedy Pig	29	2=1	2=1	Two Teas Please	24	2=1	1=0	Peter Gloor	19	2=2	3=3
LIZARD	29	4=2	1=0	Guy Edwards	23	2=1	1=0	Tim Parks	19	2=0	2=1
Ray Corner 1	29	3=1	2=1	Jo Luff	23	1=2	2=1	Deadly	18	2=0	2=0
Ronnie Raffle	29	1=1	1=1	John Jefferson	23	3=1	3=1	Irene Paull	18	2=0	1=0
Alan Couch	28	3=1	4=2	Mick Wells	23	2=1	1=1	Jez	18	1=1	1=1
Layne Patterson	28	2=1	2=1	Pat Rooney	23	2=0	2=1	Lori Rumens	18	1=2	1=2
John Harvey	28	1=0	1=0	Steve Paull	23	1=0	1=0	Nick Symmons	18	0=0	2=1
Mark Mcmanus	28	1=0	2=1	Bob Hawkes	23	0=2	2=1	Phil Hawkes	18	2=1	2=1
Stephen Bird	28	0=4	1=2	David Parish	22	3=0	3=0	Pampered Chef	17	1=2	2=0
Trevor Davies	28	2=1	2=1	Durham Stones	22	2=0	2=1	Ryan Cross	17	2=0	3=0
Bob Bangs	27	1=0	1=0	Leicester Stones	22	2=2	4=2	A Mug Punter	16	1=1	1=1
Don Cross	27	0=1	0=1	Matteo Tonna	22	1=0	3=0	Curtis Jones	16	2=0	1=0
East Ham Stones	27	2=3	2=3	Mick Fishman	22	1=1	1=2	Hayling Stones	16	1=2	1=1
Mark Lloyd	27	1=0	3=1	Mystic Govnor	22	1=2	1=1	Lew Sheppard	16	2=0	2=0
Nick Dugard	27	2=1	2=1	Adam Hills	21	2=0	0=3	Balblair Boy	15	3=0	2=2
Ron Moore	27	0=0	2=1	Bankzzy's Boys	21	1=0	2=0	Attic	14	2=1	3=2
Shortstuff	27	3=3	2=1	Dan Foxx	21	2=0	1=1	Dave Ward	14	2=2	2=3
Bob Gilligan	26	1=2	3=0	Brian Stimpson	21	2=1	3=2	Clare Kemp	13	2=1	2=2
David Edwards	26	2=1	2=1	Platty	21	1=1	1=1	Tom Wiseman	13	4=1	2=1
Essex Still Smells	26	2=3	2=1	Ron Moore 2	21	1=1	3=0				
Cynical	26	2=2	2=2	Sal Monella	21	3=1	3=2				

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