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Written In Stone

Thank You

Good evening and a very warm welcome back to Grosvenor Vale for this highly anticipated Ryman League Play-Off Semi Final against Concord Rangers.

Let's get things started by offering our usual cordial welcome to the officials, players and supporters of tonight's opponents, as well as the match officials.

Tonights match sponsors are Nick Symmons and Mick Fishman – enjoy your evening gents and thank you for your continued support.

We have a ball donor tonight for every member of our first team squad (yes 17!) thanks to some Paul Rumens magic and you can find a full list of them on page 7. Thank you one and all.

There are some fantastic notes in this issue and without spoiling things for you, we are a family and what ever side you stand on the 'who inspires who' argument, let's not wait to find out the answer tonight, let's be the 12th man from the very start.

I was once told 'don't do thank yous, as you will always leave someone out'. Well in the last

programme I bit the bullet and, without excuses (oh go on then... It was late and the deadline loomed) I remarkably managed to miss more people than I actually included. So here are the rest (I hope) - Roy and Alan Couch, Roger Slater, Steve Ducker, Mathew Lane, Steve Foster, Nick DuGard and Stuart Warren, the Management Team of Gordon, Leo, Micky and Gilly, the Supporters Club team of Clive, Seth, Markie, Mim, Jez, Alan and David, and everyone who contributed in any way however small. That's it... if I've missed you this time it is entirely intentional with the object of giving me something to talk about next time.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone who has congratulated me both on the night of the awards or since. To be singled out for an award from your piers, from the very best and dedicated group of supporters in Non-league football, any number of who are equally deserving was an extremely proud moment... Thank you.

Mark

Sam's Malawi Appeal

Hello everyone, Sam Rumens [El Presidente's son] here on behalf of Paul Holden who has kindly donated his space for me in today's programme for a good cause. This summer I am embarking on a trip to Malawi for 3 weeks in Africa to help build some new school buildings and improve the existing ones in a very poor and run down small village. For this we need to first pay for the trip and also buy supplies which can be quite costly. I am looking to raise around £500 towards this and so will be coming round with a bucket to collect any kind donations from the fans. Thank you very much for your support, UP THE STONES!



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CLUB NEWS



JAMES HAMMOND

Congratulations to James Hammond on making his 100th first team league & cup appearance for Wealdstone when we met Canvey Island on Saturday. He becomes the fourth player to reach this landmark for us this season, Sean Cronin, Wes Parker & Alex Dyer completing their centuries a few months ago.

James joined us from Leyton and made his first team debut in our 3-2 win at Carshalton in a Ryman League (Premier Division) match on Tuesday 23rd November 2010.

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Tyrese WOLFE -

A quality all round player, strong with both feet and always fully committed.

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Drilon AJETI -

Always committed and without doubt an exceptional keeper and team player.

Joseph DONOGHUE -

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Tahir GASHI -

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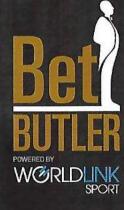
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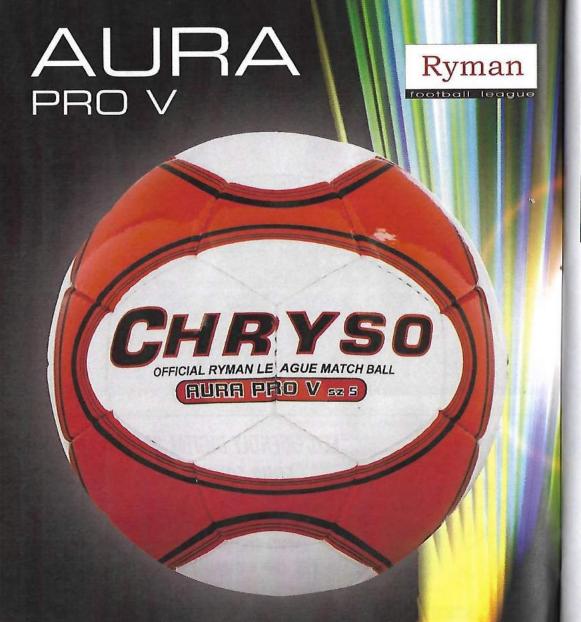


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From The Dugout

Gordon Bartlett

Dont leave it to somebody else

Good evening and welcome to tonights's Ryman League play-off semi-final against Concord who return to us less than a month after our dramatic come back in the closing minutes of our recent league encounter. Down to 10 men midway through the first half, Concord lived up to their growing reputation of being a fit strong side with a tremendous spirit and togetherness in their camp. Quite simply they were better than us, but as we all know, football matches are not always won by the best team over 90 minutes. Somehow we managed to conjure up two very late goals from Esmond James and Tom Pett to' nick' all 3 points.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Danny, Glen, the players and officials from Concord who must be delighted with their achievements so far this season. I have a lot of respect for both Danny and Glen for their hard work and their coaching ability which has already been rewarded by reaching the semi-final of the Essex Senior Cup, winning the Ryman League Cup with an excellent win against recently promoted and highly talented Dulwich Hamlet side and now reaching the play-offs in only their 3rd season in the Ryman Premier. Not only have they developed into

a very successful outfit, but they

have been very clever in the way

they have portrayed themselves.

Danny fully admits he has tried to create this image as they don't get a great following and he works hard at developing that team bond with an 'us against the world' mentality. Those words are often heard booming from the dugout along with the encouragement and cajoling of his players and reminding the opposition to 'witness their fitness'. I recently watched them at Kingstonian and even the small group of fans have bought into the image by singing 'we are just a pub team from Canvey'. It reminded me of our FA Trophy run last year where the Cambridge United fans labelled us a 'Tinpot' club prior to the Quarter Final tie. We used it to our advantage. It helped galvanise everyone together and we promptly won it! With both teams riding high and vying for promotion, it was understandable tensions were running high at the time of Concords last visit here. With so much at stake, sometimes emotions get the better of us whether it's on the terraces, in the dugout or even on the pitch. We all have a duty to behave in the right manner and I think a few people have admitted that maybe they stepped over the line that night, I am sure everyone will show a little more respect and discipline this evening. With so much going on in those

last few minutes it came as a bit of a surprise when the referee told me after the game that he had sent their skipper Nicky Cowley off for an incident involving myself. It was my first experience of such an incident in my long managerial career and immediately told the referee that he was mistaken. No doubt Nicky was angry and upset but I categorically denied he tried to head butt me. He wouldn't do that to an old fella like me!!! No seriously, I spoke to both Nicky and Danny afterwards and promised I would write to the FA to try to overturn his dismissal. My philosophy is to try to show everyone respect and treat other people the way I would expect to be treated. I'm pleased to say justice was done and the case was dropped, but ironically, Nicky is suspended for tonight's game after reaching 10 bookings. Fortunately, we decided to leave Sean out against Cray when he was on 9 bookings otherwise we may have been in the same boat. I am proud and been delighted with the attitude of our players especially after our defeat at Hampton recently. With Margate in particular and so many teams faltering towards the business

end of the season, our response

to that result has been outstand-

ing. Three clean sheets, seven points and so nearly sneaking that second spot. We have made changes to the shape of the side on numerous occasions recently and this has proved the adaptability and strength within our current squad. We have switched from 4-4-2, 4-5-1, 3-5-2 and 4-3-3 and the transition from one to another has been fluid and given us a lot of options as we head into the play-offs.

After 42 games we have managed to finish one place higher than last season, we have conceded less goals (less than a goal a game for the second season running), won more matches and finished top of the 'home' league record. A home semi-final was important so now let's go and finish the job! I am writing these notes after our successful awards night at the club on Saturday and just wanted to add my personal congratulations to all the prize winners, especially Sean Cronin who walked off with both the Players Player and the Supporters Player of the Year awards. Well done mate. As this is probably my last notes of the season I would just like to say a brief thank you to many people, without whom we would struggle to run at all, let alone so efficiently. I must start with the management team of Leo, Gilly, Micky and Jason for their tireless support and hard

work throughout this season. Our

physio team of Gary, James, Chris and Sam. Reserve team coaches John and Murph, our successful youth set up with Stanmore College where James has done so well and not forgetting Wayne has had such a tremendous year with the ladies team. Pauline and Graham Smith for their work in the little boardroom and looking after the mascots, along with Alison, Paul, Henry and Pauline in the main boardroom. To Jez and the supporters club for their financial backing and general support. Mark for his fantastic production on our match day programme. Steve Wicks, Don Cross and our match day stewards, the tea bar staff, the club shop, cleaners, the clubhouse staff and everyone else who have given this club it's heartbeat back here at the Vale. To the board for their backing and support and of course you fans who have been outstanding once again this season. Crowds of 800 in our last two home games is testament to how far we have come in recent years and every one of you deserve a 'pat on the back' for your individual efforts to bring this club back to the brink of success. Even the Wealdstone Raider is doing his bit to get the club noticed. Thank

Tony 'Kitman' must get a special thank you. His banter and abuse around the dressing room will be sadly missed and I'm sure we all wish him well in his new job back up north!

My last thank you is to 'Jolls'. How will we be able replace him? His record is absolutely amazing, but he has decided to retire from football and I'm sure we all wish him well for a happy and prosperous future outside the game. I know he will be a success and knowing him, with a possible two games remaining, I'm sure he has not written his last chapter for the Stones quite yet.

I felt Saturday's game against Canvey was a little flat at times or was I wrong?

Is it the players who spark the crowd or the crowd that sparks the players? I am not looking for any debates tonight, I just want us all to pull together and make similar noise and energy levels to those created in games like Barrow, Dartford, Cambridge last year. I'll remind everyone of days like Hampton, Kingstonian, Lewes and even Concord where you where our 12th man.

The disappointment of Lowestoft in the play-offs last year seems a distant memory, but we have a fantastic chance to put that right this season. A win tonight will see us extend this campaign until next Monday against either East Thurrock or back to Lowestoft, so I ask everyone to do their utmost to help us achieve our ambition of playing in the Blue Square South next season.

Don't leave it to somebody else, make a difference yourself!

Gordon

He's the man with the armband..

oOD evening and welcome to tonight's playoff semi final against Concord. It's time to draw a line after Saturday and the last 42 league matches ... for the real hard work starts now. Everything has to go into tonight's match and we know what a tough game it's going to be.

We aimed for a top 3 finish way back in July to give us home advantage in the playoff semi final and now we need to use it along with last season's experience and the numb feeling of falling at this stage to a 96th minute penalty at Lowestoft.

Captain's Blog by Wes Parker

It's easy to dwell on missed opportunities but the fact that we finished where we aimed to be - and have been up there all season - shows that we are now an established top side in the Ryman Premier and ready for the next stage.

The past three matches against Carshalton, Lowestoft and Canvey have seen three

professional performances along with 3 clean sheets, so we go into tonight's match full of confidence. We know that if we keep it tight at the back we have the fire power to create and finish chances.

For me the **Lowestoft** match was interesting in the fact that they were happy to set their stall out for a draw despite having a



Captain's Blog continued

chance of winning the leagueif they'd beat us!

Second half they looked dead on their feet due to their fixture pile up and were nowhere near the team we faced back in December.

The **Carshalton** match could have been a potential banana skin. However a change in system proved the difference and on a difficult pitch we restricted them to next to no real opportunities on goal, which was really pleasing.

We obviously finished the campaign with a routine win against Canvey who in all honestly had a good go first half but soon threw in the towel when Jolls fired in from two yards!

His second was something I have never seen from him, clattering the 'keeper in a 50/50 to loft over him!

It was another great crowd and the day was topped off with the player awards evening. Well done to all those to win awards.... particularly Sean Cronin who has been a rock at the back this season and has been a massive contributor to having the joint best goals-against record in the league.

Just a shame his speech wasn't up to the same standard - not like Mr Jolly's 2-hour speech last year where you couldn't get the microphone off him!

It was a great night and always interesting when venturing to a few bars with the lads, though I can't tell you what Mooreo decided to quench his thirst with

Did you hear the one about the big Welshman, the little Welshman and the Welsh Yeah. goallie? they were all Thanks Leo **Player of the Season** Sir Cronin wows the crowd at the Presentation night

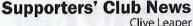
in the taxi!

I would also take this last opportunity to thank everyone who has sponsored me for my London triathlon I'm doing in July. Your support really has been fantastic, and a special 'thank you' to Daisy Krais who spent all Friday baking cakes for me to sell and raise extra money for Scope ...and also Markie Barton whose sale skills were invaluable.

If you would still like to donate any of your well-earned money you can find the purple scope collection boxes in the bar, on the tea bar or online at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ WesleyParker

Before I sign off blog duties for the season I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the players to you guys who come and support us week in week no matter what... so one last push tonight (and hopefully Monday) to see us over the line and you can turn your attention elsewhere for a few months!

COYS! Wes



Clive Leaper

We are Family

Welcome along to this eagerly anticipated match this evening. Two teams, only one winner after a long season it becomes cup football again. Our experience of last season's run in the Trophy competition with Gordon Bartlett's tin pot army now comes back to the fore and into play. Do we play better when the odds are stacked against us? This is Wealdstone, we don't do things the easy way so expect plenty of twists and turns before our season closes. If the game tonight is as dramatic as our league match of just a few weeks ago against the beach boys then we're in for a cracker.

Having the end of season awards night after the Canvey game on Saturday served to remind me of the reasons that re ignited my passion for supporting the Stones again a few years ago. The supporters and the players are all (as our illustrious prime minister would say) in this together.

The player of the year award to Sean Cronin is richly deserved as he embodies and typifies the attitude of this football club. He has risen in stature immensely over the past couple of years. I'm sure he'd be the first to say that he has benefited from playing along side so many good players. When he plays you can see the passion and com-

mitment, one of my personal favourite players to watch from my Chelsea supporting days was Joey Jones, Another proud Welsh man, a player you just knew would work his socks off for the team and never say die. Congratulations Sean. Peter Dean's win as player of the year as voted by the younger fans also serves to signify that even the youngsters can see a player who works tirelessly for the team. Deano is a great role model for the Wealdstone youth players and others to aspire to. So to the supporter of the year which my fellow committee members voted on, we were looking to recognise a supporter who has shown commitment in attending games and perhaps gone that extra mile to help the club. In Mark Hyde's case he ticked all the boxes with criteria met and more. Aside from his record going to home and away league games he's watched the ressies, turned out at friendlies in all weathers and in all manner of places, seen minor cup games in fact just about every time the team have kicked a ball in anger he's been there. Coupled with this devotion he has, of course, also taken on the role as editor

man between the Wealdstone youth FC and main club. Furthermore not only attends but helps out at events at the social club –all this whilst somehow finding time to keep a family life and circle of friends (..oh and hold down a full time job). Well done Mark, Delighted for you. (Thank you for the kind words Clive .. Ed.)

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greatest strength, football fans new and old are coming along to watch Wealdstone because they realise that they can play a part in our odyssey. We are growing as a club by success on and off the field, which all augers well if we wish to step up to the next level. Nice to see Captain Wes Parker in the Brian Collins stand before Saturday's game doing his bit for charity. He's taking part in a sponsored charity triathlon event for Scope and was rattling the collection tin with the added attraction of cup cakes provided by Daisy as an extra incentive. Good luck Wes with this in the summer. Another of our team that has done something rather wonderful is the soon to be retiring Richard Jolly with his London Marathon charity run for Help for hospices last

year. Best wishes for your retirement from football and thanks for the memories Jolls, from your loving Wealdstone family.

The megastore is having an end of season sale if you haven't ventured into this porta cabin before you're in for a surprise. Having outgrown our old base the new one continues to stock everything that has even the most tenuous of links to the football club. We'll try to source anything that has a Stones angle to it please note the new 'Raider' t-shirts this season's must have to complement the you tube sensation.

We're awaiting car stickers that will let all the cars behind you know that the car in front is being driven by a Wealdstone FC fan. We've got to find room for the new kits that will also be arriving soon. Having had a sneak preview I can confidently say that they will appeal to the purists, the traditionalists and the modernists! It's a combination of new and old, classic yet

cutting edge. If we get the stock in medium jumbo then I'm 100% fashion.

We'll be having a stall at the Ruislip Manor summer fun day when our road show hits the high street .We've done this for the past few years now and it always results in us meeting people that are unaware of what we do or where we are. As with most things, if you'd be willing to give up a few hours to press the flesh with the locals and engage with the community then you'd be made most welcome. Please email secretary@wfcsc.co.uk to get in touch. The online megastore website is www.wfcmegastore.co.uk and whilst you're on the net have a look at www.wfcsc.co.uk for news from the supporters club over the summer. Joining the supporters club to receive all the travel and discount benefits it affords is a princely one off sum of £25 for life membership. Email wfcscmembershipsec@ hotmail.co.uk Please consider

this, if interested then see our membership secretary Seth Dalton for full details. The supporters club will be firing up the Barbecue for the fans using Grosvenor Vale as their base en route to Wembley over the next few weeks. The Manchester City supporters are becoming familiar with the set up here as they've enjoyed our hospitality now on a handful of occasions and have realised that this venue offers the best place for them pre and post match to enjoy a drink and munch on a deliciously cooked burger. As this service has become more regular we are always looking for an extra pair of hands to help out. If you've ever fancied having a go but wonder if it's for you then please get in touch and give it a whirl. Chances are you'll see that good fun and worthwhile. Whatever you get up to over the summer, enjoy it and come back refreshed as we start the new campaign hopefully in a new division. Up The Stones,

Clive



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of the alphabet, though not literally as we did that last time. Our Literary Editor presents the ones wot got away...

IT'S B FOR.

AS the season draws to a close, this is in all probability our final home game.... and having blown the last 3 letters of the alphabet in one fell swoop on Saturday, reality has finally dawned: What on earth do I do now?

The answer? Well, I'm going to go for a random approach, and pick a few seasonal highlights and some that got away.

And where else to start than with **Barnet.** One of the biggest cheers on Saturday came when the news came through that AFC Wimbledon had taken the lead against Fleetwood, meaning that if the scores stayed as they were, then the Bees would be relegated to the Conference.

Now I'm no lover of Wimbledon so hopefully their turn will come next season, but the Barnet story is one that irks a lot of us here at Wealdstone.

Barnet have been working towards moving their club to Prince Edward Playing Fields for some years now, and last year came the 'news' that they had sought planning permission to play 'League' football there.

Off I went to a public meeting there last summer, with all the local residents up in arms at the extra traffic chaos that this would bring to the area (sounds familiar to those involved with the Stones attempted relocations to Harrow over the last 25 years).

It was the first time I had ever met the Barnet chairman Tony Kleanthous, who came across as a decent caring man with good intentions. He is also a skilled and shrewd operator who knows what he wants and how to get it. Kleanthous claimed that this would only be a temporary move as they want to get back to Barnet at some point, and in any event they would not move to Prince Edward if the Barnet fans didn't want to.

wouldn't wear them in front of

the Brian Collins

I wonder what form that consultation took?

All being well, Barnet will now struggle in the Conference, crowds will dwindle, Kleanthous will pull the plug, more

relegations will follow, and Barnet will once again become Wealdstone's rivals. It's been a long time. An FA Trophy meeting next season would be nice...

B is also for **Balalaike**, (left) an unlikely inclusion, but included nonetheless by virtue of witnessing this unusual instrument at the music festival in the

Wealdstone alphabet contd

Hope pub before the recent game at Carshalton. Yes, that day was made all the more pleasurable by my first ever visit that hostelry in Carshalton, and none of us are quite sure how we've missed this gem in previous years. A real drinkers' pub, it typified all that you'd expect from a Camra pub of the year, with enough **Beards** on show to support the entire population of the insect house at London Zoo.

No surprise then that the Hope was also staging a music festival that weekend, with a particular emphasis on folky type music that would appeal to the Beards. Best of all in my opinion was the aforementioned Balalaike, a 5 piece band specialising in Russian and Jewish music.

Fascinating stuff to watch and listen to, with wonderfully old and traditional instruments on show.

P is for Play-offs, and tonight is the first time ever we have held a home play-off match. So, are the play-offs fair? I have to say I'm a big fan, and

I also like the way the Ryman League playoffs are structured, giving home advantage as they do to the teams finishing higher in the league.

Whether that should extend to having a home referee as experienced at Lowestoft last term, well that's another matter altogether.

There was some de-



bate as to whether we might be better off having to travel away tonight, given that as supporters we do tend to make more noise on our travels. I have no doubt that I'd rather be at home, and with no disrespect to Concord, driving around the M25 after work to spend an evening on Canvey Island is not something I'd choose to do.

So who are favourites for the play-offs then? I think it's wide open, all the remaining teams are capable of beating eachother, what we do know is that if the right Wealdstone team turn up, we have every chance. And if that does happen tonight, there's every possibility we will have to return to Lowestoft next week, a club we have never beaten. Now is most certainly the time.

Repeat time, and **J** is for Richard **Jolly.** I think it's fair to say that everyone was delighted to see Jolls back on the scoresheet

on Saturday as by his standards he's had a fairly lean run.... it's certainly not easy to score from the bench. One could be forgiven for thinking Jolls might me more M-I-S-E-R-A-B-L-E than J-O-L-L-Y of late having temporarily lost his No 10 shirt, but only a fool would think that he was not going to have a



Roger Slater

final say before his retirement. The boss has made some tough decisions, with the arrival of Moore and McGleish ramping up the competition for a starting place. Perhaps it was fate in the form of McGleish's latest injury that gave Jolls his latest opportunity. Personally I was surprised he didn't get the nod against Lowestoft, leaving Moore to plough a lone furrow up front, at home. But on Saturday proved what we all know: Jolls is a natural scorer and both his goals were trademark Jolls goals.

What a fitting finale it would be if it he can net the goal that takes us up.

H is for Highlights, and looking back over the season, I'll pick a few personal highlights.

Firstly, my wonderful daughters Charlotte and Lucy for fulfilling a lifetime's ambition and singing a 'Give me a W' on a Tuesday night at Margate. How to make a dad proud!

Most of my highlights do tend to revolve around days when both beer and football have been good (well if not always good, at least where we didn't lose), so apart from Carshalton mentioned earlier, I'd have to pick Bognor, Whitehawk and Bury.

Bognor – for the splendid pub stop at the Bridge in Amberley (it was really good Tim!); Whitehawk – too many pubs to mention put I'll pick out The

PATRON Jane 1 DATE: MACAD HENRON imagine the Huh? humiliation of having to play against parttimers Yeah, I bet we'll come across some real freaks of nature ▲ Oh dear, we seem to have another picture chronicling Barnet's demise to the non-League ranks. If you didn't know better, you might think that some bad karma was to blame (or a dodgy korma, but that's another story)

Lord Nelson (plus of course the birth of the Wealdstone Raider); and Bury, well everything from the Nutshell to the Old Cannon Brewery to the Beerhouse.

Home Highlights? Well the many comebacks that we have staged this season, snatching victory from the jaws of defeat particularly enjoyable against Margate and Concord.

I'd rather we led from the front tonight, but I'll take a win regardless of how it comes.

I have to say I do struggle to remember some of what has happened this season, and in trying to do so it jogged my memory about a song I heard last Friday evening along with a few other 'Stones fans in attendance. We all shared a little smile during Spizz Energi's Amnesia.... 'Amnesia, amnesia, you don't seem to understand; amnesia, amnesia, how many fingers on my hand?'

At which point it's a probable farewell from me for another season... though I may well see you all in the Triangle Tavern next Monday!

Up the Stones!

Seasons come, seasons go.....

Football can be an incredibly emotive game for supporters as firstly anticipation builds through the summer: the news of a new signing or two starts as a seemingly inevitable rumour. before a semi-official leak from the club confirms that Simon Soandso is really pleased to be part of the future at etc. etc. etc.

Expectations are

raised still further as the summer sabbatical fades (in mid-July!!); Pre-season approaches and yet more rumours abound. No longer is it the spying fan at a closed training session that tells of another well-known face plying his trade in a practise match now, its more likely to be sourced from Faceache or Twaddle as the electronic age finds yet another means to ensure no-one has any secrets anymore. Not least the players who want to advertise to the world that they were on the sauce just a few hours before....

Then, just before the team takes the field for the first time, hopes and dreams reach a tumultuous crescendo. Often brought to this incredible pinnacle by the complete disregard of the fact that last season the team was pants, and everyone from the Chairman's Dog downwards had opinions of which players were and weren't good enough, and who they would keep and change.

Now, suddenly, a single signing (to quote Alan Sugar) one Carlos Kickaball is apparently the modern day equivalent of the Messiah with the addition of

the Midas touch. The perception of his capabilities in all but the most cynical of eyes far outweighing the age and injury record....

And so it is in the lower leagues – starting with those that used to be Division 3 and Division 4 (I still don't get how the Champions of the Championship are actually the 21st rated team in the land.....), branching into the wider spectrum that now forms the base of the ever spreading football pyramid.



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Ninety minutes into that first game, those hopes and dreams have either taken on the mythical proportions of legend, or they lay, alongside the tears of the faithful, slowly seeping into the gutter.

A similar start to the 'real' football of the season splits the fans into two distinct camps, the pessimist who sees only the slowly and not so slowly sinking ship, where even an away win at the league leaders is just papering over the cracks of a tumultuous demise and the lesser spotted optimist; "There's still time" their battle cry...The Transfer Deadline. For those it affects, seemingly offering some salvation and an almost cast iron guarantee that after a rough start, a couple of new faces can come in and still have the time to turn the dirge into success.

By October, the season's mold will in many cases have been cast. Dreams and aspirations are replaced by reality. A few beers with your mates rather than the five hour round trip in the rain becomes the choice of the aptly named fair weather supporter though the truly hardy long terms fans may combine both (many a good awayday spoilt by the football!), even at this early stage trying to pinpoint where for the vast majority of clubs, it all went wrong. Even those that profess

their honest opinion that survival is their aim for the forthcoming year surely must have aspirations above that lowly plateau? What is the point of existence if the peak is aiming for eighteenth? Do you remember who was eighteenth in the last Grand National?

The early winter for unfortunates is often the considering who the spent Manager will be, quickly followed by the bar-room opinions of how good or bad he is and if he is or isn't the right choice. For some, it actually makes no difference as despite another potential trading blitz in January, most of what is either available

of can be afforded is of similar or lesser quality than that which is incumbent - and he'll need to move a few of those on to reduce the wage bill. Supporters now enter the hopeful phase; They'll see names and hear rumours of the next transaction that will turn their winter of discontent into spring smiles and a swift climb up the table - safe in the knowledge that there's always one dark horse that makes a late run.

That probably means that for every one, there are a dozen that stumble on regardless, their season turning more miserable with every goal conceded, each ricocheting like a bullet in a tin can around the net, making sure that everyone in the ground is fully aware of impending doom.

By March, as if to put a brave face on the likely fate, thoughts turn to the next season and how the youngsters will come through and how it'll be so much better as these lads will all have a year of experience, we'll have better luck and less injuries and we're still better than whoever. It's almost the same at every level, for every club. The lucky few pick up a medal, others enter the shotgun lottery that is the sudden death play-offs (where the high increases in intensity - a whole season's passion compressed into one or two

games) whilst the low of defeat seems less intense, somehow softened by the "at least we got to the play-offs" and for some "its probably more than we should have expected" spoken quietly among groups of friends at the post-mortem.

There remain however two positions that no club would really want to fill.

The two that fall from the Football League to the oblivion in which the vast majority of us - the underclass apparently - survive year on year - Non League. It's stigma that (apparently) strikes fear into the hearts of many - even many of those who follow the clubs that have previously filled one of the inglorious positions at the bottom of Division 2 (4) - those whose fans over following years that will still consider themselves a league club (and just visiting). Well, welcome to reality.

This season the top seven positions in the Football Conference were filled by former

League clubs and there were six

more lower down the table, two even managing to be relegated. Only two of those thirteen will this season attain the level their fans believe they deserve - those that remain, that is. The longest serving 'ex-league club' is Glossop North End, relegated from the Football League ninety nine years ago, never since to return and now at level 9 - The North West Counties League. The club has far outlived the thought that perhaps they were too good for their level. The disappointment long past, now with fans that just like the rest of us hope and wish and pray in equal measure for the delights that the end of this season or the start of the next will bring.

Spare a thought, then for Barnet, the latest member of the too good to go down club, about to embark on a non-league future, in a new Borough (ours) in a new ground (ours). I wonder what the odds are that in the not too distant future they'll be in another Division (ours). We must remember to wave when they go by

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First Team Appearances 2012/2013

Up to and including Saturday 27th April 2013





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(Substitutes who actually played are shown in brackets)

		RL	RLC	FAC	FAT	MSC	MCC	TOTAL	Wealdston
	Maximum Possible	42	3	2	4	1	1	53	Career
1	Lee Chappell	41	2	2	4	1	1	51	360 (26)
2	Tom Pett	37 (4)	2(1)	1 (1)	4	1	1	46 (6)	62 (9)
3	Alex Dyer	36	3	2	4	_	1	46	116 (11)
4	Rikki Banks	36	2	2	3	1	1	45	45
5	Sean Cronin	34	3	1	4	1	— (1)	43 (1)	131 (5)
6	Kurtney Brooks	32 (6)2	2	3	1	-		40 (6)	139 (16)
7	Chris O'Leary	31 (1)	1	2	4	1	1	40 (1)	279 (17)
8	Wes Parker	32	<u> 2/2</u>	2	4		1	39	124 (3)
9	Peter Dean	27 (10)	1	2	4	—(1)	1	35 (11)	155 (41)
0	Richard Jolly	28 (6)	1	2	4	_	_	35 (6)	265 (13)
11	Scott McCubbin	30 (1)	-	2	2	— (1)	_	34 (2)	74 (11)
2	James Hammond	15 (3)	2	—(1)	— (1)	1	<u> </u>	18 (5)	90 (10)
13	Chris Moore	16 (6)	-1	—		-	_	16 (7)	16 (7)
4	Nathan Webb	10 (23)	2	— (2)	2	1	1	15 (25)	15 (25)
5	Esmond James	8 (12)	2	-		1	_	11 (12)	11 (12)
6	Alan Massey	8 (1)	-	2	1	_	_	11 (1)	221 (8)
7	Scott McGleish	8 (1)	_	-	-	_	_	8 (1)	8 (1)
8	Aaron Tumwa*	5 (2)	1	_	- th	1	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	7 (2)	7 (2)
9	Jonathan North	6	_	_	-	_		6	108 (1)
20	Tommy Brewer*	2 (5)	1 (1)	-(1)	1	-	1	5 (7)	5 (7)
1	Elliott Godfrey	5 (4)	-	_	_	_	-	5 (4)	5 (4)
2	Michael Alaile	5 (1)	-	_	_	-	_	5 (1)	5 (1)
3	Darren Locke	4	_	_	-	3 <u>0-0</u>	_	4	60 (11)
4	Shabazz Baidoo	— (7)	2	—(1)	— (2)	1	_	3 (10)	3 (10)
5	George Nicholas	— (3)	2	_	— (1)	S===	1	3 (4)	3 (4)
6	Leon Smith*	2 (4)	-	_	_	_	_	2 (4)	2 (4)
7	Stefan Bailey	2 (2)	-	-	_	_		2 (2)	2 (2)
8	Scott Fitzgerald*	2	_	_	3	-	_	2	43 (22)
9	Romone Rose	<u>25.</u> 31	1	_	_	1	_	2	2
0	Jacek Magdzinski*	— (2)	1	_		-	_	1 (2)	1 (2)
1	Asen Valchev	— (2)	1	_	_	_	_	1 (2)	1 (2)
2	Aldi Haxhia	_	1	-	-	_	— (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
3	Nathan Koo—Booth	e*	_	_	_	_		1	1 1
4	Tashan Jordan	— (3)	-1		— (1)		— (1)	— (6)	—(6)
5	Mark Knight	— (2)	-	_	_ ```	_		— (2)	— (2)
6	Jake Rosier		-			— (1)	_	— (1)	— (1)
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Supporter in the spotlight

Fan in the Stand:

Neale Harvey

Name? Neale Harvey Where do you live? In Reading, since 1998.

Where do you work? In Reading. I'm a rugby writer!

First Stones game attended? It was a midweek home game against Barnet just after New Year in 1981. We won (I think it was 2-0?) but eventually went down that season (AP Leamington, Jimmy Sweetzer penalty miss, 'nuff said!)

What persuaded you to become a Stones fan?

The abuse! I'd followed nonleague football before (Colwyn Bay, where I was dragged up!) but had never encountered anything like the Elmslie End... a raucous bearpit that we could do with reproducing these days. Guess I should feel embarrassed really, but I'm not.

Do you prefer lower-League football? Of

course. Always have done. That's not to say I don't enjoy higher level stuff, particularly internationals in obscure places.

Any disadvantages? Not really. I'm not too keen on the way the Conference has gone,

mind, with the influx of so many former Football League teams, segregation and all the crap that goes with it.

Rugby writer Neale was confused by the

strange posts when he arrived at the Vale

last week. And he was in the bar after 40

minutes, claiming it was half time

How do you fit watching football into your family/working life?

Hard. Being a rugby writer, Saturdays are out because I'm always reporting on games, and

midweek nights aren't too clever either because of the silly hours. Moving to Monday nights has been a boon because it's normally the only clear day I get off.

How big a part of your life is the game? I'm

always on the blower to Megaphone or Attic on a Saturday to get updates or find out what's gone on. I might not get to see Stones much but I'd say I'm pretty well in touch. The thing you do lose track of, though, is who's actually wearing shirts!

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Most memorable game/s you've seen? I'm lucky to have travelled a bit, so

lucky to have travelled a bit, so England v Paraguay at the 86 World Cup in Mexico; England v Argentina (hand of God!) at the Aztec Stadium, also in 86; Uruguay beating Brazil in the 95 Copa America final (Poyet played for Uruguay); all of South Korea's games at the



Fan in the Stand continued



Neale's sporting a little more hair in this picture of the Marathon Sunday League Div 4-winning SFC Wealdstone (Stones supporters team) a mere 28 years ago. And, amazingly, all but a few can still be heard cheering on the Stones today...

1: Brian 'Kat' Kelly, midfield trojan always to be found in the Norfolk Arms, Wembley. Occasional fan these days.

2: Neale Harvey, ace striker. Hirsute.
3: Steve Graves, heavyweight defender and

the straight man's straight man. 4: Martin 'Busby' Allen, midfield dynamo. Still

an ever-present fan. Now sports a Neale Harvey hairstyle and glamorous missus. 5: Roger Slater, defensive rock. Now likes all

sorts of sweets. Staunch fan.

6: Steve 'Hughie' Marshall, proper goallie. Eccentric but extraordinarily loyal fan.

7: Nick 'Albert' Hall. Where is he now? 8: Don Cross, classy defender, crazy fan now head of operations at The Vale with a much

quieter hairstyle.

2000 Confed Cup final, at the

Aztec again; and best of all,

Boca Juniors 3 Cucuta 0 in a

Libertadores Cup semi-final

9: Tony 'Thunderboots' Platt. Still a mad keen fan... with the emphasis on mad.

10: Sudhir 'Chippy' Rawal, excellent back up keeper to Hughie, later to make shirt his

own. Still an ever-present fan. Posh. 11: Sateesh 'Khanna' Khanna. Tricky midfielder/sub then, staunch fan now. 12: James Bartrick, Liberal Councillor, bi-zarrely. Rarely seen at a game these days. 13: Trevor Will 'O the Wisp' Davies, towering midfielder and still a huge presence today. 14: Tim Parks, 30-goal, five-daughter striker alongside Harvey, only firing blanks these

15: Jon Taffel, once-slimline midfielder who now revels in his 'Fat Stones' status. 16: Justin O'Brien, star man of the team but currently pickled in lager and golf.
17: Paul 'Willie' Williams, twinkle-toed fullback and still an occasional fan. 18: Mark 'Potsy' Chamberlain, fullback who lives in Canterbury and sees us in Kent; and 19: Gordon 'Guvnor' McKay, stylish fullback who recently lost his all-time Wealdstone

hardman mantle to the Raider... 2002 World Cup (sensational crowds, 'Beanie' will say the

about five years ago. Boca has the finest atmosphere of in any same); Mexico 4 Brazil 3 in the ground in the world, but take a tin hat with you! I also saw El Salvador beat Mexico 2-1 in a World Cup tie in 2009 and that was pretty wild, too!

And most memorable Wealdstone game?

Gloucester away in the 81-82 Southern League cup final (Was right behind that wonderful Stuart Pearce volley); plus Enfield away in the Trophy semi

Fan in the Stand continued

in 84/85 was simply outstanding; plus beating Braintree 6-0 in front of a fired-up 'Kennel' at Edgware in 96/97; oh, and the Rotherham FA Cup tie a couple of years ago. I missed most of last season's Trophy run but I'd say the game at Newport was pretty memorable, just because we were there.

What really gets your goat watching football?

Watching so much top level rugby you get to realise what a bunch of tarts some pro footballers really are... so footballers feigning injury, diving and rolling around are high on my list. Not too keen on all-seater stadia either. I know about Hillsborough but if the Germans can handle safe-standing, so can we.

The cynic in me says the clubs simply don't want it because they'd have to reduce their prices. That's another thing... the price of pro football. Ridiculous And Sky... you'd think football never existed before 1992!

Have you ever played the game yourself, and memorable moments?

Had trials with Stoke City and Wrexham but wasn't good enough. After I moved to London in 1980, I started playing for the railway football team at Euston (where I met 'Hughie' Marshall, who introduced me to Wealdstone. Damn you, Marshall!), then joined SFC Wealdstone where I was part of a formidable strike duo with one Tim Parks.

Any suggestions to

improve your Stones watching experience at the Vale? Two covered ends is a must. If the lease on the ground gets extended, a fund should be set up to make that a priority. We need a new Elsmslie End... preferably two! **Favourite Wealdstone** line-up? Christ, now you're asking! I'm going to cop out on that because I simply haven't seen enough of the team over the last 10 years to make a reasoned judgment. I don't think you can look past the double-winning team, though, with Stuart Pearce, Steve Brown and Simon Garner thrown in. Richard Jolly would have a shout, too.

Favourite Stones strip? I'm a staunch blue and white quarters man.

Best non-League ground you've visited?

Back in the day, you'd say Altrincham was a fine ground, but it looks very old and tired now. Scarborough was good, too, and Boston United. I'd have to say Rushden & Diamonds, though, we played there shortly after it was built and it's very good. Shame they went

Best stadium you've EVER visited? Easy: 'La Bonbonera' in Buenos Aires, home of Boca Juniors. Just shades the Aztec.

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? Not given me much scope there, have you! If we win tonight, I'd like to think

Monday will be one of the best days supporting Wealdstone. How does the current

programme compare with others you see/ been involved with? Different class. Production quality just goes up and up and the content is always improving.

What has been the most readable/least readable Fan in the Stand so far?

'Hughie' Marshall... the man's just sheer class!

What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale?

Getting better, but if you want to see one of the best tea bar/ dining arrangements for a club of similar size, go to Bedford Rugby Club.

There they do sit down meals with waiter/ess service for £5! A lot of semi-pro rugby clubs do meals - nothing special, just basic things like pie and chips etc - and I've always wondered why non-league football clubs don't do it.

Have you visited the clubshop?

Yes. Costs me a fortune!

Finally, where do you see the club in five years time? Ah, the age old question! I'd like to think we could get to the next level and hold our own. Anything beyond that is down to ground, money and ambition. But I'd love to see Gordon Bartlett managing us in the Conference Premier... he deserves that chance!

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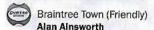




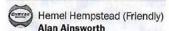


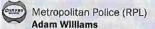
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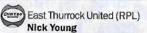






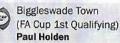








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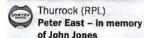


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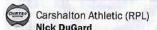


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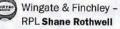
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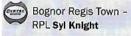
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Match Report Canvey Island



Jolly good show

A well taken double from Richard Jolly saw Wealdstone run out 2-0 winners in front of an 803 crowd to secure 3rd place in the final league game of season, setting up a mouth watering home tie with Concord Rangers in the playoff semi-final on Wednesday night. With Lowestoft winning 1-0 at home to Hendon, it meant that the highest Stones could finish was third, and a clinical performance saw them secure the points they needed to gain the all important home

Saturday April 27th 2013 Ryman Premier League

Wealdstone 2 Canvey Island 0

Wealdstone: Banks, Hammond, Chappell (C), Locke, Cronin, Dyer, McCubbin, O'Leary, Moore, Godfrey, Jolly

Subs: Dean, Brooks, James Subs not used: Bailey, McGleish

803 Crowd: MOM: Richard Jolly

advantage in the play-off semi-

There were two changes from side which had drawn 0-0 with

Lowestoft in the week: Wes Parker and Tom Pett were both missing through injury, so in came Darren Locke and Richard Jolly, with the latter partnering Chris Moore up front as Manager Gordon Bartlett reverted back to a more familiar 4-4-2 formation. It was the visitors who had the first chance of the

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afternoon with just three minutes on the clock when big defender Cliff Akurang saw his

acrobatic overhead

kick sail just wide of the post. At the other end Moore tried his luck hitting an effort from the edge of the box following a neat lay-off from Jolly which was straight down the throat of former Wealdstone keeper Ashlee Jones. Stones were then dealt a blow on nine minutes





when a late challenge from Tommy Kavanagh on Scott McCubbin resulted in the Wealdstone man having to withdraw with what was later confirmed as ankle ligament damage. The home side were

now starting to have the better of the play, Alex Dyer picking out Moore in the box who fired just wide.

Moore was proving to be a real handful for Canvey, and he had another effort eight minutes later; turning

smartly on the edge of the box before unleashing an effort which was well saved by Jones. The Gulls had their first effort on target nine minutes before the break when Kavanagh tried his luck with a vicious effort from 25 yards which was beaten away by Rikki Banks.

Stones looked to take advantage of a strong wind behind them in the second half, and they almost took the lead just two minutes after the restart when Lee Chappell got down the left before firing over a cross to the far post where Elliot Godfrey was just

unable to make enough contact to turn the ball home. Wealdstone struck on 50 minutes. Godfrey swung over a corner which was flicked on by Peter Dean to the waiting Jolly who made no mistake as he turned the ball home from close range in what was a trademark effort from the veteran striker. Jolly came close to adding a second on 67 minutes when Dyer's mishit shot found its way into the path of the Wealdstone number 10, however he could only fire wide from an acute angle. : The second arrived two minutes

later; Jolly again demonstrating the intelligence and awareness which has made him one of the top non-league strikers over the years as he chased down a short back-header from Richard Orlu before finishing smartly first time past the onrushing Jones. Overall a comfortable afternoon for Wealdstone against a Canvey side with nothing to play for, although they did have a chance to make for an interesting finish in the final minute when the ball dropped to Bradley Woods-Garness, but he could only fire wide.

> Words - StuartWarren Pics - Steve Foster

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Season 2012/2013

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Wed 10	Н	Hayes & Yeading	CL W	W 2-1	Baldoo, Webb
Wed 17th	A	Wingate & Finchley	CL L Cup 1R	D 3-3 (L 8-9 pens)	Brewer 2, R.Grant
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Wed 27th	Н	Bedfont Sports Club	MCFA Prem C	W 4-0	
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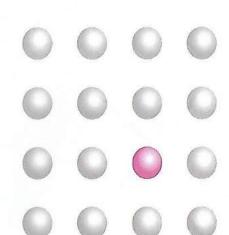
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An Elitist Pub Guide

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An Isthmian League Pub Crawl



The Bridge Inn (Amberley) - http://www.bridgeinnamberley.com - a great little country pub, discovered by the inestimable Mr Raffle, in a village a few stops from Bognor Regis. Nice beer, friendly staff, decent food and a red telephone box.... Such a shame that the geographically challenged Mr Parks couldn't find it (I wonder if the pint we got him in is still sitting there fermenting quietly to itself....).

The Evening Star (Brighton) http://www.darkstarpubs.co.uk/ eveningstar/ - may have lost a brownie point or two for not being open at 11:00 and for annoying Mr Raffle with their musical selections, and I still haven't quite forgiven them for not letting the children in when I first went there over a decade ago (a recommended pub for Mr Attic & Mr Fingers, therefore!), but a great beer range and prices none the less (not to mention a Vic Goddard poster)....

The Lord Nelson Inn (Brighton) - http://www.thelordnelsoninn.
co.uk/asp/index.asp - great
little pub with probably the
friendliest bar staff I've ever
come across and a good
range of the, always excellent,
Harvey's alest that provoked
a lengthy and disjointed
discussion on Jesus & Mary
Chain riots we have known.
Docked a brownie point for
having the lesser form of egg
chasing on the TV, tho'....

The Lifeboat (Margate) - http://www.thelifeboat-margate.com/ - our very hospitable second home while we waited, with some Margate fans, for the inevitable last minute postponement announcement earlier this season. Excellent ales and dangerous ciders served from polypins. Extra marks for being 'elitist' and 'poncy' too....

Montefiore Arms (Ramsgate) http://montefiorearms.co.uk/ montefiorearms/ - easily the most obscure hostelry in the list. A secret haunt of Mr Raffle's whose location was only revealed after a number of ales and a rambling discussion on 70s British sitcoms and the lack of appreciation of said by today's youth (ie: Shane), had loosened his tongue. Showing the lesser form of egg chasing was way more than made up for by the landlord running out to our cab with the keys and wallet that I'd left on the table under the influence of a particularly excellent stout.

Check the (wonderfully original) opening hours carefully before trying to find it!



The Beer House (Bury St Edmunds) - http:// burybeerhouse.co.uk/ conveniently near the station, wonderfully 'poncy', great chips and a wide range of ales - the perfect place to wait for the train home and discuss why we were crap at Ram Meadow yet again....



The Old Cannon Brewery (Bury St Edmunds) - http://www. oldcannonbrewery.co.uk - excellent home brewed beers.

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friendly staff that coped without complaint with the sudden appearance of a trainload of Wealdstone fans into their quiet Saturday lunchtime and great food too. Definitely out 'poncies' all the other pubs on this list and is all the better for it! Shed loads of brownies points too because of that guy two years ago who took time out from his pint and dinner with the family to walk everyone through the back streets and back gardens of Bury St Edmunds to Ram Meadow when asked where the ground was....



The Nutshell (Bury St Edmunds) - http://www.thenutshellpub. co.uk/ - apparently a contender for smallest pub in England, The Nutshell can hold, at most, up to a dozen Stones fans (depending, of course, on the average daily pie consumption of said Stones fans). What it lacks in beer choice it makes up for in original ceiling paper, strange artefacts and dead cats....



The Hope (Carshalton) - http:// www.hopecarshalton.co.uk/it's typically Wealdstone that we discovered this gem on the day we effectively relegated Carshalton Athletic! Excellent range of ales (including one made with sea salt that a few brave souls probably rather regret trying - 'it looks like a pint of sperm', opined the ever eloquent Mr Cad), a nice garden. several (well, one at least!) Judas Priest t-shirts and a decent clientele (who will tell their children of the day they met the legendary Wealdstone Raider and were, no doubt, somewhat bemused as the assembled blue and white and red and white masses loudly exchanged ditties for and against the sainted Mr J.O.L.L.Y. before joining forces in abusing the rather less saintly Mr Dipre)....

First in Last Out (Hastings) http://www.thefilo.co.uk/ - decor and clientele straight out of a 70s episode of Coronation Street and fine craft beers from the here and now.... Would have been interesting if the eternally ageless UK Subs had chosen to play here rather than at the less good beer endowed 'metal' pub, the Carlisle round the corner....



The John Harvey Tavern (Lewes)
- www.johnharveytavern.co.uk/
- a huge selection of high quality
(as always) Harvey's Ales and a
great location by the river from
which to mull over whichever
way (or more likely, ways) we've
managed to scandalise the
Dripping Pan this year....



Ye Olde Reindeer Inn (Banbury)
- http://www.yeoldereindeer.
co.uk/ - not in the Isthmian, of
course! I could say that it's a fine
and friendly place to sup beers
from the excellent Hook Norton
brewery while watching the
WFC Youf practise their Formula

One (zzzz) skills with shopping trolleys, but its inclusion is really just an excuse to print a photo of their most excellent sign again....



Stanford Arms (Lowestoft)
- http://www.stanfordarms.
co.uk/ - little sister hostelry of
the mighty Triangle Tayern.

Slightly smaller range of Green Jack and other ales than its big brother but any pub that happily hands out free pizza to cheer up the assembled Stones hordes after yet another depressing encounter with our six finger friends and their pet referees, can't be faulted – cute dogs too. And, of course, our esteemed Programme Editor, Mr Hyde and Official Supporters Club Beer Monster, Mr Leaper would never forgive me if I didn't mention the lovely Ms Maisie/Maisy....

The Triangle Tavern (Lowestoft)
- http://www.thetriangletavern.
co.uk/ - the daddy of them all
and our spiritual home from
home.... Fantastic beers, Punk
on the jukebox (via our DJs Rory
and Xander), hippies behind the

bar and a pool table – what else needs to be said, except that if we're not there next year, it'd better mean that the rest of the Isthmian Premier will be!

PS: if you're reading this and have no idea who The Jesus & Mary Chain, the UK Subs or Vic Goddard are – go on You Tube immediately.... If you've never heard of Judas Priest, best keep it that way! :):)

PPS: the first person to come up to me tonight and tell me who the legendary lead singer of the UK Subs is wins a free Wealdstone Raider poster....

Steve (Photographer and Beer Snob)



Wealdstone Ladies

Thames Valley Women's Football League



Something had to give in this Middlesex Cup semi-final as two unbeaten sides met for the chance of appearing in the final. However it was a very strong Enfield side that took the spoils in a thrilling 3-1 victory over Wealdstone at Grosvenor Vale.

Stones will feel a little disappointed that they didn't give Enfield more of run for their money, but can take some comfort in the thought they gave the strongest side they have played in recent times a few scares, and will learn from the experience.

It only took Enfield 10 minutes to open the scoring. A driven corner was met at close range and hammered home giving the Stones keeper no chance. Enfield with their tails up were pushing for a second, but the Wealdstone defence stayed resolute to keep the side in the competition. After a jittery 25 minutes Stones started to get a foothold in the game with both Lauren Simmons and Danielle Forde getting some joy down the right flank making Enfield creak under pressure.

However, just as Stones looked as if they were going to pull a goal back, they were hit with a sucker punch just before the end of the half. A speculative punt from 30 yards up caught keeper Robyn Tillyer in no mans' land as it bounced over her before nestling in the back of the net. It was a cruel blow for Wealdstone that knocked the stuffing out of them just when they were in the ascendancy.

A shuffle of personnel at half time saw Wealdstone come out with a much more attacking formation, looking to take the game to Enfield. With a cavalier attacking shape there were spaces at the back for Enfield to exploit and they nearly did so early in the second period. Three times Tillyer was called upon to make important close range saves to keep Stones in the game. Slowly Wealdstone were beginning to make inroads at the other end, but often found them stopped dead by the very impressive Enfield defensive unit. Stones came close on several occasions, but the turning point was after 75 minutes when a lobbed ball from Nicola Dixon looped over the visiting keeper only to bounce off the top of the crossbar. It was a moment that summed up Stones luck on the day.

Only a few minutes later with Stones desperately throwing caution to the wind trying to get the breakthrough to get them

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16	Milton Keynes City Diamonds	TVWFL	W	
23	CHILTERN SAINTS	TVWFL	W	~ -
30	BUCKINGHAM ATHLETIC	TVWFL	W	-
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14	MARSTON SAINTS	TVWFL	W	7-0
21	Oxford City	TVWFL	W	-
28	Hazlemere Sports	TVWFL	W	
NOV	EMBER		- 11	1-1
11	BENSON LIONESSES	TVWFL Cup	W	14-0
18	Wycombe	TVWFL	-	14-0
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9	Buckingham Athletic	TVWFL		11-0
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27	NORTHWOOD	MCFA WJC	W	13-0
FEB	RUARY	MOIA MJO	W	13-0
3	BARTON ROVERS	TVWFL Cup	141	10-0
24	OXFORD CITY	TVWFL		9-1
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17	Marston Saints	TVWFL		14-0
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7	ENFIELD TOWN	MCFA WJC	1	1-3
14	HAZLEMERE SPORTS	TVWFL	-	1.3
28	Wycombe	TVWFL		

back in the game they were finally punished at the back to go 3-0 behind. It was a cruel blow but somewhat predictable when

Stones still continued to battle to the end of the game, and their efforts were eventually repaid as the excellent Rebecca Mills beat two players on the edge of the Enfield box before slamming an unstoppable strike into the top corner for the goal of the game. It was scant reward for the teams' effort though, as the referee brought proceedings to an end on moments later.

Stones will be disappointed undoubtedly to lose their unbeaten record in such an important game, but can be proud of their efforts and never say die attitude for the whole ninety minutes, and be in no disgrace to lose to such a strong and experienced side.

Thames Valley Counties Women's Football League — Division 2 North As at Sunday 21st April 2013

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7	Marston Saints Ladies	12	1	1	4	17	33	1	1	4	-737	-	2	2	8	_	62	-35			
8	Chiltern Saints	10	0	1	5	5	46	0	0	4	3	36	-	1	9	8	82	-74	-	7-0	14-0



Wealdstone Girls Under 18s

Thames Valley Women's Football League

- Home matches are indicated in capitals.
- · Our Under 18s Ladies team's fixtures are being played at Kings College Road. Matches kick off at 12:30pm.

SE	PTEMBER			The second secon
9	Oxford City	TVWU18	W 4-1	Sarah Key
16	MARSTON SAINTS	TVWU18	L 1-3	Catherine Fahy
23	Woburn Lionesses	TVWU18	D 2-2	Catherine Fahy, Sarah Key
30	Bucks CC	TVWU18	W 11-0	Fahy (3), Stephanie Chapman (3), Ria Bird (2), Tara Jones (2), Key (2)
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14	AYLESBURY TOWN PHOENIX	TVWU18	W 2-0	Ria Bird, Sarah Key
21	Aylesbury Town Phoenix	TVWU18	W 11-0	Fahy (6), Chapman (3), Sophie Clegg, Steffi Sarratt
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4	WOBURN LIONESSES	TVWU18	Postponed	
11	OXFORD CITY	TVWU18	L 0-1	
18	Marston Saints	TVWU18	W 3-0	Megan Craig 2, Ria Bird
25	Wargrave Girls	TVWU18	W 2-1	Ria Bird, Sarah Key
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9	CAVERSHAM	TVWU18	W 8-0	Catherine Fahy (4), Ria Bird (2), Sarah Key, Kevisha
JAN	UARY			
13	Reading Girls	TVWU18	L 2-3	Sophie Clegg, Rochelle Mills
FEB	RUARY			
3	Marston Saints	Cup	L 2-4	
24	Caversham	TVWU18	W 2-0	
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10	READING	TVWU18	L 1-3	
24	Maidenhead Girls	TVWU18		
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7	WOBURN LIONESSES	TVWU18		
14	MAIDENHEAD GIRLS	TVWU18		
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5	WARGRAVE GIRLS	TVWU18		

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2	Oxford City Ladies U18	12	5	0	0	34	5	6	1	0	21	4	11	1	0	55	9	46	34	0-1		
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5	Caversham	14	2	0	5	23	23	3	0	4	9	34	5	0	9	32	57	-25	15	1-3	+ 3000	
ì	Marston Saints U18	14	2	1	4	13	13	2	0	5	15	19	4	1	9	28	32	-4		8-0	+	
7	Maidenhead Girls	11	2	1	3	24	23	2	0	3	9	15	4	1	6	33	38	-5	13			
3	Woburn Lionesses	14	0	1	6	12	37	3	0	4	23	35	3	1	10	35	72	-37	10		2-2	
)	Aylesbury Town Phoenix	11	1	0	5	8	36	0	0	5	2	31	1	0	10	10	67	-57	3	2-0	11-0	

By Tim Parks Cuttings by Martin Allen

31 years ago: The last time Stones won a league title at home



Saturday May 1st 1982. Southern League Division One South: Wealdstone 3 Ashford Town 0

THIS was a special, special afternoon for Stones fans both young and old... for it was the first time since 1955 that we had won a league Championship on our own soil, and remarkably that is still the case today!

Our subsequent title wins - the 1985 Conference (won 1-0 at Kettering) and the 1977 Ryman Div

Three (won 3-1 at Northwood) and the 1974 Southern League Div One title clinched at Gravesend - were glorious afternoons, but it's not quite the same as winning a pot on your own ground.

Those with long memories will recall that the real turning point came just two days before the visit of Ashford, Hastings United had matched us stride for stride at the top of the SL South table, and when the two sides finally met at Lower Mead that Thursday night it was a fantastic game in front of a near-2,000 crowd, settled by two late goals from Alan Cordice as we devastated the Sussex side 2-0.

And so we needed just a point from the penultimate game of the season to officially win the league... and the single promotion spot back to the Conference. Midtable Ashford provided sterner than expected resistance, but Ray Knowles, Paul Bowgett from the spot and the uber-popular Roy Davies sealed a wonderful day.

Rewind continued

Celebration as champagne Stones win promotion

Wesidetone 3, Ashford 0

/ITH one foot already in the Alliance Pretier League thanks to Thursday's great win ver chief Southern League rivals Hastings, /ealdstone crossed the border back to non ague soccer's elite and clinched the South ection championship against Ashford on aturday.

It was a day of celebration for supporters and players ike as Stones, needing just one point to secure the title. pre down their Kent visitors after encountering stuborn early resistance in a game affected by the strong

There were no surprises beforehand as manager Allen tisford stayed with the same twelve who did him so oud against Hastings two days earlier, Gary-turchouse on the substitutes beach with Neil Cordice Il not ready to play,

Ashford's goal looked to have divine protection for almost if the match as a combination of hard-to-believe misses and afters first haif.

When Roy Davies shipped in a fine cross from the left after minutes skipper Paul Howgett stooped to send a scorehing ider that had goal written all over it until powered away by leader Ireland, entrenched on his own goal line.

Anguish

Other 'Stones first half raids proved similarly fruitless but ere less easy to excuse.

Another Davies cross found the on-rushing Alan Cordice vards the far post, but his final effort went tamely into the is of keeper Carmen. Then when Davies muffed a cross into tide netting the anguish showed on the faces of thorought, Cordice and Knowles — all walting in the centre.

But Ashford's biggest let off was still to come as 10 minutes in the interval, a deft touch from Cordice sent Davies thing clear on a diagonal path to the near post, However,

with just the advancing Carmen to heat Davies, perhaps trying to squeeze the ball between keeper and post, sent a wild shor spiralling over the Elmslie Stand.

After being helped somewhat by the breeze in the first half, Ashford began to show signs of cracking after the break and when Carmen let a harmless looking ball slip through his hands in the 64th minute he sowed the seeds for the goal which was to set 'Stones on a championship-winning path.

As Roy Davies' very deep corner came across, out of reach of the waiting attack, it looked as if Ashford were going to get away with it again, but Ray Knowles had spatted the gap and he sent a high floating half into the roof of the net over the despairing defence from 20 yards.

Conjured

Ashford fell away after that. Three minutes after the goal Alan Cordice streaked goalwards and, just to keep on a par with most other Southern League defenders this season, Ashford's Hoghen brought him down as he raced into the

Penalty see Paul Bowgett blasted the spot kick high into the left hand corner, only for Essex referce Healey to order it to be retaken, presumably for encroachment.

Unruffled as ever, Bowgett this time sent the ball low and to the right, but with exactly the same effect for his 27th goal of

Not to be outdone by his defence, keeper Carmen rushed out in the next minute to take his turn at bringing down the fleet-floated Cordice. No penalty this time though — just a

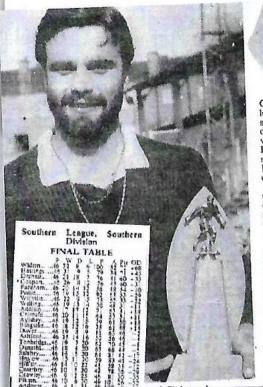
With the game as any sort of contest over, it only remained in he seen if Stones could put the king on the championship cake by scoring 100 league goals in a season — Howget's penalty being the 99th of the campaign.

The answer came via Roy Davies, who atoned for that earlier mass when conjuring up an extra magic moment in the dying minutes, sending a cross from the left that the hapless Carmen could only help into the roof of the net.

All that remained as the final whistle went was for 'Stones ever faithful band of supporters to cheer the players back to the dressing room; but, crowd pleasers to the end, they returned for one last bow, and to toes match shirts to the frenetic supporters - mementoes of a triumphant season.

Wealdstoner Goddard, Ferkins, Pearce, Bynt, Bowget, Barwick, Waiter, Walnerlight, Corcheo (A.), Knowles, Devins, Sab, not used, Churchasse.

A winning partnership. Manager Allen Batsford enjoys a smoke, but coach Brian Hall (left) wasn't so lucky — he's just been given an early bath by his players.



Paul is fans' choice

CAPTAIN Paul Bowgett, a leading figure in 'Stones season of success, is number one with the fans. He was voted Supporters Club Player of The Year this season and received the Jock Law Trophy before Saturday's game.

Bowgett is second top scorer this season — most of them from the penalty spot — and the award will come as no suprise to manager Allen Batsford.

"Paul's a player with a terrific amount of ability But he's the sort you have to tie down because he has probably a greater ability than the position he plays warrants — and he loves nothing better than to show the first properties of the player of the p

"So he has to instil a greater sense of discipline and responsibility.

"And the beautiful thing about it is that he under stands it — when he doet that he is a very very good

The boss reflects

WEALDSTONE boss Allen Batsford puffed with some satisfaction on a thick cigar as he reflected on the match that saw 'Stones clinch the South section title.

"I thought we played very well early on without getting the goals.

"But I was never really worried, a point would have done," he said.

"This was a day for being patient really. I thought we'd be all right with the wind behind us in the second half," added the 'Stones' boss.

Now Batsford is looking for one final triumph in a successful season Wealdstone will play Midland Division winner: Nuneaton Borough for the Southern League Shield with the first leg a Nuneaton on Saturday, fol lowed by the second leg a Lower Mead on Monday May 10."It would be nice take that. I won it thre times with Wimbledon, says the ex-Plough Lanmanager.

■MEN OF THE MOMENT

Allen Batsford, with his trademark cigar, relishes the moment with Brian Hall... two great men in Wealdstone history, both now sadly departed. And left, what can you say about Paul Bowgett? The Stones captain and centre back scored 24 goals that season - 17 from the penalty spot including a hat-trick of penalties in one game against Andover. Nearly every one of those penalties was won by the quickslyer Alan Cordice!

Rewind: Continued

Allen does it his way

WHAT a difference a year can make in soccer.

Barely twelve months ago anyone who called Wealdstone's plight unhappy or uncertain could reasonably be accused of understating the case.

Needing a point from their last Alliance Premier League match against fellow strugglers AP Learnington at Lower Mead, Stones took the lead and looked set for another shaky season in the Alliance until two late goals from the visitors sent Stones stumbling back to nondescript Southern League soccer.

Contrast that with the ecstatic crowd who swarmed onto the pitch at the end of Saturday's game to cheer themselves hoarse as 'Stones won the southern section with a float points total of 72 one that could stand unsurpassed for some years.

Confidence

Now, with a go-shead chairman in David Morritt—a figurehead who puts his money where his month is—'Stones supporters, management and players allike are licking their lips at the prospect of returning to Alliance action with an on-and-off the pitch confidence that has been all too lacking in recent years.

For Alien Batsford, among the best known of non-league managers with a pedigree of success that makes for Impressive reading, there can only be quiet satisfaction at a job well done.

He came to Wealdstone in November 1979, amid a mood of dark despair at the club.

The then manager Ken Payne — popular with players and supporters alike — had been sacked in controversial circumstances and Batsford admits he found the going tough early.

"When I first came I was appalled at the tack of or savisation and pro-



Wealdstone Chairman David Morritt.

fessionalism within the club.
"Since that day it has
been a battle to put it right,"
he says.

"But things slowly became more professional and with the introduction of David Morritt as chairman things have really taken off."

Although he points out that he has 'never had any problem' with the players, the 'Stones manager did not erfoy quite the same healthy response from some of the Wealdstone board early on.

But, says Batsford with the air of a manager who likes to win and win his way: "They're not there any more."

Task

Along with coach Brian Hall, with Batsford a proven success story at Wimbledon who won three Southern League championships before election to the Football League, Batsford set about his task.

"It was plain from the start we had to get back to the Alliance League," he says.

says,
"When you are building a side you must get and belleve in your basics. And our players here have done a magnificent job, there can be no question of that.

"Alan Cordice and Ray Knowles have played with injuries and knocks week after week, and whoever we brought in has done a job," says Batsford.

As the season approached the home straight it became clear that the championship was a two horse race.

Close

At first 'Stones had a hatful of games in hand over Hastings, but as the final weeks developed things became desperately close.

Did Batsford ever have any doubts that 'Stones wouldn't pull it off?

"The game that had me sitting on pins was Cheimsford two days before Hastings," he says.

"Everyone was talking about the Hastings game but I tried to get it across that if we didn't do it against Chelmsford, Hastings didn't matter.

"For the first time I sensed that perhaps I wasn't getting through to the players. At one stage when we didn't score for so long I turned to Brian Hall and said we've blown it, and then we get a goal out of the blue.

"But we've always had someone to do that — and that's the sign of a good side," says Batsford,

Out of the doldrums of the Southern League everyone knows 'Stones can expect to find things tougher next season.

But the still-ambitious Batsford can afford to reach for the sky with Wealdstone — he's tasted the ultimate success with Wimbledon that other non-league managers can only dream about.

Progress

"We want to progress at Wealdstone and to win the Alliance League is part of that. That's not to get big headed and say we're going to win it next season but we must try our best.

"Football at league level

"Football at league level has got to change — it must do. Non-league football has organised itself into a pyramid which has a peak.

"If there is promotion and relegation from there then league football is open to any club,"

Meet the Beach Boys

Concord Rangers originated from a team of boys headed by Steve Lant. They played friendly matches during 1966 on a pitch along the Canvey Island seafront close to the Concord Beach hence the name Concord Rangers and the nickname The Beach Boys.

1967 - Albert Lant, Steve's father and current Club President became the team manager and took the club into competitive football. The Club joined the Thundermite Boys Football League.

1973 - Concord joined the Vange and District League and during this period they won several league and cup honours.

1979 - Concord became the first winners of the **Essex Sunday Junior** Trophy managed by current Secretary Chris Crerie, with a 4 - 0 win over Bishops Park from Brentwood, the final being played at Tiptree FC.

Saturday football was introduced to the club when Concord joined the Mid Essex League and played their home games at Waterside Farm on Canvey Island.

1985 - Concord secured some land at Thames Road, Canvey Island, the club developed the clubhouse and ground with Jack Smith, current club treasurer being the mastermind behind the project, he

organised the funds, labour and materials and worked many hours himself on the site. A special mention goes to the late Clive Smith (Jack's brother) without Clive's machinery and labour Concord's pitch would not exist also Martin Gill, Steve Barnes, Brian Godfrey, Lee and John Slater, Rob Fletcher (Electrics) all contributed.

1988-1989 Concord joined the Essex Intermediate League and was Divisional League and Cup Winners.

Wealdstones Record v Concord P6 W4 D1 L1 F16 A9

Isthmian League

2010/11 (Premier Div) Home L1-3 Away W6-1 2011/12 (Premier Div) Home W3-1 Away W2-1 2012/13 (Premier Div) Home W2-1 Away D2-2

> 1991-1992 Concord joined the Essex Senior League and achieved the following,

1996-1997 Essex Senior League Cup winners defeating Ford Utd 1 - 0.

1997-1998 Essex Senior League Championship winners Manager - Lee Paterson

1999-2000 Harry Fisher Memorial Trophy winners defeating Burnham Ramblers 3 - 2

2002-2003 Essex Senior League Runners-up



2003-2004 Essex Senior League Championship winners Manager - Ben Embery Danny Heale is the winner of the Don Douglas Trophy this season for the Leagues top scorer with a tally of 32 goals.

Founder Albert Lant retired after 25 years as Chairman in 1992 to become the Club

> President, Current Club Treasurer Jack Smith then held the Chairman position for two years. Grant Beglan who is the CEO at Aspect Contracts, Concords main sponsors, then became Chairman and also held the position

for two years.

Antony Smith is the current Chairman and is very handson in his approach, under Antony's quidance the Club has seen fantastic progress these past few seasons both on the playing side and also on the development of the ground.

2007-08 Concord Rangers 40th Anniversary season Danny Scopes and Danny Cowley become joint managers and managed the team in this important year for the Club and they had a magnificent year, Concord ended the season winners of the Essex Senior

League. Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy winners and were Essex Senior League Cup Finalists. Concord also reached the Qtr-final of the FA Vase this season before losing 1 - 0 to Lowestoft Town who went on to reach the final which was played at Wembley Stadium. Concord's Danny Heale won the Don Douglas Trophy for the second time as the Leagues top marksman scoring a magnificent 46 goals and setting an Essex Senior League record. Club President, Albert Lant won an outstanding achievement award from the Essex County Football Association for 40 years unbroken service to Concord Rangers.

2008-09 Having gained promotion from the Essex Senior League we would have been happy with a mid table position at the end of our first season in

the Ryman League Div 1 Nth. The Management team of Danny Scopes and Danny Cowley managed to get the best out of our players and we achieved a Play-off position having finished 5th. We then went on to beat East Thurrock Utd, who had finished in 2nd spot 1-0 in the Play - off semi-final, Danny Heale scored a magnificent goal to put us through to the final and play Waltham Abbey. Concord was only 10 minutes away from playing in the Ryman Premier League this season having gone one up through Fabien Batchelor but Waltham Abbey's Harry Elmes scored in the 80th minute to take the game to penalties which we finally lost out 5 - 4.

2009-10 Concord win the Rvman League Div 1 Nth Play-Off final 3-1 against Enfield Town to gain promotion the Ryman Premier Division.

2010-11 Concord had a very good first season in the Ryman Premier Division, finishing in 8th position, our aim at the start of the season was to avoid relegation therefore reaching a respectful 8th spot and just missing out on a Play-Off position by two points was a great team effort.

2011-12 After a poor start to the season with some key players unavailable due to injuries, Concord did not manage to play their normal style of football for several months into the season but after being in the bottom four for a while Concord put in an undefeated run of twelve games and at one time managed to get into a play-off position but unfortunately tailed off towards the end and finally finished in 14th position.



Danny Cowley - Manager

Took the helm at the start of the 2007/08 season alongside joint-manager Danny Scopes and hit the ground running with a league and cup double; taking the club to within 2 games of the FA Vase final at Wembley. After suffering the heartache of a play-off final defeat on penalties to Waltham Abbey in the club's first season in the Ryman Div 1 North, as well as suffering a narrow defeat to Blue Square South outfit Chelmsford City in the club's first ever Essex Senior Cup final appearance - the duo got their 2nd promotion in 3 seasons at the 2nd attempt, rounding off with a play-off final win over Enfield Town in the 2009/10 season. A superb first season in the Ryman Premier saw the 'Two Danny's take the club to within 2 points of the play-offs over the course of 2010/11. After a disastrous start to the 2011/12 campaign, through sheer determination; they managed to pull the side back to a respectable 14th placed finish. This season will be Danny's first in sole charge of the team, and following some impressive close-season signings; will be looking to build on platform that has been set.

Nicky Cowley - Player/Coach -Having been with The Beachboys since early 2008, Nicky's high-energy performances and never-say-die attitude from central midfield embody the spirit of the club, and his contribution to the club's progress from the Essex Senior League to Ryman Premier has been incredible.

A tough tackler who has also chipped in with his fair share of goals over recent seasons. Appointed as player/coach at the start of this season, Nicky's experience will add an extra dimension to the management team, and he will be keen to pass on his knowledge to some of the younger players in the squad.

Luke Chambers - Goalkeeper:

Recent loan signing from Southend United, played for Wales at Under 16 Schoolboy level in the Victory Shield then progressed and played at Under 19 International level. Started his professional career with Arsenal and once released was snapped up by Southend United.

John Easterford - Defender

Re-ioins the club after 2 seasons with Canvey Island FC, where he won the Essex Senior Cup, and captained the side on numerous occasions. An old fashioned; nononsense centre back, John was part of Concord's Essex Senior League double winning side in 2007/08; after winning the treble with Brentwood Town the previous season. Scored the opening goal in the 2009/10 Ryman Div 1 North play-off final win over Enfield Town, and the management team are delighted to have secured his return.

Leon Gordon - Midfield

Age 28: Signed from Canvey Island FC in January 2013. Leon came through Canvey's Youth and Reserves, Leon made his debut for Canvey in November 2004 and then made over 250

appearances and scored 47 goals. Leon joined Concord in January 2013 and came off the bench to make his debut in the 4 - 0 win over Bury Town.

Danny Glozier - Defender

A confident full back, with a sweet left foot, Danny is a penalty specialist who is adept in both attack and defence. Progressed through the youth set up at Leyton Orient before spending time with Hornchurch and Brentwood Town. Returns to the club following a season travelling and playing semiprofessionally in New Zealand; after being a key part of the side in the club's 2010/11 Ryman Premier debut season.

Steve King - Defender

Dominant centre-back who has become integral to The Beachboys impressive progress since signing initially on-loan from Welling United in late 2009. As well as being a key figure in the Concord side, Steve has also represented the regional and national Fire Brigade team, Weighs in with his fair share of goals, and is widely-regarded as one of the strongest headers of the ball in non-league.

Kurt Robinson - Defender

A powerful left-back; who joined the club during the 2010/11 season. Played over 60 games for Rushden and Diamonds FC, who he initially joined on Ioan from Ipswich Town during the 2008/09 season. Turned in some superb performances last season, and has the potential to

be one of the best full-backs in the division.

Danny Spendlove - Midfielder



Talented winger who numbers Canvey Island and Wealdstone among his former clubs. A new signing, who has played under Beachboys assistant-manager Glen Alzapiedi before. Will add some much needed quality to the right hand-side, and scored a superb solo goal against Southend United in pre-season to mark his arrival in some style.

James White - Midfielder

23 year old imposing central midfielder. Debuted in the Ryman 1 for Great Wakering at 16 years of age, going on to join Dartford FC, where he had an Impressive spell - before joining Thurrock FC last year; where he spent most of his time turning in impressive performances at centre-back. Aerially dominant, and a great passer of the ball, James is a superb capture for the club.

Reece Harris - Midfielder Had an impressive loan spell with Concord during the 2010/11 season from Braintree Town FC and re-joined on a permanent basis towards the end of last season. An energetic and skilful left winger, Reece spent a period last season with Thurrock FC in the Blue Square South and is very capable down the left-side.

James Elmes - Midfielder A cultured central midfielder, James joined Concord at the start of the 2010/11 season from Waltham Abbey, where he scored some impressive goals despite Abbey's relegation following a play-off win the previous season against, ironically, Concord Rangers. Spent time with Arsenal and Barnet as a youngster and possesses solid technical ability with a good range of passing, contributing numerous goals and assists over the past two seasons, notably a 25-yard strike in a derby win over Canvey Island at Park Lane.

Tony Stokes - Forward (C)

Free-scoring midfielder turned forward, who joined his local club at the start of the 2010/11 season. A graduate of West Ham United's academy, Tony also spent time in Hungary with Ujpest FC, where he played in the Europa League. Returned to England in 2010 and was offered the chance to renew his love for the game with The Beachboys, an opportunity he took with both hands. Had Football League scouts flocking to The Aspect Arena during the 2010/11 campaign with 25 goals in all competitions, and following Hartlepool FC reneging on their offer of a trial, agreed terms to stay with Concord and turned in another goal-laden season despite missing the first 8 weeks through injury.

Jason Hallett - Forward A powerful striker who joins from local rivals Canvey Island FC after scoring 15 goals last season. Made a big impression at Canvey during their debut season in the Conference National, scoring 8 times, and had a spell with Chelmsford City before returning to Park Lane, Will give some real competition to Harry and Tony, and has turned in some impressive performances in pre-season so far.

Adetayo Osifuwa – Midfield Joined Concord in August this year, Ade is comfortable on the ball and has blistering pace. Previous Clubs include, Arsenal. Southend Utd, whilst at Southend Utd Ade played for their Under 18's when he was only 15 years of age.

Matty Fry - Defender

Age 22: Joined Concord in December 2012 and made his debut when coming off the subs bench in the 4 - 0 win away against Bury Town. Matty signed for West Ham and was captain of their Youth team in the 2008/09 season, he also played ten times for West Ham reserves in that season. Previous clubs include: Gillingham (Loan 2009), Charlton Athletic (Loan 2010 - 2011) and was transferred from West Ham to Bradford City in February 2012.

First team goalscorers



2012/13 First Team Goalscorers as at Saturday 27th April 2013

	RL	RLC	FAC	FAT	MSC	MCC	FR	Total	WFC Career
Richard Jolly	15	_	1	3	_	_	5	24	193 (11pens
Peter Dean	8	-	1	5	-	2	2	18	66 (6pens)
Alex Dyer	7	1	-	2		3	3	16	32
Tom Pett	9	_	_	1			1(1)	11(1)	12 (1pen)
Mark Knight	_	_	_	_		_	7	7	7
Sean Cronin	3 (1)		1(1)	-	_	_	2	6(2)	9 (2pens)
Wes Parker	5	-	_	_	-	_	1	6	17
Lee Chappell	4	1	_	_	_	_	-	5	34
Scott McGleish	5	_		_	-	_	-	5	5
Shabazz Baidoo	1	2	-	_	_		1	4	4
Rob Carrick		_		-	-	_	4	4	4
Chris Moore	4	_	_	_	33 <u></u>	_	_	4	4
Scott Fitzgerald*	1	-	_	_			2	3	31 (6pens)
Nathan Webb	3	1000		_	_	_	_	3	3
Tommy Brewer*		500	448	-	_		1	1	1
Kurtney Brooks	1	_	2000	_	-			1	6
Mark Goodman*	-	_	_	_	_	_	1	1	1
Esmond James	1	-	-	-	_	-		1	1
Tashan Jordan	-	-	-	_	_		1	1	1
Jacek Magdzinski*	-	1	_	_	_			1	1
Lukas Papp*	_	-	_	_			1	1	1
Will Stewart*	_		_		_	_	1	1	1
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TOTALS	70 (1)	5	3(1)	12	0	6	33 (1)	129 (3)	

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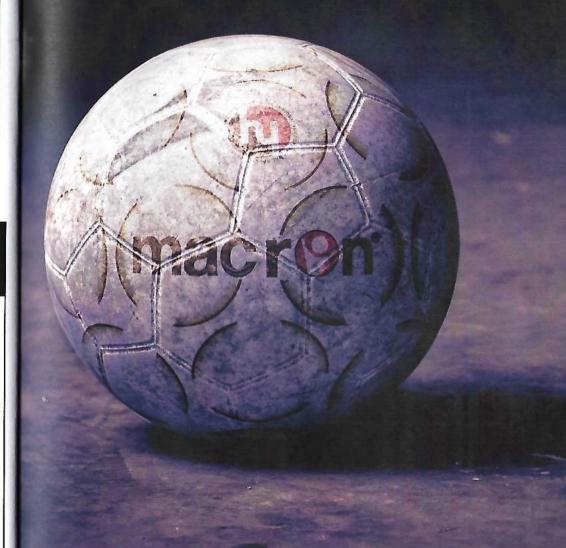
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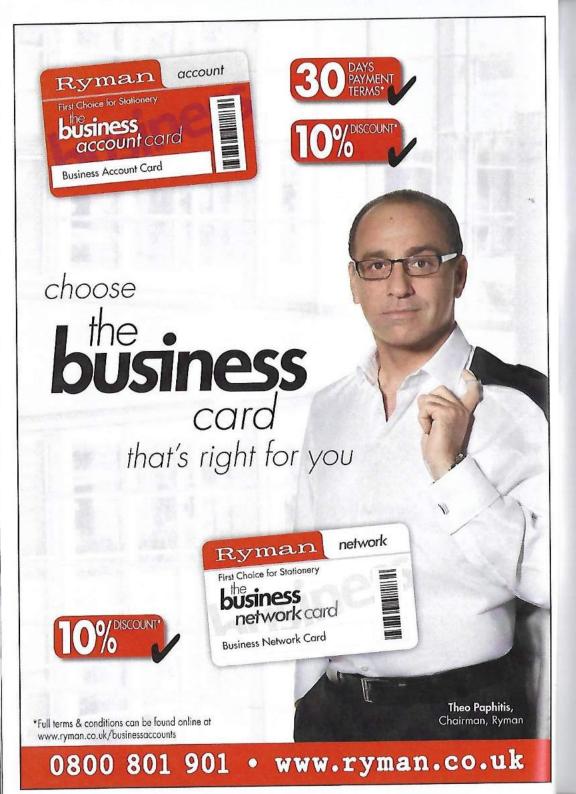
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Predict-a-Score 2012/13

Current table

Pos. Name	Pts	
Hayling Stones	44	The
Nick Ryder	44	The
Belmont Rattler	42	Prize
Bob Hall	42	Zone
Chelski Reject	40	
Victor Klarfeld	40	
Sarah Stimpson	40	
Steve Yearley	40	
Bobby P	39	"Prediction
Dan Fox	39	Europe"
Naomi Benveniste	39	Lurope
David Leigh	39	
Robert Matthews	39	
Tom Marshall	39	
Mim's Goodies	38	
Attic	37	
Micheal Bennett	37	
Balblair Boy-RIP	37	
Deadly	37	
The Govenor	37	
Ryan Lloyd	37	
Platty	37	
John Young	37	
Lacy Corner	36	Its all over and we have
John Jefferson	36	joint winners each
Tony Paulley	36	
Shortstuff	36	winning £262.50 &
Tim Parks	36	joint runners up who
Sir Arthur	36	
Barry Benveniste	35	each collect £75.00
Peter Barrett	35	Thanks and see you all
Daisy Krais	35	
Paul O'Brien	35	next season
Megaphone	35	
Maray	35	
Rob Locke	35	
Roy Couch	35	
Quentin Fox	35	
Sam Rumens	35	
The Linesmen	35	
Zoe Corner	35	
Douglas Horgan	34	
Guy Edwards	34	
Hughie Marshall	34	*
Steve Paull	34	
Wobs	34	Derisio
Stephen Bird	34	
Algarve Stones	33	Zor
Tony MacD	33	
Jay Cee Bee's	33	
Cynical	33	
Day Dreamers	32	
David Parish	32	

	Pos. Name	Pts	
	Peter Drew	32	
	Ron Moore	32	
	WFC Steve	32	
	Wayne Corner	32	
	Alan Ainsworth	31	
	Brian Stimpson	31	
	David Seward	31	
	Daphne Corner	31	
	Balblair Girl	31	
	Jo Luff	31	
	Happy Sprout	31	
	Mark Lloyd	31	
	Sonny Boy	31	
	Jez	30	
	Pat Rooney	30	
	Sutton Stones	30	
	Tony Drew	30	
	David Edwards	29	
	Henry Tumbridge	29	
	Olmar	29	
	Lori Rumens	29	
	James Klarfeld	29	
	Paul Rumens	29	
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n	Bankzzy's Boys	26	
	Munk	26	
	Ronnie Raffel	26	
	Matt Worby	26	
	Bob Bangs	25	
	Paul Harvey	25	
	Ray Corner	25	
	Phil Hawkes	24	
	Sal Monella	24	
	Munkie	24	
	Elizbeliz	23	
	Peter Gloor	23	
	Roo Roo	23	
Derision	AMugPunter	22	
Zone	Clare Kemp	22	
ZONE	J&L's Blues	22	
	Mick Fishman	22	
	Shane Rothwell	22	
	Nick Dugard	21	
	SENCO	20	
	Helen Hall	17	



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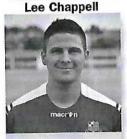


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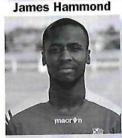
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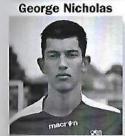
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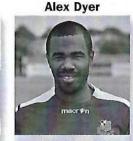
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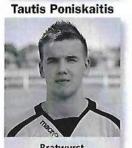
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League Table

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RYMAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Season 2012/2013

	2011 2012/ 201		Н	Home Away Overall										٧	Wealdstone Results		
		Р	W	D	L	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	Α	Dif	Pts	,,,,,	
1	Whitehawk	42	12	8	1	13	5	3	25	13	4	88	42	46	88	1-1	1-1
2	Lowestoft Town	42	13	4	4	10	7	4	23	11	8	71	38	33	80	0-0	0-3
3	Wealdstone	42	15	4	2	7	9	5	22	13	7	70	38	32	79-		
4	Concord Rangers	42	9	6	6	13	4	4	22	10	10	80	54	26	76	2-1	2-2
5	East Thurrock United	42	10	7	4	8	9	4	18	16	8	65	45	20	70	1-1	2-0
6	Metropolitan Police	42	10	4	7	10	6	5	20	10	12	65	56	9	70	1-0	1-0
7	Bury Town	42	8	5	8	11	4	6	19	9	14	66	64	2	66	2-3	0-0
8	Canvey Island	42	10	4	7	8	6	7	18	10	14	60	55	5	64	2-0	0-2
9	Margate	42	11	4	6	6	7	8	17	11	14	61	49	12	62	2-1	4-2
10	Hendon	42	6	9	6	10	3	8	16	12	14	48	50	-2	60	2-1	0-0
11	Kingstonian	42	10	2	9	8	3	10	18	5	19	63	62	1	59	5-2	0-2
12	Leiston	42	7	9	5	6	8	7	13	17	12	55	57	-2	56	2-0	1-1
13	Hampton & Richmond	42	7	7	7	6	7	8	13	14	15	58	56	2	53	3-2	1-3
14	Bognor Regis Town	42	8	4	9	7	4	10	15	8	19	48	58	-10	53	1-0	1-0
15	Harrow Borough	42	8	4	9	4	5	12	12	9	21	53	71	-18	45	2-0	0-0
16	Enfield Town	42	7	2	12	6	3	12	13	5	24	60	83	-23	44	4-0	2-1
17	Cray Wanderers	42	3	6	12	7	7	7	10	13	19	60	85	-25	43	2-0	3-0
18	Wingate & Finchley	42	5	5	11	7	1	13	12	6	24	56	82	-26	42	2-3	1-1
19	Thurrock	42	5	4	12	6	4	11	11	8	23	40	62	-22	41	2-2	0-0
20	Lewes	42	6	5	10	3	8	10	9	13	20	59	75	-16	40	6-1	0-1
21	Carshalton Athletic (R)	42	7	3	11	5	1	15	12	4	26	55	76	-21	40	3-0	2-0
22	Hastings United (R)	42	4	10	7	4	5	12	8	15	19	39	62	-23	39	3-0	1-1

Next season, the league will comprise 24 clubs. Dulwich Hamlet and Grays Athletic are promoted into the Ryman League Premier Division as champions of the Ryman League Southern and Northern divisions respectively. One more club from each division is set to be promoted as a result of the play-offs. Truro City, AFC Hornchurch and Billericay Town have been relegated from the Blue Square South, although the decision as to which leagues they play in next season will not be ratified

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