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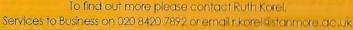
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SET IN STONE BY MARK HYDE

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Good evening and welcome back to Grosvenor Vale

hat's it, summer break over and it's back to competitive football. Tonight on our first home fixture of the season, we welcome to the Vale all the supporters, officials and players from Concord for our 12th meeting in a little over four and a half years. One difference from our previous meetings is the Beach Boy's manager. For the first time, Adam Flanagan will take his place in the Grosvenor Vale dugout having replaced long term manager, Danny Cowley. Our other guests this evening are match ball donor Howard Lambert and match sponsors, the WFC Supporters Club. The sponsoring of matches and donation of match balls provide much needed income for the club and there are plenty of opportunities for you too to get involved (see pages 22 & 43 for details). Thank you to both of tonight's sponsors, your help is greatly appreciated. As is customary, we at Programme Towers have spent countless hours over the summer re-designing the match day magazine that you currently hold in your hand and

hope you appreciate the new

look. Whatever your opinion, please let us know via Twitter -@wealdstoneprog.

When you finally reach page 20, you may find an old friend waiting for you. After much negotiation and over 15 years in the fanzine wildnerness, we have persuaded the legendary Elmslie Ender to return. If this means nothing to you, fear not as the first column will fill you in on it's colourful history. There is plenty of space waiting

to be filled and we welcome any contributions (and I know every single one of you have an article in you somewhere). Rewind and World of Ball return this season and there is promise of some football perspective from down under in the coming weeks, so stick with us.

Before I go, special thanks to everyone who has given up their precious time over the break and once again given us a stadium that we can be truly proud of.



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Wealdstone FC Chairman **HOWARD KRAIS**

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Chairman How 'Suspended' for first 3 games

ood evening everyone. Monday night football returns to the Vale as a new season begins to get into gear.

On the one hand it seems like ages since we finished in April (16 weeks to be precise) with that excellent day at Maidenhead but on the other hand with so much

going on and pre-season in full swing the time passes so quickly and before we know it another campaign is at hand. Tonight we welcome Concord Rangers. We all know how tight our battles with Concord have been over the past few seasons. The memory (or pain) of the play-off defeat here will haunt us for some time to come. Marshalled by Ant Smith, Concord seem to progress year on year and provide a template for clubs like us to follow. But with Danny Cowley, who did such a phenomenal job. now at Braintree, it will be

Beachboys can continue their upwardly mobile path. One new Concord face will be very familiar to us tonight, with the ever-popular goal scoring genius James Hammond having signed

interesting to see whether the

there during the summer. So tonight provides a great opportunity to thank Jimmy for his time with us. As well as Jimmy we should also thank Sean Cronin, Luke

O'Nien and of course Richard

to welcome all the new hasn't been easy with several

Jolly - 3 other Wealdstone heroes of the past few years who have all moved on during the summer. For many of us the season

starting might even bring something of a rest. A big thank you to the regular army of people who have given so much time around the ground. Thanks to those who got involved with the Ruislip Manor Fun Day, and to Nick Symmons and the team who have launched our community programmes. including Walking Football, which if you are over 50 and need some exercise is something to definitely have a further look at. We are delighted to welcome new Club Sponsor GPF

Lewis; I am sure that we will enjoy a great, and I hope mutually beneficial relationship with Rory and Joe. Importantly we have a new commercial and marketing team up and running and we've launched our new social media operation. And it is only a few short weeks until the lunch to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Double - the first of a number of

planned events. On the playing front I'd like players to the Club. I'm sure Gordon's notes will describe in more detail how taxing a summer it has been for him. It



badly timed injuries, the unavailability of players for one reason or another and the knowledge of suspensions carried forward to this season not really giving us the opportunity to have a settled team to come into the season with. That said I believe the group of players we have at the Club is the best we've had in a long time. We will see whether that proves to be the case over the coming weeks. As well as the new commercial team we are in the process of launching a new fund raising scheme 12th Stone. This will grow in importance and you will hear a lot more about this, and be invited to get involved in the coming weeks.

With the best timing, my own holiday plans mean I am also 'suspended' for the first three matches of the season so am missing today's match and will not be back until the day of the trip to Margate. So fingers crossed I will come back to a few points on the board and confidence arowina.

I'm sure it will be an exciting nine months ahead. It always is. Come on you Stones!

Howard

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FROM THE DUGOUT Gordon Bartlett

The joys of the 4-1 win at Maidenhead and the fantastic travelling support soon seemed a distant memory as the early close season conversations with numerous players seemed to constantly draw blanks, because we were being blown out of the water by some of the big spenders. Our new commercial team were also having little luck with potential shirt sponsors. Further frustrations as Watford decided not to play their U.21's here at The Vale and with that went the prospect of a lucrative pre-season friendly with the newly promoted Premier team. Those early summer weeks were fast becoming quite depressing. So it was quickly into preseason and I must ask, where the hell have those 6 weeks

gone? We started back training on the last Thurs of June and we felt our preparation was excellent. A good balance of friendlies, some decent players signed and Scotty leading the training, all looked to be going smoothly and the first two weeks were excellent. The players worked really hard, attitudes were superb and there was a really good feel about the place. Another plus point in those couple of weeks came when Paul Rumans and myself visited JPF Lewis about a possible sponsorship package. After a couple of very good meetings with Rory and Joe I am delighted they decided to come on board and have now become our new shirt sponsor. I hope they have a long and enjoyable stay with us and their assistance helps us

continue our climb up the football pyramid. I must say I thought the new shirts with the sponsor's logo and badges looked impressive against QPR on Saturday. Little did I know this would turn out to be one of the most difficult and time consuming pre-seasons I have ever known..... with a lot of surprises thrown in. All I can say, it's a good job I've been on holiday from school, otherwise I don't think I would have had the time to do it, it's turning into a full time job. The pre-season friendlies have been interesting to say the least. I don't think we've had any games where we had less than 6 players unavailable! It's been ridiculous! I'm not going into details. Connect Ve but an array of injuries, various holidays,

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FROM THE DUGOUT continued...



new born babies, illness, work commitments and now we've got to cope with 3 suspensions as we go into the season. Nothing like good practice for the problems you get during the main season. We ended up 4 wins, 4 defeats and 2 draws with the Slough game still to go which is only being used for match fitness for injured players, those back from holiday and final decision on trialists. It's not about results, but learning about players, match fitness and trying to get a shape about the team. We had a variety of tests from young pros, full pro 1st teams, a conference side and strong sides just below us. We played on a couple of really poor pitches, had very long grass to contend with, a couple of 3G pitches, a coach journey and then excellent surface at home. All decent preparation for exactly what we will come across throughout the season. Overall, we have kept our shape well, tried different formations and gradually looked sharper and raised the tempo as the we approached the opening League fixture at

Against a lot of unforeseen obstacles and now having probably 6 players missing for these opening league games, we can look at the squad and honestly feel we are in better shape than this time last vear. I'd love to hit the ground running, but realistically believe we should have a better idea when everyone is fit and the suspensions have been served in a few weeks. Hopefully we will have enough to give ourselves a solid start and not have to

'It looks a very strong league all round'

play catch up like last year. I keep getting asked about our chances of getting to the play-offs, so I would like to clarify my personal ambitions, which are to try to finish above last season. That has never changed since the day Leo and myself walked into the club 20 years ago and I think we have managed it most years. It's certainly going to be a tougher league this year, with more money being thrown about but as usual we will give it our best shot.

Who do I think will win the title? Ebbsfleet must be favourites this season, but I think Havant, Dartford, Whitehawk, Hemel, Margate and Maidenhead have all had busy summers and must all be in with a shout. In fact, it looks a very strong League all

round.

Tonight's opening home fixture brings a welcome return to Monday night football back at The Vale. The atmosphere under lights has created some fantastic Monday nights here over recent seasons and we need to get this place rocking again and help improve our home form from last season. With Concord as our first home fixture, it's bound to spark memories of some of entertaining battles but one big character will be missing, with Manager Danny Cowley moving to Braintree in the summer. I'd like to welcome new manager Adam Flanagan

and feel sure we will continue the close fought rivalry with have built up between the two clubs over recent seasons. I also extend a warm welcome to ex' Stone Jimmy Hammond, who decided to seek pastures new after our game against Stevenage. Jimmy has been an excellent servant for us over the past few seasons and I was sorry when he left. On a personal note, I will miss your late night texts from holiday or nights out with the boys, but I certainly won't miss you regularly being the last to arrive for games or training! I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Jimmy for his excellent contribution and wish him every success at Concord but only after this evening.

It just leaves me to say thank you to everyone who has mucked in and helped prepare us for another season. It doesn't go unnoticed and every little job is a valuable contribution as we strive to take this club forward. Be proud of what you do and over every 90 minutes of football this year, just do your little bit to see if you can give us that extra edge that turns a draw into a win or a defeat into a draw. Thanks again and let's

make sure we all find our 'positive' heads and try to enjoy the ride over the next nine months and who knows where it might take us.



MEET THE NEW STONES: DALE BINNS





I'm a local Harrow lad so know all about the club.. I saw family friend Drax when he played at Lower Mead

Name and age: Dale Binns (aka Binnsy), age 34 in a body of a 29 year old...lol Usual playing position? Left midfield

Favourite position? Left Wing in a 4-3-3 formation

Where you live? Watford Single, attached, married, name of partner etc? Married with two young children - a son Ethan (27 months) and daughter Amelie-May (10 months), Wife: Charmaine Job outside football, if working? Team Manager at Islington Council

How do you manage to fit football in with your working hours, attending training etc? It's not easy especially now with kids, but have always been used to a hectic schedule with work and football and now

family life. I do it for the love of the game.

What do you see as your major attributes as a footballer? Speed, crossing, vision, experience, and work

Have any of your relatives played the game to a good level? My cousin Adrian Mariappa currently plays for Crystal Palace and Jamaica. And older cousin Dale Banton (who I was named after) played for West Ham and Aldershot in 80's.

Did you know any of the Stones players before signing? Yes, big Jefferson Louis a pal from way back, and Elliot Godfrey who I have played against and had some good battles and banter over the years.

What/who persuaded you to join Wealdstone? The two players I've mentioned, plus the Gaffer, and the prospect of playing in front of legendary

Did you know much about the club's history before you joined? Yes, I am a local boy born and raised in Harrow, so remember the days of when Wealdstone ground was where the Tesco's is now in Harrow. I used to go and watch Johnson Hyppolyte (aka Drax) as a kid he is a close friend of the family - when he used to play for the Stones, and remember the days of when Wealdstone used to ground share at Watford FC. Have you played against the Stones before? I remember playing against the Stones CONTINUED OVERPAGE



MEET THE NEW STONES: CONTINUED

when I used to play for Hendon FC back in the day (2003) when Marvin Morgan and Jermaine Beckford were playing up front in a Middlesex cup tie at the Edgware Town FC ground... I scored a screamer from 25 vards which hit the stanchion and came back out, and the referee was unsure if the ball had crossed the line - thankfully the linesman gave the goal, but this was before the days of smartphones and youtube, so no video evidence I'm afraid! Where do you see yourself in five years? In five years I can see myself having made the transition from playing into coaching, giving something back to football, and helping the next generation of players. Possibly becoming a football agent or mentor and helping professional footballers deal with the day to day issues that the modern day footballer experiences (social media, gambling, financial management and

THE LAST...

women...lol)

Goal you scored? | Should be talking about a goal against Wycombe Wanderers in the pre season friendly which I missed... But instead it was the last game of last season for Sutton v Maidenhead, a left foot low strike from 18 yards into the bottom corner

Assist? That would have been some form of cross from the left, after taking on 2 or 3 players....lol

Binnsy hits

Maidenhead

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Sutton

against

Car you bought? BMW 1 Series

Film you saw? Gladiator (classic)

Book you read? I'm about the read 'Becoming a

Supple Leopard: - a fitness and well-being book.

Trophy won? Conference South Winners Medal 2012 with Woking

Time you were sent off? For Eastleigh three seasons ago Holiday you had? A stag do in Barcelona in May.

JURY'S OUT

Alexis Sanchez or Cristiano Ronaldo? Lionel Messi football genius Chinese, Indian, Sushi or Nandos? Nando's Sky Sports or Match of the Day? MOTD Caribbean with the missus or

Magaluf with the lads? Las Vegas with the boys, then on to the Caribbean with the Missus, as you need another holiday to

get over the first one! TIME ADDED ON

That might

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me a move to

The Stones

scored? The one that comes to mind is for Stevenage v St Albans, a left foot 20 yard volley from a tight angle (rolling back the years)

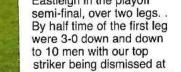
Most memorable moment in football? Getting to Wembley with Stevenage for the FA Trophy final at the new Wembley in 2008, which we went on to win, was special. Best player you've ever played with.... and against? Boncho Genchev at Hendon,

Best goal vou've ever

who played in the USA World cup 1994 for Bulgaria. George Boyd (aka the White Pele) at Stevenage too, currently playing for Burnley.

Against: Sylvain Wiltord for Arsenal, playing in a friendly for Luton Town behind closed doors. The guy's movement was unreal, just when you thought you had him he was gone again. A footballing lesson for me about touch, decision making, the importance of keeping the ball as a team,

and movement off the ball. Worst moment in football, and why? Losing the playoff Final with Farnborough against Ebbsfleet... as well as not gaining promotion with Sutton in the 13/14 season with the team we had. Best moment in football so far, and why? Overturning a 4-0 goal deficit playing for Hayes v Eastleigh in the playoff semi-final, over two legs. . By half time of the first lea were 3-0 down and down to 10 men with our top striker being dismissed at CONTINUED OVERPAGE







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home. Managed to end the game 4-2 down. Regrouped and picked ourselves up to beat Eastleigh away 4-0 aet. We then went on to win the playoff final against Hampton and Richmond in there back yard.

Best team you've ever played in? I've been fortunate to play in some really great teams so will have to give a mention to 3 of the teams Lewes FC Championship Winning, Team 2007, Hayes and Yeading playoff winning team 2008, and Woking FC Championship winning team 2012.

Favourite restaurant? Busaba Eathai (thai restaurant) Favourite meal? Jerk Chicken and rice Biggest influence on your said the career so far? Frank Murphy (the manager that gave me my chance at Hendon FC)

Which World Cup star plays like you? (Blast from the past) Marc Overmars Dutch international Who's your travel

papers only like

Metro and Evening

Standard (can't believe he

partner? Soon to be Elliott Godfrey Which newspaper do you buy (if any)? Why pay when you can get free you could have have someone's eye out there

said this! - Ed)
Most visited site online? BBC

Which radio station do you listen to? Capital

Most-played track on your i-pod? Fetty Wep Which five people would you LOVE to have round for a meal? Bob Marley, The Original Ronaldo, Mike Tyson, Kevin Hart, Halle Berry

AND FINALLY..

Who's your best mate in football? Big Nose Bobby Behzadi at Maidenhead United. gpflewis

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Wealdstone FC President PAUL RUMENS

Welcome Back

very big welcome back to the Vale for the new season to everyone old and hopefully some new!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our new shirt

sponsors GPF Lewis Plc and their senior directors Rory Fitzgerald & Joe Ringart.

They have already brought a fresh feel to the club in a very short space of time and we hope we can grow our relationship with these gentlemen

going forward for a long time. Welcome on board guys.

We certainly need to start better than last year's first season at this level that's for sure, given the much higher calibre of incoming clubs to the division, there will be no gimmes. No doubt, even without Danny Cowley at the helm, today's opponents Concord will be looking to spoil our homecoming first match tonight, so let's make sure we are first to the ball and first to the points.

Yet again, it's been another hectic close season with tons of work being carried out by the ground works team ably led by Attic & Mickey Kane, so thanks to each and everyone of you. I would also like to thank both John & Alison Moran from the original Wealdstone Juniors and Jay Hogg & WFC Youth for providing the funding for tarmacking the bottom end of the ground and also the installation of the new TV gantry.

Further to this a big thanks goes to Gordon Hill aka the Wealdstone Raider for donating £12125 to the Youth from the proceeds of his no 5 hit Xmas single.(even though I manage him it still all seems surreal!)



Another amazing milestone is achieved as Gordon & Leo start their 21st season as the management team of our wonderful club, an incredible achievement in this day and age where the lack of loyalty is all too prevalent in the beautiful game. Well done gents and long may it continue.

There has been quite a turnaround in players in preseason and some notable additions too but given we are without 3 suspended players for our opening 3 games and Northy having a knock we are going to be starting somewhat on the back foot so let's hope we got something out of another one of our nemesis clubs in Bath last Saturday.

To further bolster the finances at our club and give you the team that we all crave for, we have Mike Bandry, commercial manager and Mark Winkworth working hard behind the scenes to bring in the income that we urgently need to compete properly at this level of football so please support them where you can with any contacts for boards,

advertising and any other leads you can help them with

Match sponsorship, match balls & kit donors are still being handled by myself and Pete Worby.

Finally, a lot of you will not be aware that I am organising the biggest luncheon in the club's history on Saturday 12/9 prior to our match v Chelmsford City for a 30th anniversary 1985 Double

Reunion of our greatest side and greatest achievement in our club's fine history.
We have tracked down 13 players and a further 7 staff to attend even one Vinnie Jones will be in attendance together with some travelling from other continents to be

there! There will be a 4 four course lunch together with auction, Q&A, anecdotal stories led by skipper Paul Bowgett & Robin Wainwright on the top table with Tim Parks as MC for the day. There will also be a special memento for each quest together with match tickets, programme and half time refreshments. Post match we are arranging special photo opportunities with your favourite players all included in the ticket price of £69. Don't miss out as we only have 120 tickets available with 75 already sold. Contact me on 07710 929682 or by email to rumens@gotadsl.co.uk,

Paul

An apology upfront: for season 2015/2016, stats = entertainment

ou're documented down like rats, they're catching up on every squeal." Ten points to whoever can identify the post-punk band* behind those lyrics from way back in 1979.

Turns out that some things never change. The accumulation of data through mass surveillance was a worry even then, albeit perhaps a lesser concern when viewed against the genuine prospect of nuclear war and that woman just moved in at No.10.

Today, though, the world is awash with data and an ever increasing concern about its use. Of course, from a footballing perspective the accumulation of data leads to a wonderful world of statistics - and where would modern football be without its stats? At the beginning and end of each season the clamour goes up - "hey, programme boys, how about a stats page?", to which the counter-clamour goes "statistics? No one cares? They're only of interest to nerds / stoats / hoppers..." etc.

So statistics are the Marmite component in any matchday magazine. And sure, they can often be essentially meaningless. A league table sorted by what would have happened if all games finished at half-time



is, for some, a source of wonder and delight. Others will roll their eyes and look to their cuticles, such is their disdain for the devil in the detail of data.

But let me tell you something, Stones fans, and you'd better listen well: Over the summer, WFC Programme Towers received word that a liberal sprinkling of stats is a key performance indicator when it comes to the ranking of club programmes in end-of-season surveys. And we'll tell you something else, too: your programme team is

not going to stand idly by and risk the accusation of a lack of ambition. We always have the title of best non-league programme in our sights and when circumstances change. we change. (Regular readers may already have noted, for example, how we've undergone a complete seven-day fontoplasty following the debacle of last week's QPR fonts issue. Sorry about that.)

Data day activities

Accordingly, you can expect more stats this season. To the anti-stats brigade, we say this: Imagine the Stones signing a particularly dull but capable centre-back with a career history at both Harrow Borough and Barnet. Sure, at first you'll hate the very sight of the fella - but over time you'll grudgingly concede his value to the team as results picked up.

We are, of course, living in the age of the easily accessible yet utterly meaningless statistic. Just try getting through sixty seconds of Match of the Day without some ticker popping across the screen explaining that what you've just seen was Algernon Wapsnazma's fourth left-footed shank into the top corner following an assist from a bald-headed right back since

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St.Patrick's Day 2011; or Julio Georgio's seventy-ninth assist against a team playing in yellow since Mars and Mercury were last in alignment, etc.

But data is where football is increasingly at, its analysis no more than common sense. Doing so allows for the identification of marginal performance gains, with the aggregation of marginal gains being the secret weapon that's made British cycling teams the best in the world over the last decade. British cyclists are likely to make up half of all BBC sports personalities of the year since 2008, much of it down to micro-management of performance data. It'll catch on at the Vale eventually; Gordon, Leo and co. trudging their technical area with iPads in hand, staring at screens to work out why the left back position is 37% less efficient from minutes 35 to 40.

At this juncture it's time for a

confession: I write databases

for the fun of it. (Yes, the

stats can be depressing. For example, the most statistically likely result today is 2-1 or 1-0. That's just a fact, and knowing it's much more likely than, say, a 5-3 thriller can get to you every now and then. (I'm in football watching season #38

and still haven't seen a 5-3.)

OK, fair enough. Because

"What you've just seen was Algernon Wapsnazma's fourth left-footed shank into the top corner following an assist from a baldheaded right back since St.Patrick's Day 2011"

fun, shut up.) The revelatory beauty behind data patterns is such that I've designed an app into which every match I have ever attended, to the best of my memory, has been poured. I can tell you how many games I've attended at The Vale and how that compares with any other ground. What's that you say? The number of Isthmian League Division One North games I've been to and the average scoreline thereof? You only need ask. I'd offer to sell you a copy if you weren't currently rolling around on the floor laughing. Of course, it's a prototype for a bigger and better work database, but by now all you're hearing is a highpitched buzz and some git banging on about databases.

But in general, documentation of football data is only likely to increase. Clubs are becoming ever more data-savvy, if perhaps a lot colder as a result. Look at Brentford, a club that's come from nowhere in recent seasons on the back of a ruthlessly data-driven approach to team management.

So, roll your eyes if you want, but all we're doing is making it statistically more likely for us to taste 2015/16 programme glory.

(* XTC - "Real by Reel" from the album Drums & Wires)

Think you could write something better in 'World of Ball'? We

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Stones end 37 years of hurt



njuries to Jonathan North and Dale Binns overshadowed an otherwise excellent win over QPR's U21's vesterday. Goals from Shaun Lucien, Connor Calcutt and man of the match Jonny Wright sealed a 3-1 win over the Championship side's Development Squad.

However, last year's player of the season North and summer arrival Binns both hobbled out of the action. the former suffering from a problem at the back of the knee, while the latter went to hospital with a suspected broken toe - just the sort of news boss Gordon Bartlett could have done without just seven days ahead of the season curtain-raiser against Bath City.

Still deprived of a host of players because of holidays and injuries. Bartlett started with former Bournemouth professional Ryan Case at right-back, while Connor Calcutt joined Josh Hutchinson in a two-man attack. Binns meanwhile started at left-back in place of Ryan Watts who was side-lined with an eye infection.

The visitors almost caught the home defence cold with just 75 seconds on the clock when a ball played into the left side of the box found Reece Greco-Cox no more than four yards out. He stabbed the ball

the inside of the post and roll along the line before a defensive boot cleared the danger.

That scare survived Stones began to compete and were furious on the quarter hour when Ball appeared to be tripped by Ossie Kakay, but penalty appeals were waved away by referee Felton.

Encouraged the home side threatened again Case crossed for Hutchinson whose spectacular bicycle kick flew just wide.

Rangers' youngsters responded with Cox's close range drive parried behind by North for a corner which came to nothing.

It was Stones who broke the deadlock on 31 minutes when Dan Brown slipped in Lucien on the left of the box and the winger turned his marker inside out before firing through Martin Brownski's legs into the far

Harly Wise threatened at the other end with a glancing header wide, before Binns, injured minutes earlier limped off to be replaced by another new face Dillon Casey.

The Rangers youngsters

exploited his absence a couple of times forcing first Wes Parker and then Tom Hamblin to head behind for corners, but Stones kept their slender lead at the break.

Rangers opened the second half brightly but it was Stones who doubled the lead on 53 minutes. Hutchinson did really well to steal the ball on the left and when he played it inside Calcutt was upended by Dickandi, leaving the official no alternative but to give a penalty. Calcutt picked himself up to send Brownski the wrong way from the spot.

Stones were now playing confidently and it was 3-0 just before the hour when Wright latched onto a cross from the left. He played a short ball to Hutchinson, who, unable to get a shot off, played it back to the impressive Wright, who fired inside the near post.

Kakay volleyed over at the other end, but it could have been 4-0 when Wright's cross was skewed over his own bar by substitute James Haran.

The biggest worry for Stones came when North limped out of the action with a quarter of an hour left, meaning an appearance in goal for 41-year-old playercoach Scott McGleish.

And the veteran was soon in action, clutching a shot from Giamm Cricklow. He could not manage a clean sheet as late on substitute Aaron Mitchell beat him with a shot which flew in off the underside of the bar. Attendance: 610

Match Report: Nick DuGard Picture: Steve Foster

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SUPPORTERS CLUB Nick DuGard

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The collective work never stops but the shop is open and we are back in business.

lello everyone for our first home game of the new season. Here's hoping that we got a result on Saturday at Bath City! Welcome to our old friends from Concord now under new management. It's such a shame I won't be here tonight as I have been called away to Sheffield on business. As usual I shall be hanging on to every tweet update from The Vale!

Before the QPR friendly match the previous Saturday I was doing a preview piece for Radio Harrow (Previously Harrow Community Radio) and the studio asked about what happens during the summer when the team are not playing. To the outside observer, perhaps particularly at non league level there seems to be a perception that we all shut up shop! The reality of course is that it is just as busy at the club probably more so that during the regular season - just ask our Manager Gordon Bartlett!! It has certainly ben so busy on so many fronts - our collective work never stops of course.

May I take this opportunity to say a huge well done to Attic and all the ground workers

who have done such a great iob over the summer.

The Supporters club have been busy too during the close season and we hope to be able to announce soon that we are appointing two new committee members so watch this space.

Following Jez Albert's so called 'retirement' from the committee @, Alan Palmer has manfully stepped into the breach and is now our coach organiser. As I write these notes I am looking forward to the Bath trip and it looks like a healthy number of fans

have booked up. On this subject we do need early bookings please for the midweek trip to Margate on Tuesday 18 August. Please contact Alan asap - get details from the Forum via the main club website or WFCSC website Don't forget to visit our superb club shop tonight (located behind the dugouts - new

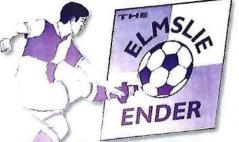
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Nick



Stones!

ELMSLIE ENDER IS BACK



15 years after it was last published, the

country's first great football fanzine makes a return!

le love history at Wealdstone. Some people at the club think that's all some of our supporters talk about. The Double in particular seems to irk some, rather than being something to be incredibly proud of - not only being the first club to win the nonleague double but as the only one that did it as a part-time club.

That was back in 1985. By 1987. Wealdstone were already on the way down that saw the club suffer two relegations, one voluntary demotion, the loss of one of the most atmospheric

arounds in the nonleague game. groundshares at Watford, Yeading, Edgware and Northwood. a multitude of overpaid non-performing players, to financial meltdown that saw players being paid not

much more



BY SUDHIR RAV

EE launched in March 1987 in the aftermath of a 4-0 home gubbing by Boston United in Conference. Rather apt as for the next eight years or so, until a certain Mr Bartlett appeared. Wealdstone lurched from one disaster to another.

The EE provided a vehicle to those that wanted to vent their frustration on what was happening to their beloved club. It wasn't all gloom and doom. There was plenty of humour too especially when it came to regaling tales of the now ever so respectable Jeremy Albert's serial pitch invasions! The first edition had 24 pages, by the end

there were 60/70/80. Some editions had the twenty or thirty contributors and we raised thousands of pounds which went back into the Supporters' Club coffers.

The EE wasn't really a campaigning fanzine as others were at the time. It backed the three amigos of the supporters' club when



...THE ELMSLIE ENDER





they warned of the impending doom of moving to Watford, but had also backed, like most supporters, the chairmanship of Alan Clifton as sought to remove David Morritt from the club. What a mistake that was! Whilst Wealdstone was essentially bereft of racism during the dark days of monkey chants and bananas being thrown at players, there was anti-Semitism during matches against Enfield which co-editor Martin Lacev vehemently campaigned against.

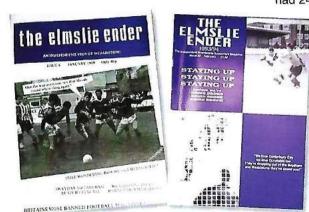
Notoriety though was to befall the magazine. In edition three. Martin wrote a rather acerbic comment about another club. Ridiculously tame by modern day football forum standards, but we were allegedly dobbed in by ironically the editor of that club's fanzine who took umbrage. Long story short, after demands for an apology, censorship etc., the magazine was banned from being sold within all grounds of the footballing pyramid at the time, some 256 clubs! What happened next? Sales rocketed. The EE was

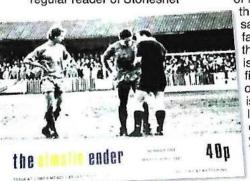
being sold around the country in shops in central London, Manchester and Glasgow. Financially, especially thanks to the fact that Martin Lacev printed it, was in the rudest of health which all went into Supporters' Club coffers. Production standards of the magazine were way ahead of its contemporises. I think we were even voted best nonleague fanzine once or twice. The ban lasted until David Pollock took over as chairman at Watford when he made representations on our behalf to the football authorities. Fanzines are still around. Bradford City's "City Gent" is still in production with over 500 issues. Football forums have made the need for fanzines almost redundant. As any regular reader of Stonesnet

will know it is a serial moan fest when things are not going well. A defeat elicits multitude pages of what went wrong, why wasn't this player not picked, why did another play etc. When we win, you struggle to get onto a second

Surprisingly, bearing in mind some of the "constructive criticism" that players received within the fanzine, it was eagerly awaited in the dressing room. There were moments of flashpoints, but to the eternally credit of the players over the years, they never reached a boiling point. As ever it was the lack of time that saw the end of the EE after forty odd issues and some fourteen years later. Now, with the advent

> of forums and twitter. they no longer carry the same significance to fans. I always felt that there was one more issue in us, when we finally found a home or our own. Whilst Ruislip is that now, with the lease still not extended, our future isn't quite vet secured. That final issue has been about ten years in the waiting.....







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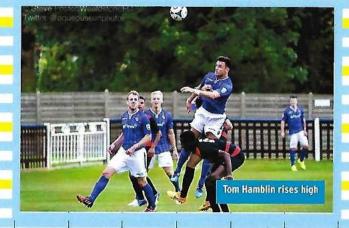
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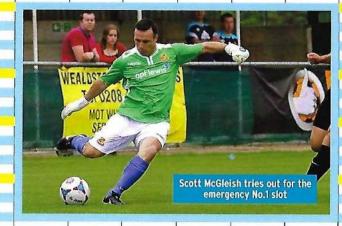
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11th July: Stevenage (H) 0-1

14th July: Staines Town (A) 1-2 Goals: 06

18th July: Dover Athletic (H) 0-2

21st July: Wycombe Wanderers (H) 1-3 Goals: Godfrey

23rd July: Leighton Town (A) 0-0

25th July: AFC Rushden & Diamonds (A) 0-0 29th July: Dagenham & Redbridge (H) 3-1

- Goals: Godfrey, Lucien, Hutchinson

1st August: Queens Park Rangers (H) 3-1

- Goals: Lucien, Calcutt (Pen), Wright

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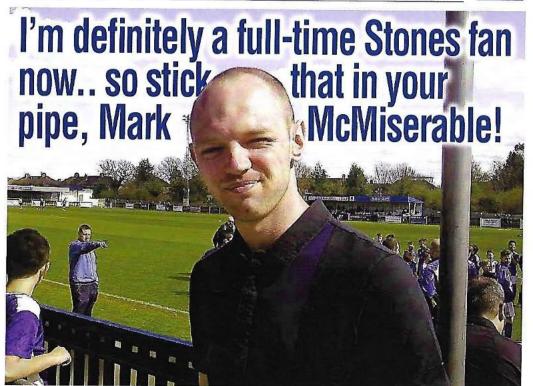
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Royal Blue Review FAN IN THE STAND: PAUL POTTINGER Royal Review





Name: Paul Pottinger Where you live and how long you've been there: I've lived in Wealdstone nearly all my life.

Are you working? I'll hopefully be an OT assistant in Watford for the NHS by the time this is published.

First Stones game attended: It would have been in the 1989/90 season at Lower Mead although I don't remember who it was against. What or who persuaded

you to become a Stones fan?Wealdstone has always been my local club - my parents used to take me and my brother to the mini league meetings on Sunday at Lower Mead managed by Dave Albert.

Do you follow any other team? Yes, QPR - although I consider myself very much a Wealdstone supporter first, and QPR as my second team these days as I've only been to one Rangers game in the last four

Do you prefer lower-League football? Yes, very much so. Firstly you don't pay an arm and a leg to get a ticket for the game. Plus I like to walk around the ground during a game rather than being trapped in a seat. I also find the supporters of non league clubs are more genuine than supporters of premier league clubs who seem to support a club just because they win trophies - and often the closest they've got to a football ground

is watching a game on sky sports at their local pub. Any disadvantages? Yes, postponements and fixture back logs - although last season was pretty good as very few games were affected by the weather.

How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone. into your family/working life? Thankfully I'll be starting a new job which means I should get very weekend off. I should be able to turn up to most matches this season. That means Mark McManus can stop calling me a part time supporter!

Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen? One game that has lived long in CONTINUED OVERPAGE



FAN IN THE STAND: PAUL POTTINGER CONTINUED

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Parker

PAUL'S FAVOURITE ALL-TIME WEALDSTONE LINE-UP

6 Alex

Dyer

9 Richard Jolly

2 Carl

Martin

7 Glenn

Little

1 Jonathan North

5 Sean

Cronin

8 Chris

O'Leary

10 Brett Assombalonga

3 Lee

Chappell

II Tom

Pett

the memory bank is when Clive Wilson scored an injury time penalty for QPR against Millwall at Loftus Road in the FA Cup 5th round in the 1995/96 season. I just remember the upper

Loft going completely bonkers. Best televised game has to be when England stuffed Germany 5-1

awav.

And most memorable Wealdstone game, and moment? It has to be when we knocked Cambridge United out of the FA Trophy back in the 2011/12 season. Favourite moment? Has to be Charlie Penny's title clinching goal at Margate last year. What really gets your goat watching football?

Blatant cheating - e.g. diving, grappling with players while defending set pieces, players and managers intimidating referees etc. Also the amount of money and greed at the top end of the game. If a footballer earns £70,000 a week (and

the rest) then what should someone who works in the emergency services or armed forces be getting paid? I hate multi billionaires using good football clubs as a plaything or a financial investment while completely ignoring the existence of the loyal supporters who have been following their club for many decades.

Also, I don't like what's going on in FIFA at the moment, especially with

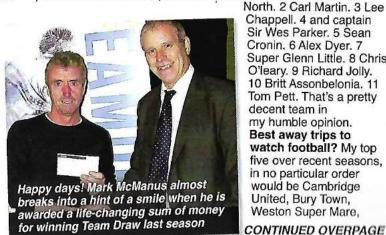
the obvious corruption surrounding the Qatar world cup bid. Anyway, rant over! Have you ever played the game yourself (to any level) and most memorable moments ? Yes. I've actually played for Wealdstone FC (Under 13s)... Don Cross was my manager and used to put the fear of Christ into me. But a part from a few Surrey county games for Hindhead and one pre season friendly for a French village team I've not played very much football to be honest.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones -watching experience at the Vale? Apart from

the club house maybe needing a bit more renovating and updating I love it at the Vale. Favourite current Wealdstone line-up? 1 Jonathan North. 2 Carl Martin. 3 Ryan Watts. 4 Sir Wes Parker. 5 Tom Hamblin. 6 Elliott Godfrey 7 Jonny Wright. 8 Dan Brown. 9 Jefferson Louis. 10 Scott McGleish. 11 Luke O'Nien. **Favourite all-time Stones** line-up? This will have to be a team picked over the last four seasons as I don't remember anything about the Lower Mead days, and that I didn't go that regularly when we played at the White lion ground. So it will be 1 Jonathan

> Chappell. 4 and captain Sir Wes Parker, 5 Sean Cronin, 6 Alex Dyer, 7 Super Glenn Little. 8 Chris O'leary. 9 Richard Jolly. 10 Britt Assonbelonia, 11 Tom Pett. That's a pretty decent team in my humble opinion. Best away trips to watch football? My top five over recent seasons. in no particular order would be Cambridge United, Bury Town, Weston Super Mare,

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FAN IN THE STAND: PAUL POTTINGER CONTINUED Review

Whitehawk and Bath City. What was your highlight of last season? Joe Turner's last gasp winner away to Bath City. I just remember going absolutely mental and being filmed at the same time by the chap who was filming the Raider that day.

Best non-League ground you've visited? I remember really liking Colchester's Layer Road although it wasn't a non league ground at the time. Probably Bury Town's ground as you have the view of the Gothic church at one end and a view of the brewery up the other.

Best stadium you've EVER visited? Lord's cricket ground. Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale? Bulla stand with the noisy lot. Up the other end just to the right of the goal. Otherwise I stand in the bar if it's freezing or if the game ain't too pleasant.

Where did you used to stand or sit at Lower Mead? With my dad as I had ended up on the pitch once so I couldn't be trusted to be left alone!

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? I will be happy with another mid table finish to be honest. I do think that it is also very important to have at least

one good run in the FA Cup or Trophy over the next few seasons, as a good cup run injects much needed funds and interest into the club. How does the current

programme

compare with





others you see? There is no comparison. Mark and his team do a fantastic job. No other programme has the amount of original content or good reading material as the Stones programme does.

Any articles or features that you'd like to see? You can't possibly fit anything else thing into the programme can you? What has been the most readable/least readable Fan in the Stand so far? I like reading the ones of the people who I regularly stand with. I'm not going to name names as I'm already getting enough stick for eating a Scummer's burger and don't want people hating me because

I forgot to mention them. What do you think of the bars and catering at The

Vale? Any beers or food you'd like to be added? Apart from the club house needing a bit of updating I'm guite pleased with the facilities at the Vale. Having the Rollin' Kitchen at each home match was a great idea. I wouldn't mind the beer to be cheaper but I quess

the bar has to make money. Do you buy much at the clubshop? What's your favourite all-time Stones strip? Blue and White quarters. Yes I do go in and buy various purchases occasionally. My last buy was a scarf.

Finally, where do you see the club in five years' time? Hopefully still holding our own in the Conference South, and still at the Vale on a longer term lease.

If we can secure a minimum lease term of 25 years, or better still own the ground outright, I can see building up to being a sizeable conference side and even going full-time professional if we can get the right type of owner and investment for the club.

I think we are club on the rise. Home attendances have doubled since I've been going regularly and absolutely no one takes the away support we do in at our level. I think it's also a good thing for our club that a lot of local league clubs are out-pricing their supporters as I see a lot of QPR, Arsenal, Spurs, Watford and Chelski fans turning up more regularly. COYS!



Blue Review AT THE VALE TODAY...



Welcome to Concord Rangers, the boys from Canvey still punching well above their weight

Concord Rangers began life as a team of boys headed by Steve Lant playing 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). In 1967 Albert Lant, Steve's father and current Club President, became the team manager and took the club into competitive football. The club initially ioined the Thundermite Boys Football League, before

moving into the Vange and District League in 1973 where they won several league and cup honours. Concord became the first winners of the Essex Sunday Junior Trophy in 1979, managed then by current Secretary Chris Crerie, by beating Bishops Park 4-0, with the final being played at Tiptree FC. Saturday football was introduced

to the club shortly after when Concord joined the Mid Essex League and played their home games at Waterside Farm on Canvey Island.

In 1985 Concord secured some land at the end of Thames Road, Canvey Island, using that land to develop the clubhouse and ground with current club treasurer Jack Smith being the mastermind behind the project. Jack organised the funds, labour & materials and worked many hours

on the site. A special



mention also goes to the late

Clive Smith (Jack's brother) as

not exist, also Martin Gill. Steve

and John Slater, Rob Fletcher,

Pat Bennett, Roger Tipthorpe.

Barry Clark, Tony Ing and many

without Clive's machinery and

labour Concord's pitch would

Barnes, Brian Godfrey, Lee

Further success came the

as they joined the Essex

Beach Boys way in 1988/89

more all contributed.

Intermediate League and became Divisional League & Cup Winners that year. Two years later Concord Rangers made the step up to the Essex Senior League where they spent a total of 17 seasons. In 1991 club founder Albert Lant retired as chairman after 25 years at the helm to become Club President, with Jack Smith taking over for two years. Grant Beglan became Chairman when Jack stood down, but like his predecessor only held the role for 2 years. A number of Chairman held the role from 1995 & in 1998 the

club was languishing at

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the bottom of the Essex Senior League, the youth section had been disbanded and the bar licence had not been renewed meaning no revenue could be made for

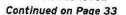
the club. Former Chairman Jack Smith's son Antony decided to step in and put a new committee together along with a plan to put the club back on its feet. Antony is very hands-on in his approach, which has helped guide the club through recent successes and the development on both the playing side & with the ground/facilities. Under the guidance of manager Colin Mcbride, the Beach Boys won the Essex Senior League Cup in 1997 after beating Ford United 1-0, and the following season under Lee Patterson won the Essex Senior League Championship for the first time. Further cup success came during the 1999/2000 season with

former player Steve Knott

in charge as Concord beat Burnham Ramblers 3-2 to win the Harry Fisher Memorial Trophy. League success followed soon after as under manager Brain Horne the club finished as Essex Senior League runners up in 2002/03, and then won the league the following season with Ben Embury at the helm. It was during that 2003/04 season that striker Danny Heale won the Don Douglas trophy for being the leagues top scorer, notching up 32 goals for Concord Rangers. As Concord Rangers began their 40th Anniversary season in 2007/08, Danny Scopes and Danny Cowley become joint managers of the club. Concord ended the season winners of the Essex Senior League, and were Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy winners along with Essex Senior League Cup Finalists. Concord also reached the Quarter-final of the FA Vase that year. Club President Albert Lant won an outstanding achievement

Football Association for 40 years unbroken service to Concord Rangers. Having gained promotion from the Essex Senior League the club would have been happy with a mid table finish in their Ryman League Div 1 North debut in 2008/09, but expectations were exceeded as the two Dannys led Concord to a 5th place finish. This highlighted how both managers could really get the best out of the players. Beating East Thurrock United in the Playoff Semi-Final set up a final vs Waltham Abbey, in which Concord led with 10 minutes to go before future Beach Boy Harry Elmes levelled things for Abbey, taking the game to penalties which we lost 5-4. Concord didn't have to wait long to earn promotion though, as the following season they again reached the playoff final, this time beating Enfield Town 3-1 to reach the Ryman Premier Division. The clubs first season in the Ryman

Premier Division was a solid one, finishing in 8th place, which exceeded the target of simply avoiding relegation! Earning that respectful 8th spot and just missing out on a Play-Off position by two points was a great team effort. 2011/12 was a difficult season for the Beach Boys, as injuries to key players contributed to a poor start which was never wholly recovered from. Concord managed to finish the season in 14th though and secured a third season at this level.





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Danny Scopes retired from his post as joint manager, and soon afterwards Glen Alzapiedi was appointed as Danny Cowley's Assistant Manager. Another poor start was made by the club in 2012/13, but this was recovered from quickly and the Beach Boys displayed a never say die attitude to earn some incredible results both at home and away. Concord found themselves in the playoffs come the seasons end along with the Ryman League Cup final. Two fantastic away performances in the play offs saw us promoted to the highest level of football we've played at and a great performance in the cup final saw us end the season with 2 trophies. The Beachboys lost their 2013/14 first Conference South fixture, however were soon picking up points regularly with determined & professional performances against some of the biggest teams at this level. Although there were a couple of harsh results, there was a level of consistency many didnt expect to see against this opposition, this helped Concord reach what was a spectacular 9th place finish

by seasons end. To cap it all off, The Beachboys were able to win the Essex Senior Cup against Braintree as the football season came to a close.

2014/15 was a season of historical moments, but started with 3 losses out of 4 games. Fortunes quickly turned around for the club as eventually a 7th place finish was achieved (a 13 game unbeaten run being a key contributor). The most incredible moment of the season was Concord Rangers reaching the first round of the FA Cup for the first time. Drawn away to Mansfield Town, Concord earned a 1-1 draw before losing 1-0 in the replay in front of 1500 at the Aspect Arena. The second round of the FA Trophy was reached. also for the first time. A penalty shootout filled Essex Senior Cup run saw Concord retain the trophy they'd won a year before, this time beating Billericay in the final. At the seasons end manager Danny Cowley & his assistant manager brother Nicky (who took over from Alzapiedi in September) left the club for pastures new.



dam Flanagan - A vastly experienced non league stalwart, playing for (and captaining) Dartford FC for three seasons. Adam also played for Hastings United, Maldon & Tiptree, Billericay, Concord Rangers, Aveley and **Brentwood Town before** joining the coaching set up at The Millers. Adam spent just 3 months there before stepping up to become the Brentwood Town manager in November 2013. During his time there Flan took Town from relegation candidates that season to playoff contenders in the following one. Adam led his Brentwood team through the Ryman Division One playoffs and into the Ryman Premier this past summer. Following that success Adam emerged as a clear favourite to replace the recently departed Danny Cowley at Concord, and took the job this past



Conor Gough - 21 year old Conor comes to Concord from Grays Athletic. After coming through the youth ranks at Charlton, Gough spent time at Bristol Rovers before becoming the first choice at Grays last season. The 6 foot 7 'keeper was Grays young player of the year.

Leon Gordon - Joined from local rivals Canvey Island in early 2013, and was scorer of the winning goal in the 2-1 away victory over Lowestoft in the Ryman Premier Playoff Final. A powerful and direct winger with a great work rate. Gordon unsettled more than his fair share of Conference South full backs during our first season at this level, but was held back by injury in 2014-15.

Tom Stephen - 22 year old defender who joined Concord in the summer after spending the past 5 seasons at the heart of East Thurrocks defence, and for a period of time as their club captain. A quality left back who will be looking to prove his talents at National League South level. Steve King - Dominant centre-back who became an integral part of The Beachboys defensive unit after signing initially on loan from Welling United back in late 2009. As well as being a key figure in the Concord side, Steve has also represented both the regional & national Fire Brigade team. Kingy weighs in with his fair share of goals (usually from set pieces)

James Hammond - James was a familiar face who signed for Concord Rangers this past summer after spending the previous 4 seasons plying his trade at regular opponents Wealdstone FC. Hammond is primarily a right-back but can take over at centre back if the need arises. A product of the youth system at Colchester United, James will add a solid and strong work ethic to the right back position this season.



Welcome back James

Joe Gardner - Midfielder who made the step up from Maldon & Tiptree to The Beachboys towards the latter stages of the 2013/2014 season after being there for around 2 & a half years. Joe is pacy and has an attacking edge which has already shown to be a huge benefit for Concord Rangers. Ben Greenhalgh -

Returning for his second league stint with Concord Rangers, Ben was originally part of the side that earned promotion from the Ryman Premier in 2012/13, setting up the winning goal in the

playoff final vs Lowestoft. Ben also made his mark by scoring one of the goals in the Ryman League Cup Final that year. Greenhalgh first hit the spotlight by winning a contract at Inter Milan through a TV talent show, but has spent the past few years playing in Scotland (Inverness Caledonian Thistle & Stenhousemuir) before joining Maidstone in 2014.

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James White - An imposing figure in central midfield with great technical ability. Joined The Beachboys ahead of the 2012/2013 season from Thurrock FC, having been part of a very successful Dartford side prior to that. White is exceptionally strong and has great ball control for a big man, leading to him leaving opponents with their legs in knots as he moves past them!

Steve Cawley - A determined and hard working midfielder/centre forward. Cawley joined Concord Rangers during the early part of the 2013-14 season from fellow Conference South members Bishops Stortford. Steve had previously played for Hoddeston Town and Waltham Abbey before joining Stortford, who at the time were in the Conference North. Steve consistently scores goals and works well whether paired with Taaffe or Stokes in the Concord frontline.

Sam Collins - Midfielder joined The Beachboys prior to the 2013/14 season, after Royal Blue

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previously playing for East Thurrock since 2011. Collins quickly made an impact on the team, winning Supporters Player of the Year & sharing Players Player of the Year awards in his first season back.

Tony Stokes (Captain) -Prolific forward who was handed the armband ahead of the 2012/13 season, A Canvey lad who joined The Beachboys ahead of their maiden Ryman Premier campaign in 2010/11 after a spell with Hungarian side Ujpest FC. A former captain

of West Ham United's youth and reserve teams.

Sam Bantick - 23 year old Sam was a key part of Adam Flanagan's promotion winning side at Brentwood Town last season, notching around 18 goals. Despite interest from Chelmsford City, Bantick made the decision to follow his former manager to Thames Road this past summer. Bertie Brayley - A vastly experienced striker who started his career with West Ham United back in 1999. After spending time at QPR

and then Swindon. Lewis Taaffe - A young striker who signed for Concord from Histon. Joint top scorer for the Beach Boys last season. Max Cornhill - A veteran of the local non league game. having had successful spells at East Thurrock and Chelmsford before moving to Dartford where he made over 60 Conference appearances. Known as a box-to-box midfielder, physical but technical as well, Max can

and will add goals to the

Beachboys tally this season.

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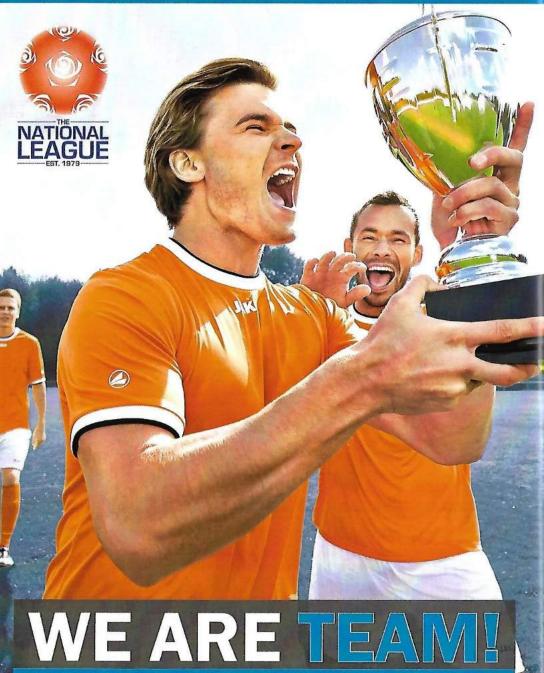
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Twenty tears ago, Gordon Bartlett took over as the Stones boss.. and our crowds trebled



Stones were beginning a new era under bright new manager Gordon Bartlett, who had been lured across from Yeading FC by then-Chairman Paul Řumens on the heady promise of returning WFC to its 'rightful' place at the top of non-League football.

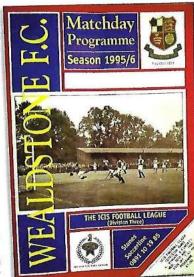
to land the dynamic Bartlett (then just 40) and his equallysprightly assistant Leo F Morris. The pair had guided unfashionable Yeading to victory in the FA Vase and thence to the Isthmian Premier Division, and several clubs at that level were keen to woo Bartlett and Morris themselves. But the persuasive powers of Rumens, with the promise of a

(!) was enough to convince GB that taking a big club back to the top was the challenge he needed. Twenty years later, I believe

new ground within a few years

both club and manager have delivered. The ground... Well, it could and should have happened at PEPF, but that is behind us now and hopefully Grosvenor

WENTY years ago the Vale will provide the long-term home we need to really kick on. The manager... Well, who can deny Gordon's standing in the game at non-League level? His reputation for honesty and sheer hard work to secure both players and results in the financial cutthroat world of the football pyramid is unsurpassed, and Wealdstone And it was a considerable coup FC is lucky to have him at the : helm.



Here we present a number of articles from 20 years ago, when GB (don't forget) was tasked with hauling the Stones up from Div Three of the Isthmian League! We had taken the drastic step of voluntary relegation from the Southern League to the bottom of the Isthmian set-up for monetary and travelling reasons... The previous couple of seasons, groundsharing at Yeading following the wilderness years at Watford, were bleak in the extreme but suddenly we were back in the Borough of Harrow sharing Edgware's White Lion ground - and interest was rekindled in the former kings of the non-League game.

From barely attracting 200 crowds at Yeading, the Stones pulled in 502 paying customers to the first game at Edgware (a 1-1 draw with Wingate and Finchley).

I particularly enjoyed an article in the programme for the Wingate game by Dave Edler, chronicling the fortunes of the Southern League Premier Division clubs 20 years earlier (looking back from 1995). We reproduce those pages here ...

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REMEMBER WHEN 1995



THE PULSE With Dave Edler

It was exactly twenty years ago that I first started watching the Stones, an Adriaan Eglite goal securing a share of the points with Stourbridge at Lower Mead in the opener on August 16th 1975. Since then, as they say, a lot of water has passed under the bridge, not to mention a few tidal waves in the case of the Stones.

During this period much has been written about how Stones should have gone on to greater things, which of course they did, how they should have stayed at the higher level and how little progress has ultimately been made, culminating in the two steps backwards this season. I thought it would be interesting to look back on the relative fortunes and mis-fortunes of the 22 sides competing in the Southern League Premier Division on that August day back in August 1975 All of them hopeful at the start of a new season, the majority of them ambitious, playing as they were at the highest level of non-league football open to them at the time, and almost all hoping for eventual promotion to the Football League. I'm sure that if you asked the supporters of any of these clubs in 1975 where they thought they would be playing in 20 years time the vast majority would have said the Football League, a few maybe the same level, and even the most pessimistic a division below. So who, then, went on to achieve their

Of those 22 clubs only two of them made it to the Football League in those twenty years and one of those folded soon afterwards. I'm talking of course about WIMBLEDON and MAIDSTONE UNITED. Of the remaining 20 clubs only FOUR are currently playing at a higher level than they were in 1975, although even this is debatable as they are all Conference clubs so this could be considered to be a sideways move from their 1975 position in what was non-leagues top-flight. Those four are KETTERING TOWN, TELFORD UNITED, DOVER and BATH CITY, with only the first two enjoying un-interrupted membership of the higher division.

So what of the remaining 16? Well again only SIX are even still playing at the same level, these being ATHERSTONE TOWN, YEOVIL TOWN, CHELMSFORD CITY. BURTON ALBION, GRAVESEND & NORTHFLEET and CAMBRIDGE CITY and in the case of Atherstone they first had to fold and come back up from the bottom. Six of the remaining ten can be found one level below their former status and these are NUNEATON BOROUGH, WEYMOUTH, GRANTHAM, MARGATE, STOURBRIDGE and TONBRIDGE. The Division is completed by ourselves and BEDFORD TOWN, three and two divisions below respectively, and DUNSTABLE and HILLINGDON BOROUGH, both now four divisions below their former glories.

So what does all this prove? Well if nothing else it shows what we've always known that football is a game of ups and downs and that the chances of failure are infinitely better than the chances of success. Up until a couple of seasons ago we had done as well as any of our peers from 1975, with the exception of Wimbledon, and some of those peers were much bigger clubs than Stones, who had less than five years membership of the Southern League behind them at this stage CONTINUED OVERPAGE



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Five of those 22 clubs have folded completely at some stage over the past 20 years, with Maidstone United currently the only ones failing to re-surface. If Stones had taken that dreadful option it would have meant that a QUARTER of the clubs playing on that August Saturday would have failed to even exist in their current form just 20 years later. Now that really does make you think. At least another six of those remaining clubs have also been saved from the brink of closure so with a bit of bad luck HALF of those sides from 1975 could have gone under.

All of this goes to illustrate the perilous nature of the average non-league football club alongside the ridiculously naive optimism of the average non-league football fan. Every single season the vast majority of us are always going to be dissapointed. Even when we know at the start of a season that our team is crap we still manage to convince ourselves that we'll sneak a promotion place. You see logic and rationale have never played any part in the average football fan's make-up and quite right too!!

Football has always been a game about passions and emotion, about the highs and lows that you just cannot get elsewhere in human experience, except perhaps if you've got a very fit lover, and thats why we continue to go. We don't really care that we're in the Icis Division Three this season, in the same way that Aldershot didn't care when they were, in the same way that Dartford's fans don't care that they're in the Kent League and in the same way that Newport's fans didn't care when they were in the Hellenic League. That might sound controversial but if we're really honest its true. We have survived, and where there's life there's always hope, and where there's hope there's always outrageous optimism that we'll make it to the Premier Division in three straight

And of course we all believe it. I believe it, the players must believe it, and the manager has got to believe it. In the same way that I believe Wealdstone will win every game I attend. Even if one of those games is a Third Round Cup Tie at Old Trafford. Because if I couldn't convince myself that there was just some slim miniscule chance that we could sneak it there would be no point in going. There has to be a chance of victory in the same way that there has to be a chance of defeat. If we were certain, for instance, that we'd beat East Ham United in the Vase on Saturday, then they'd be no point in coming. But we turn up just to make sure, to confirm our beliefs. And in this way football really is like a religion. And I have the faith.

So, here's to the next twenty years. Where, I wonder, will our twenty league opponents this season be in 20 years time. Based with the information in this article what would the fans of all these clubs say if we now put the question to them? Would reason now prevail? Don't be bloody stupid!! The Football League's still the answer.

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David concluded by wondering where the Class of 1995 Isthmian Div Three would find themselves 20 years hence (ie now)... Well, here we go and if nothing else it serves to show what a ropey bunch that division was (listed in order of where each club finished that season)

1ST HORSHAM - now playing Sussex County League Prem football, having been relegated from the Isthmian Div One South last season (three divisions lower than the Stones now)

2 LEIGHTON TOWN - now in the Southern League Central Division (two divisions lower)

3 WINDSOR AND ETON - now reformed as Windsor FC after folding with huge debts in 2011. and playing in Combined Counties League Prem (three divisions

4 WEALDSTONE - now Conference South, four promotions higher than '95

5 HARLOW TOWN - now Isthmian League Div One North (two divisions lower)

6 NORTHWOOD - now Southern League Central Division (two divisions lower)

7 EPSOM AND **EWELL**-now Combined Counties Prem League (three divisions lower)

8 KINGSBURY TOWN - disappeared after merger with London Tigers in 2006. Kingsbury London Tigers continued to play at Silver Jubilee Park but 'London Tigers' Spartan South Midlands League Prem home is now in Greenford.. While the reformed Edgware Town have taken over SJP.

9 EAST THURROCK UTD - : now Isthmian Premier Division (one division lower)

10 AVELEY - now Isthmian Div One North (two divisions lower)

11 WINGATE AND FINCHLEY now Isthmian Premier Division (one division lower)

12 LEWES - now Isthmian Premier Division (one division lower) after climbing right to the Conference National by 2008. Overspending saw the club back in the Isthmian League within three years

13 FLACKWELL HEATH - won the Hellenic League last season (with ex Stones Gavin James and Danny Burnell starring) but were allocated a place in the Southern League South and West division... and decided to decline promotion because of the increased travelling (so now still three divisions lower)

14 HORNCHURCH - now back in the Isthmian Premier Division after going (unsustainably) fulltime in the Conference South ten years ago. Club were 7m in the

red, were relegated to Essex Senior League but now just one division lower than the Stones

15 HAREFIELD UTD - in 1996 the Hares were relegated to the Spartan South Midlands League Prem after failing to update their ground, and have been there ever since (three divisions lower)

16 TRING TOWN - disappeared after being consumed by Spartan South Midland League Prem neighbours Tring Athletic in 2003 (three divisions lower)

17 CAMBERLEY TOWN relegated to the Combined Counties Prem League in 2006, and they have been there ever since (three divisions lower)

18 HERTFORD TOWN - also relegated to the Spartan South Midlands League Prem in 2006, they have languished there ever since (three divisions lower)

19 COVE - famous first-game opponents of the Stones in 1995, beaten 9-0, Cove decided to leave the league for financial reasons at the end of that season, and are still competing

in the Combined Counties Prem League (three divisions below)

20 CLAPTON - this famous old amateur club were relegated from the Isthmian to Essex Senior League in 2006, and are still there (three divisons below)

21 SOUTHALL relegated in 2000, this other once-great amateur club dropped right down to the Middlesex League and are now playing in the Spartan South Midlands League Division One (four divisions below).

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SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER

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IN MEMORY OF JAMIE BROWN

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Saturday, 15th August

CECIL THE LION

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH MONDAY, 10TH AUGUST

HOWARD LAMBERT

DARTFORD

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER

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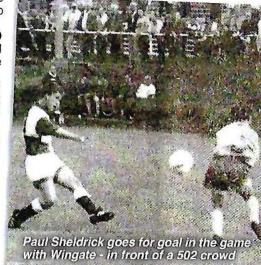
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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 22nd August

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 2ND APRIL

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL

- SUE BALL
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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 30TH JANUARY

- GRAHAM CLARK
- MARTIN ALLEN

ST.ALBANS CITY

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 23rd April

- RON MOORE IN MEMORY OF ALL FANS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY
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NEWS



WFC 30TH ANNIVERSARY 1985 DOUBLE REUNION LUNCHEON



Part of the Vale for a 30th Anniversary Celebration!

Skipper Paul Bowgett and his record-breaking 1985 team - the first-ever to win the non-League 'double' will sit down with 100 fans to enjoy a four-course meal to remember that great day. Anecdotes of the Conferencewinning season, culminating in the dramatic win over Boston United at Wembley to lift the FA Trophy, will bring the memories flooding back for the lucky diners. There will be a question-andanswer session and Andy Graham can talk us through his famous opening goal!

The luncheon will precede the Chelmsford City match with events kicking off from 11.30am on the day and carrying on throughout!

Michelin-trained chef Bryn Griffith (of Rollin' Kitchen fame) and his team will be providing top-notch food, while everybody present will receive a valuable memento of the occasion. There will also be a grand auction specific to the era.

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The vast majority of the much-loved team of '85 have pledged to be there. Skipper Bowg... Dennis Byatt... Steve Perkins... Brian Greenaway... Mark Graves... Gary Donnellan... Robin Wainwright... Alan Cordice... Neil Cordice... Andy Graham. Even Vinnie Jones (if he is in the country that weekend) will join officials from that era like club secretary Peter Braxton, Coach Tony Caruana, director

Fred Deanus and perhaps even chairman David Morritt. And manager Brian Hall's widow Angela will hopefully be representing her husband on a memorable day.

Tickets, priced at £69.00, are available from the club via Wealdstone FC President Paul Rumens, who said: "It's been 20 years since we last got the double winning team together and for many of us fans it was this team that cemented our love affair for this great club, so don't be the one to miss out as tickets are expected to sell very quickly due to the limited numbers available"

Call Paul Rumens for tickets and more details asap on 07710 929692 or Email: rumens@gotadsl.co.uk or paulrumens59@gmail.com



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Vanarama National League South

Final Table, Season 2014/2015

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1 Bromley	40	23	8	9	79	46	+33	77
2 Boreham Wood	40	23	6	11	79	44	+35	75
3 Basingstoke Town	40	22	7	11	67	43	+24	73
4 Whitehawk	40	22	6	12	62	47	+15	72
5 Havant & Waterlooville	40	21	7	12	61	41	+20	70
6 Gosport Borough	40	19	10	11	63	40	+23	67
7 Concord Rangers	40	18	11	11	60	44	+16	65
8 Ebbsfleet United	40	17	9	14	60	41	+19	60
9 Hemel Hempstead Town	40	16	12	12	64	60	+4	60
10 Chelmsford City	40	17	5	18	65	71	-6	56
11 Eastbourne Borough	40	14	13	13	51	50	+1	55
12 Wealdstone	40	14	12	14	56	56	0	54
13 St Albans City	40	16	6	18	53	53	Õ	54
14 Bath City	40	15	8	17	59	57	+2	53
15 Sutton United	40	13	11	16	50	54	-4	50
16 Bishop's Stortford	40	12	10	18	55	69	-14	46
17 Weston-super-Mare	40	13	5	22	55	86	-31	44
18 Maidenhead United	40	10	13	17	54	70	-16	43
19 Hayes & Yeading United	40	- 11	9	20	39	58	-19	42
20 Farnborough (R)	40	8	6	26	42	101	-59	30
21 Staines Town (R) 22	40	7	4	29	39	82	-43	25

COMING UP HERE AT THE VALE ...

Eastbourne Borough — Saturday 15th August, 3:00pm

Ebbsfleet United — Saturday 22nd August, 3:00pm

Bishop's Stortford — Monday 31st August, 3:00pm

Margate — Tuesday 18th August, 7:45pm

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Sutton United — Saturday 29th August, 3:00pm

Haves & Yeading United — Saturday 5th September, 3:00pm

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