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Jonathan North

Joe Welch

Josh McLeod-Urquhart

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Louie Theophaneous

Scott Davies

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Lee Chappell

James Demetriou

Billy Gibson

Jack Smith

Ugo Udoji

Tom Cadmore

Danny Green

Shaun Lucien

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Welcome to the officials, players and supporters of St Albans City to our final home match of the season.

Please also welcome today's match sponsors and their guests, Colin Hale & ADR Limited and from our printers, 'People for print Ltd', Martin Lacey. Joining them in the boardroom are our ball donors, Casco Foreign Exchange, together with Ron Moore, Tony Drew, Peter Drew, Steve Drew and Dave Edwards who continue their annual tradition of dedicating sponsorship to Stones supporters who are now sadly no longer with us.

Producing a matchday programme is a labour intensive and largely thankless task which would quite simply not be possible without

the endless hours put in by the whole team involved. I extend my thanks and gratitude to Tim Parks, Martin Read and Martin Lacey, who I know are as proud of our product as I am myself.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the programme over the course of the season, especially our two regular and extremely popular scribes, Sudhir Rawal and Roger Slater. Thanks also to all the first team management who continue to take the time to update us in an honest and frank manner and to Pete Worby for keeping our statistics up to date.

Finally, I would like to add my thanks to outgoing Chairman, Howard Kraus for his selfless contribution to our football club.

See you all next season.

Mark

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## Commitment, Character, Attitude, Desire

I'd like to start by welcoming Ian Allinson and his rejuvenated St. Alban's side for our last home game of the season. Their current form would make them Championship contenders and their fantastic run now looks likely to help them avoid the drop when two months ago it looked pretty dodgy. Full credit goes to everyone at the club but in light of this form, they must be scratching their heads as to how they got themselves down there in the first place.

As for us, this undoubtedly ranks as my most difficult season ever and I must confess, I have not really enjoyed it. Nevertheless, despite all the problems, we have battled through and will probably finish just below half way. Add that to our FA Cup run, I suppose it's not all bad, but I still believe it has been an underachievement.

To be successful in the National South I now believe you need to be big, strong and effective. Sutton typified what's necessary to win this league, but it has taken them 5 years since winning the Ryman and had an excellent all weather pitch laid which I'm sure has been another big influence on their success. They have also got a millionaire as their manager!

This is a difficult league with very small margins between success and failure but just look at play off chasing Maidenhead and Hemel. We've drawn all 4 games against them in recent weeks and there has been very little between us. When you consider we've

been fighting relegation, it's amazing that only 4 teams in the league have lost fewer matches than us this season.

We are still learning about this level but I honestly maintain we have not been too far away and we will continue to strive to establish ourselves in the National South next season. When you look at some of the Ryman clubs brief encounters in this league like Tonbridge, Billericay, Staines, Hornchurch and Bognor, you know how difficult it is and this is proving the same for our fellow promoted team Lowestoft in National North this season. We are still there and ready to go again!

When you listen to fans and TV pundits, you constantly hear the comments hard work, commitment, character, attitude, desire, commitment, passion and the ability to play for the shirt. All things you expect from your team and add that to decision making and you are half way to success. The old saying of 'hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard' rings true with many teams nowadays, just look at Leicester. Technically they are not the best team in the Premier, but their spirit and work ethic sends out an important message to all teams. Our inconsistency this year has not been about our ability, but I'm afraid our application at times has needed to be better and it will improve next season.

Anyone at the AGM about a month ago will certainly know it made depressing

listening. We were told the financial situation was pretty dire and we needed to trim the wages and it was likely that the budget would be cut significantly next season. Exactly what you need to hear in the middle of a relegation battle! Well, we achieved the first bit and now we have to address the current shortfall for next season. The 100/400 has had a good initial response and I want to make a personal plea to make a big push before pre-season to give us that fighting chance of giving you something positive to get excited about on the pitch.

Collectively, we have taken this club a long way within the financial constraints over the years and we have still achieved against all the odds. I really feel this could be an exciting and positive time and a possibility we may even be able to start competing on a level playing field. This summer could well see us securing a new lease, appointing a new chairman and CEO and if we can bridge the financial gap, just maybe there won't be a budget cut!!! Now that would be music to my ears!

The management have already sat down with their thoughts about pre-season games and arrangements, along with player recruitment. Making contact with all the pro clubs, deciding on the players you want, then the players you can afford, do we gamble on youngsters or on players from lower level all come into the thinking. You are bound to get one or two wrong and some will take

longer than others, but when you look at Tom Pett, Jerome Okimo and Josh Urquart, it proves it's a worthwhile exercise. Wouldn't it be nice if we could also pick up a couple of old pro's such as Glen Little and Scotty who made such an impact with their experience and guile in our promotion winning team. The influence both on and off the pitch were invaluable. As usual, finance will be the major influence on who we can sign.

Despite my long term relationship with this club, I still struggle to understand the negativity around the place and can't believe why so many continuously want to knock the club we support. We have punched above our weight for years and continue to make progress on and off the pitch. One example is early season criticism for our poor scoring record and highlighted again after our 3 recent failures to score and yet we have scored more than two teams in top 5. Win and we will get 2 pages on the forum, lose and we get 6 or 7. Amazing!

I totally agree that it has not been great, but we continue to strive to get better and it's so much easier for everyone when we all pull in the same direction and work in a positive environment. Maybe some people could make that a new seasons resolution!

My sincere thanks go to our management team of Leo, Scotty, Gilly, Mick and Jason, along with physios Gary, Chris and James who have continued to give me fantastic commitment once again this year. I cannot thank you all enough for your loyalty

and support especially through some of the difficult decisions and testing times this season. My gratitude goes to the whole squad who have given us another season at this level, an enjoyable FA Cup run and some very big highs over the last nine months.

Finally, on behalf of all the management and players, I would like to thank everyone else involved within the club for their hard work and commitment throughout the season. Enjoy the summer and let's come back refreshed and set our targets well above what we have achieved this year.

Let's hope we can finish on a high in the final league game and go on to enjoy a great presentation evening in the club tonight.

Thanks again for your fantastic support. We'll be back stronger and better in next years campaign.

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## A big thank you to everyone who has played a role - big or small over the last nine years.



**I**t feels like it's only been a few weeks since we kicked off our second season in the National League South but actually it is nearly nine months since we should have beaten Bath City...and then, just like that, another season is almost over.

And yet at the same time this also feels like one of the longest seasons I can remember. The things we've had to deal with, the amount of different and unexpected challenges are unlike any year I can remember. And with more and more to do, making my own decision that it was time to step aside has meant it has been the toughest season that I can remember.

At the time of writing we are not yet mathematically secure. That said it is very difficult to see how 49 points won't be enough to maintain our status and all being well by the time this programme is read this issue will have been sorted.

On the playing front our main goal this season, our second year in this league, was to consolidate and we will have done that, and yet it feels like it has been more

of a struggle than it actually has been at times. Like many other clubs we will look back at last minute goals conceded and opportunities missed that could have seen us several positions higher up the table. I also think that losing Jonathan North, the best goalkeeper at this level, for nearly half the season cost us more than a few points.

Rather than spend time worrying about missed opportunities I think it is far better thinking about the high points. It is always exciting to have an FA Cup run and the glamour and hype of a First Round appearance, and we need more of those – every year please. In the league the highs of matches such as Ebbsfleet, Dartford and Havant and Waterlooville will live longer in the memory than the disappointments of days such as Sutton, Whitehawk and Eastbourne and have we ever had a year (at least in the modern era) with two home 4-4 draws?

Off the field the lunches for the 1985 and the 1966 Wembley winning teams were both wonderful occasions. Last Saturday, celebrating the 50th anniversary of winning the Amateur Cup,

meeting so many of those wonderful Wealdstone heroes demonstrated why Wealdstone FC is such a special club. Other highlights included the Supporter's Club run comedy night, getting to know our new and excellent Club sponsors (GPF Lewis) and the (slow but steady) progress on lease discussions were all highlights. And Truro still to come.

Normally my programme column at the end of the season provides the chance to thank the many people who all play a role in helping the club continue on the right path. Today though, I also need to thank so many people who have helped me, and the Club, over the past nine years. If I started naming everyone who deserves to be thanked then we might have to have a supplement to this programme. So rather than try to do that let me say a big thank you to everyone who has played a role – big or small – over the last nine years. You have all helped to make Wealdstone FC the club it is, a club that is the envy of all local clubs and a club that will, I am sure, go from strength to strength in

the future.

It is only right that I do say publicly a huge thank you to my wife Katie, who has allowed me to indulge my passion for so many years with hardly any complaints (well maybe the odd one). I know I couldn't have done it without her support.

Being Chairman of this football club is one of the best things I will ever do in my life. The experiences I've had, the places I've been, the people I've met, the massive highs (and the lows) are all beyond my expectations. When you take a step back the progress we've made since we've been at Ruislip

is incredible and we need to step up now to keep heading in the right direction. And the best thing? Simply seeing the joy on so many faces so often, people coming up to you and shaking your hand, hugging you and knowing how delighted they are as this wonderful Club celebrates another great milestone.

For me it will be a strange time. How I will deal with the many hours I will have back at evenings and weekends I don't know yet. I know I will miss being involved but I also know that stepping down is the right decision for me at this time.

I look forward to small

things like wearing jeans at matches next season, to being on the terraces only worrying about the football and not the myriad of other issues that you constantly have to worry about as Chairman.

I look forward to seeing the Club continue its great journey with the pride in knowing that I have played my small part in this amazing, never-ending, unique story that is Wealdstone FC.

Thank you all for your support over the past nine years. Up the Stones!

**Howard**

## Vice Chairman Peter Worby



**I**'m sure that elsewhere in this programme there will be the usual end of season "thank you's" to (hopefully) all the people that need thanking.

I, however, would like to say a big thank you to 3 people/groups that might not be mentioned elsewhere.

Firstly, thank you and well done to our Programme Editor Mark Hyde (ably assisted of course by Martin Read) – once again a stupendous effort to oversee and produce a fantastic programme. I know that Mark will have thanked all his contributors who have helped to make our programme the very best around.

Secondly, I wanted to thank, on behalf of the Club all those people who have been Match Sponsors or who have sponsored Match Balls or a Players Kit. It really is

so very much appreciated. As of course we appreciate all those people who are members of TeamDraw. Everyone who has assisted financially either with a 12th Stone contribution or a 100/400 contribution or in some other guise – to you I also say thank you.

Finally, I want to end by saying a personal thank you to Howard Kraiss who is stepping down as Chairman. Howard can be extremely proud of the way in which he has led this Club since we elected him to replace Nick Symmons. We have come a long way from being the Club that was at a very low ebb, playing in front of crowds of less than 200, at Northwood desperately managing to avoid relegation by the skin of our teeth to where we are now. Hats off to you H.

**Pete**

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## Building Blocks

Recognising the increasing challenges and expectations that come from competing at Vanarama National League South level, the club's Board of Directors has been working hard to create a sustainable platform for the club. Practically this means developing internal structures that support improved financial management as well as enhanced fundraising and inward investment strategies. We will report further on news and developments as they happen.

## Strengthening the Board

Following the appointment of Dominic Whyley to the Board at the end of December 2015, to bolster the club's organisational and planning skills and to provide increased focus on the social club side of the club's activities, an in-depth review of board composition, leadership structure and performance has been commenced. This is to ensure that the club is able to deliver its long term strategy and vision, in particular to be:

Appropriately equipped and adequately resourced to compete at its current level of football and to sustain its recent development;

Best positioned to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities that it faces in today's competitive world of non-league football;

More able to meet the changing and increasingly diverse needs of its supporters, partners and the wider community.

The Board believes that the risks associated with having a single leadership role performed on a part-time basis without staff or assistance need to be addressed. As a result the Board has made the decision to separate out some of the current responsibilities for the Chairman and create a new role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer will effectively share the leadership of the club, working closely and in partnership to manage the different challenges and promote the success of the club on and off the pitch.

The Chairman is responsible for the leadership of the Board and is pivotal in the creation of the conditions necessary for overall board and individual director effectiveness. The Chairman's role is also to ensure that the Board as a whole is able to play a full and constructive part in the development of the club's strategy and overall objectives. The Chairman will represent Wealdstone Football Club with external parties e.g. councils, football authorities, etc.

The Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for the day to day management of the business and is central to the continued development of the club. The Chief Executive Officer will report to the Chairman and will lead in developing and implementing the club's strategy, managing the overall operations and resources of the club, and, together with the Chairman, ensure we deliver effective and appropriate communications to staff, supporters and other stakeholders.

## Appointment of a Chief Executive Officer

Wealdstone Football Club is pleased to confirm the appointment of Mark Winkworth as Chief Executive Officer. Mark has joined the Board and has taken up his new role with immediate effect.

Mark is leading on three key projects which will deliver positive outcomes for the club within the next few months.

Firstly, together with other Directors, he is in discussion with various third parties who have expressed an interest in providing ongoing support and financial investment to the club.

Secondly, he is working with other directors to develop a more effective operating structure for the club, one that will provide the basis for improved decision-making, greater accountability, and more effective communication.

Thirdly, he is leading a full review of all current operating expenditure, together with an analysis of current and potential income streams. One outcome of this strand of work will be the setting of the playing budget for the 2016/17 season which, it is expected, will be confirmed to team management as soon as possible and by the end of this campaign.

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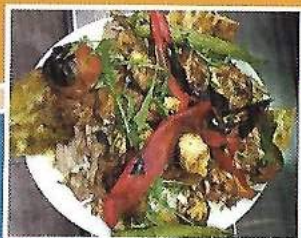
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# 48 years ago, over 5,000 saw Saints edge an FA Cup thriller

BY TIM PARKS

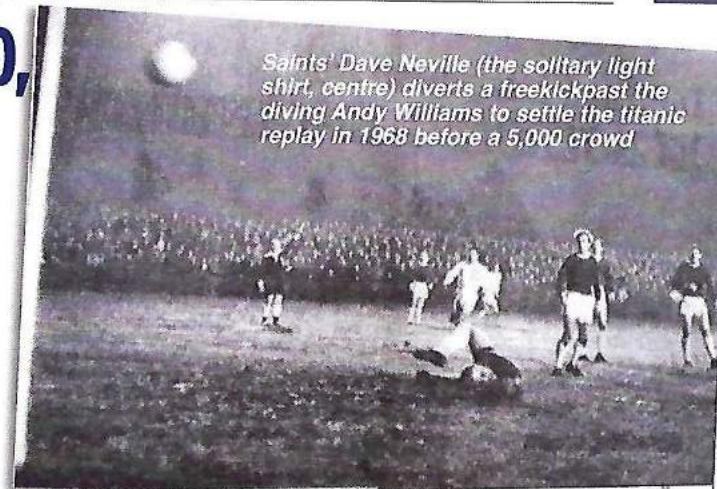


**W**EALDSTONE generally held the upper hand over the Saints during the 1960s Isthmian League years although our visitors were a formidable force at the end of that decade under mercurial boss Sid Prosser.

His side came so close to achieving immortality in the 1968 FA Cup when, having progressed through four qualifying rounds, St Albans were drawn against the Stones at Lower Mead in the 1st Round Proper. The game finished 1-1 and in a tense Tuesday night replay at Clarence Park a solitary Dave Neville goal saw the Stones fans troop home despondent... and the Saints through to a home 2nd Round tie with Walsall.

And they were just five minutes away from claiming their first Football League scalp in 44 years when Walsall grabbed a late leveller. In the Monday morning Third Round draw City (or Walsall) came out of the hat with Tottenham Hotspur - but the Saints dreams died as Walsall won the replay 3-1 in front of 10,626 at Fellows Park.

Prosser, of course, later jumped ship from the Saints and worked his magic at the Stones for two glorious years in the early 70s, helping the club climb into the Southern League Premier Division before leaving us, in turn, for Chelmsford City. A clever manager who never quite achieved greatness.



Saints' Dave Neville (the solitary light shirt, centre) diverts a freekickpast the diving Andy Williams to settle the titanico replay in 1968 before a 5,000 crowd

### FA Cup

## ST. ALBANS IN SECOND ROUND

By DAVID MILLER

**St. Albans 1 Wealdstone 0**  
**I**N their 60th year, St. Albans could achieve the rare distinction for an amateur club of reaching the FA Cup third round for, at Clarence Park last night, they won their way to a home tie on Dec. 7 against Walsall, who beat Leytonstone only by the odd goal.

In last night's replay St. Albans deservedly beat Wealdstone to reach the second round for the second time in their history, the last being in 1924, their first year in the Isthmian League.

That year, in the first round, their 10,000 capacity was established. Last night they had 5,108, the biggest crowd since the Amateur Cup quarter-final against Wycombe in 1951. But they are unlucky that on Dec. 7 both Luton and Watford are also at home.

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### Neville gets winner

Neville, a minute after half-time, scored the vital goal, stabbing home an indirect free-kick astutely taken by Broomfield, who moments later failed to score from five yards with the goal yawning in front of him.

Wealdstone had their chances, too. In the 24th minute, Whiteaker, the St. Albans goalkeeper, failed to hold a low ball that was scrambled away and driven back hard by Franks. Stumbling across his goal, Whiteaker turned the ball away for a corner.

Minutes later a fierce free-kick by Lindsay hit a defender and from the rebound Franks again hammered the ball back just too high.

St. Albans then found unison. Before half-time Broomfield had a header stopped on the line and after the goal the non-stop Childs twice went close while Butterfield and Neville had headers cleared off the Wealdstone goal-line.

St. Albans.—R. Whiteaker; D. Lawrence; I. Burgess; P. Wood; D. Gully; D. Neville; M. Harman; R. Childs; J. Butterfield; W. Ratty; W. Broomfield.  
Wealdstone.—A. Williams; M. Doyle; D. Leonard; I. Franks; A. McGuinness; C. Townsend; H. Swain; H. Lindsay; K. Searle; W. Jenner; J. Hutchinson.

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## End of term report

**S**o the curtain comes down for our last game at the Freebets.co.uk stadium and with still a lot to play for, well certainly for our opposition St Albans who really must win to stay up!

The school report is pretty decent for season 2 at this very competitive and challenging level.

We got the FA Cup run we wanted and the Colchester game provided an incredible day with BT Sport, MOTD and not least of all Dan Walker and the Football Focus team descending on the club and so pleasing how we were shown in such a favourable light so take a bow all of you out there from the team, management, directors, officials and not least YOU the fans! The team have comfortably stayed up in the league, despite the grumbles of a few keyboard warriors of late.

Off the pitch we have smashed all income records on commercial revenue and will need to do so consistently now as we look to more than create an even firmer footing at this level and you will have read about the appointment of a new commercial manager to that end.

The Raider factor helped us secure a very good deal with Freebets.co.uk for the stadium naming rights and I am hopefully finalising a new enhanced arrangement for next season and of course we have secured an extended 2 year deal with

our club sponsors GPF Lewis Plc already so thanks as ever to Rory Fitzgerald, Joe Ringart and all their fantastic team of people.

Don't ever underestimate the power of the Raider as we fight tooth and nail with Torquay to try and win the "Non League Challenge" competition. PLEASE PLEASE VOTE FOR US AS THE DEADLINE CLOSES MIDNIGHT NEXT THURSDAY 28th APRIL. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH THIS WOULD MEAN TO OUR CLUB FINANCIALLY SO GET YOUR MUM! DAD! FAMILY FRIENDS AND EVEN YOUR GOLF AND TENNIS PARTNER TO VOTE AS WELL! DON'T LEAVE IT TO OTHERS!

Howard Kraiss stands down as chairman and I thank him greatly for his 9 year tenure on behalf of the board and the club.

Turning to pastures new, there are some very encouraging meetings going on with new investors, potential investors and changes at board level as well and not least the appointment of a new Chairman. We are very close to making more tangible statements in the next few days rather than weeks.

A word of warning, change is important but it must be right so let's hope the right people are appointed because the right people will put the club first beyond anyone self serving their own best interests. This is a critical time for the club, as it will go along way to shaping our future.

What I can tell you, is for as long as I am here I want more success across the club, more professionalism, better integration of the Youth and the Ladies, much better communication and interaction with our fans and stakeholders, more investment and above all a first team that is winning a lot more than its losing thereby bringing a real feel good factor back into this club so watch this space!!! Let's have some fun.

As usual there are too many people to thank but you know who you are and without you we don't have a club. I will make special mention to our Safety Officer Steve Wicks who is standing down after 4 years to watch a well earned home game or two from next season together with one of our long serving stewards in Dennis Mills. At the Ladies, Manager Gary Harling is standing down along with coach Ross Ahir but the first team need Luton to draw or beat Hampstead in the final game for us to be crowned champions of the Greater London Women's division one so fingers crossed. Also well done to Mark Barton as secretary.

If I've missed anyone else leaving then my apologies.

See you all next weekend down in Truro for what should be a great Bank holiday weekend. Enjoy the close season and "Up The Stones"

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## 28 years ago ..Stones' last ever game in Conference National

BY TIM PARKS



Saturday April 23 1988, GM Vauxhall Conference: Wealdstone 2 Fisher Athletic 1

THIS was the season we were relegated from the Conference National, and to be honest at the time it didn't seem so cataclysmic: The Stones had been relegated from the Conference to the Southern League before (in 1981) but had bounced straight back.

And although it had been a wretched season, new(ish) manager Tony Jennings and his revamped squad had shown enough ability in the final few games to give the fans confidence that we'd be back pretty damned quick.

Of course, it didn't quite work out like that. Fast forward four years and we had lost our ground, entered into a disastrous ground-share with Watford and been relegated through the Southern Prem into the First Division. Fast forward another three years and the club was on its knees, taking voluntary relegation to the Ryman Div Three before the long climb back began. That's our story, and a remarkable

one it has been too with the Stones now just one promotion away from returning to non-League's top flight.

Who could have foreseen this story 28 years ago? Goals from Greg Zachariah and Tommy English (the former Coventry City pro) were enough to beat a limited Fisher side who finished their first season at that heady level in 16th place. And the Surrey side's tale is almost as extraordinary as ours as

they rose from nowhere - bankrolled by some dubious characters who managed to beat the ground-grading deadline by minutes in the summer of '87 - and then subsided quietly back to anonymity in the pace of three years.

Fisher - named after the Catholic martyr Saint John Fisher - were wound up with enormous debts in 2009 but are now now playing as Fisher FC in the Kent League.



## 1973: Smith looks a great prospect .. er he's gone!

### Bletchley 0, Wealdstone 2

Wealdstone shook off the Dorchester Blues when they hammered Bletchley by two goals to give them their first victory away from home since March 20 when they beat Met. Police 2-1.

Playing with a re-arranged team they showed lots of the talent that home supporters know they possess. Missing the services of Duck, Burgess and Watson, they brought in John Beyer and Roger Livingstone and both justified their inclusion.

Duck was suffering from the effects of Saturday's sprained ankle while it is now confirmed that Burgess has a broken toe. John Watson had to cry off at the last minute due to illness.

Under the leadership of Terry Dyson, who captained the side in the absence of regular skipper Eric Burgess, they produced some delightful moves and some good flowing football which gave the second biggest attendance of the season some-

thing to enthuse about.

How good it was to see John Smith again in sparkling form and scoring his second goal for the club after only three appearances, endorsing what has been said by so many supporters: "What a pity he did not come to Wealdstone sooner, all we can hope is that he stays."

Roger Livingstone also gave a good performance on one of his rare excursions on first team duty. Bletchley also were in a foot-

balloing mood and despite two defeats over the Easter programme played an intelligent game but lacked the finishing touch.

Later Harris was booked for up-ending Alick Brown when he was clean through.

Just before the break Eddie Presland had a screaming shot tipped over by Wells from Kinear's pass.

The second half started off at a lively pace and 'Stones' Keeper Roy Mackenzie was tested for the first time since he joined the club, but all in all he acquitted himself with honours.

In the opening minutes good moves by Henderson, Worsfold and Henderson again and Lines

who in turn found Dyson on the left. Terry, in his own inimitable style, flung a long ball to the middle and Chris Kinear, playing up front, was there to notch his first goal of the season to make it 2-0.

Bletchley gallantly fought back with Worsfold, Week and Henderson having a go. Later Weeks was unlucky with a fierce shot which Mackenzie tipped over for a corner.

They substituted Whitney for Harper in the 78th minute but although he showed some nice touches he could not make any impression on a solid 'Stones' defence.

Bletchley: Wells, Janaway, Worsfold, Butler, Massey, Harris, Henderson, Harper, Weeks, Tappin, Lines, Sub: Whitney.

Wealdstone: Mackenzie, Dennis, Presland, Beyer, Doherty, Fairclough, Brown, Kinear, Smith, Dyson, Livingstone, Sub: Bagg. (1973-84)

Saturday April 23 1973, Southern League Div 1 South: Bletchley 0 Wealdstone 2

THIS game was notable for a debut goal from new signing John Smith - who quickly disappeared on a £10,000 contract to kick goals for the gridiron team New England Patriots. He stayed on in the US.

**MORE REWIND:**  
**PAGES 35, 36 AND 37**



Today, with St Albans City our opponents, we fittingly feature James Gray...

JIMMY started his career in Sheffield and Rotherham and joined Wealdstone from Arlesley Town having moved South. Primarily a solid central defender, he made over 100 starts for the club over 4 seasons with a dozen appearances off the bench scoring 11 goals with quite a few of those can in 18 starts as a centre forward.

Following Wealdstone, he moved onto continue playing before moving into management at St Albans. Having resigned earlier this season, he's kept up his fitness and dusted off the boots once more, now playing for Berkhamsted Town...

**What's the day job, Jim?**

My day job is quite simple in comparison to management. I'm a general builder ranging from roof work, joinery, bathrooms tiling, plastering etc. I couldn't stick at just one trade so learnt pretty much all of them, and it's enjoyable – summers are great, winters, less so...

**If someone says 'Wealdstone' what's your first thought?**

Wealdstone for me, and my memories, is brilliant. I had such a great time at the club and I loved playing for Gordon and the rest of the management. I made some life-long friends there, a great club with great fans but to answer the question, when I think of Wealdstone I'd say BIG non-league club.

**You joined the club in 2007 and were a big part of the side for three years – what first brought you to the club and where had you been previously?**

I think I spoke to Gordon on the phone at the same time as he

I had a great time as a player for the Stones, and my time managing St Albans wasn't too bad either ..now I want to get back in the game!

BY ROGER SLATER



was having a conversation with a lad I was working with called Ben Martin – it was while I was playing at Arlesley Town in the league below I think. I hadn't that long moved down from the North so I was basically just playing with a few lads I had made friends with. Gordon seemed to know of me as I had just had a good season winning a few personal awards at Arlesley so I agreed to meet him in Watford at a hotel. I knew straight away I wanted to play for him. Looking back, I think it was a good decision as I feel I had more good times than bad at the 'Stones - disciplinary aside ha ha! **What was it like for you as a player in the couple of weeks leading up to the Rotherham game?**

The lead up to Rotherham was great, it was my old side and we got quite a bit of press that year through one thing and another (Chappers' Superman pants for one....) we did photo shoot at

the Vale for the *Daily Mirror* with us all in our pants and I'm sure I still have the cutting somewhere. Along with that, I did a few articles in the press and something for the *Sheffield Star* which was nice for my family up north to see. It was really exciting times for us as a club and very nearly a good result.

**No doubt you made friends on the field but you also made some enemies – any of either you'd like to expand on?**

I made plenty of friends on the pitch during my time and to this day I still am as I have just recently pulled the boots back on and signed for Berkhamsted. Enemies? Who knows, although I was perceived to be a bit of a loose cannon at times and overstepped the mark on a few occasions, I never thought I was a dirty player but I did want my team to win. I can honestly say there isn't anyone I really dislike and I don't feel I have to look over my shoulder when I go to away grounds be that as a player

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or a manager...but one or two people may tell you different! **Apart from a couple of one-offs, you played alongside nine different centre halves (Marcus Gross, Alan Massey, Aaron Goode, Andrew Howell, Marvin McCoy, Dale Bennett, Carl Martin, Darren Locke, Rob Fitzgerald) – all very different players. How did you adapt your game to play with them?** I could never adapt my game. I play hard and physical, win my aerial battles, organise my side and instil a never say die attitude in players around me.

Each of those players adapted to me! Some pairings do complement each other though; I liked playing with Massey as he was young and athletic, aerially good but he also had a little bit of recovery pace, something that I didn't really have. It helped me play to my strengths having someone at the side of me that could clean up anything I missed and recover for me if I got out of position. Carl Martin and Marvin McCoy also fitted that mould on many occasions, we complemented each other really well, I would set my stall out to attack everything and get close and physical with strikers, they would just mop up my leftovers. Lockey was the most similar to me which is why I signed him for St. Albans when the chance came up.

**What would they say they got from you?** I knew what I was as a player and I knew what I wasn't. I tried to affect the game in both penalty boxes, I think some players today think that all you need to do is look good on the ball, do a couple of tricks and that's

enough but you win games by scoring and not conceding. I was a dog, a leader of the pack with limited ability but a hunger and desire to win.

**And then onto Management. Was that always on the radar for when the playing career ended?**

Management was just the next step for me really, First Team management came way earlier than expected obviously, as I had only just finished my level 2 badge and was running a very successful youth team at St. Albans with my joint manager Graham Golds. Management came quite naturally for me though as I was skipper at every club I played at and loved and thrive on responsibility.

It is the toughest thing I have ever done though, especially at this level as a new manager. It's hard - not the match days or the training but the other 20/30 hrs a week you have to put in making sure everything can run smoothly for everyone else. Making sure you cross the t's and dot i's, it's a full time job believe me so trying to juggle that with my day job was tough.

I wouldn't change a thing from my time though, I had some great successes: a promotion, two FA

Cup First Rounds an FA Trophy 2nd round plus a Herts County Cup win. Overall, I was pleased with my three years in charge and it was a shame it ended the way it did, but myself and club were just going in different directions.

**Having resigned, what does the future hold. Will you be involved in the game going forward? As a manager, a coach or just watching?**

I will definitely still be involved in football one way or another, like I said earlier, since resigning I have got the boots back out for Berkhamsted. At the time of taking on the manager's role at St Albans I was captain of the side and playing week in week out under ex Borough manager David Howell.

Since resigning I have worked really hard on my fitness with a view to pick up my playing career again, and yes I have injury issues but nothing I feel will hold me back from playing competitively again. I'm enjoying my break from management but I would listen to offers from pretty much any club at any level really - I don't discount maybe going back to the youth ranks either. I have learned so much already in my short time and I'm looking

to do my UEFA B Licence this year. All I ever want is to do is bring success for the club I'm involved with.

**...And do you have a final message for the Stones fans?**

A message for the 'Stones faithful? Support your club through the good and bad and thank you for your support when I was a player - and also for not hammering me too much as an opposing manager!



Proud skipper James set to lead out the Stones against Rotherham





## EE's end of season roundup covers everything from Steve Kings wardrobe to New CEO's

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



The end of the season is normally a time for reflection on how the previous nine months have gone. At the start of August, after another farcical Wealdstone pre-season, if you took a survey of our supporters and asked them the question of what they expected/hoped for the season ahead, most, I am sure, would have said mid-table mediocrity would be just up their street and a decent cup run to boot as well.

Well, whilst writing, we aren't quite technically safe from the drop, but by the time this game is played, we may well be depending on how we do at Bishop's Stortford. Having said that, it would take a set of results from now to the end of April, which would have Mulder and Scully investigating outer world influences, for us to slip into the bottom three. So, job done, I would say. The next element of the wish list was the cup run. A kind draw saw Stones reach the first round proper, host Football Focus and see our biggest home crowd in thirty off years. Surely another tick in the positive column? GB and his management team have worked their magic, once again, on meagre resources that wouldn't pay for Steve

King's Man at C&A wardrobe.

Yet the overwhelming feeling of the masses is one of disappointment. Whilst we haven't spent any time in the relegation zone since the end of October, Wealdstone have spent more time looking back over their shoulder towards the bottom three rather than up ahead at the play-off places. Last season just seemed more fun. Bar our terrible start, our first season in the Connie South was generally an upward trajectory and we were safe from the drop with plenty of time to spare. To be honest there were two basket case clubs in the division last season, with one less place in any case due to Salisbury's financial woes, which made staying up much easier. This year it has been much more competitive, with only Basingstoke who haven't been able to reverse their rancid form over the season. As our opponents today have proved, being marooned at the bottom doesn't mean the inevitable and they could confirm their survival today. It has been a strange league where a number of the big money teams have not performed, as they should have. Both Margate and Havant & Waterlooville, both with budgets that GB can only dream off, could quite easily go down, whilst the Kuwaiti funded

Ebbsfleet look like missing out on the title. GB and his management team perform miracles year on year akin to feeding the five thousand with a few loaves of bread and some fish. There is no doubt, with our squad, the players we have, should have done better and you can't but help wonder that if Jonathan North hadn't missed three months of the season, how much higher we would have finished.

It may well have been second season syndrome. Everything was shiny and new at the start of August 2014. New places to visit, better days out and different opposition made for a more enjoyable experience. The away trips seemed much more epic than they have been this season, though we have good trips to Brockenhurst, Bath and even Chelmsford just before Christmas, Bath wasn't as much fun as last year and this season's trip to our visitors today paled in comparison to the two visits the year before.

GB deserves to have a better budget to be able to compete with the moneyed clubs and really test his skills at this level. He's a decent man that enjoys an unrivalled reputation amongst the non-league game. How often do you hear of ex-Stones ever talk ill of him, yet we, as a club, leave him short on the tools to do his job properly.

This nicely brings me to

the new structure of the club that was announced last weekend. A real step in the right direction as far as I am concerned, a structure fit for purpose and brings accountability to the forefront. This season has been a challenge on many fronts, a number of which we have failed to rise to as a club. The appointment of a CEO, who takes responsibility for running of the operational side of the club, is how a grown up business operates. The buck now stops with Mark Winkworth; it is a step in the right direction. I sense there is a real desire from many supporters to have outside leadership within the club, especially at chairman level.

Whilst we have to be careful what we wish for, someone like Mark, who whilst a supporter from the eighties, has had many years away from the club will bring a fresh perspective to how the club should be run. No cliques, no vested interests, no internal posturing and positioning. Time will tell on the success of the appointment, but no Wealdstone fan can but wish him well.

I did say in my notes prior to the visit to the south coast that the ultras would throw a few brickbats around post match and I wasn't wrong. Let's be clear, everything that occurred at the end of the game was cause and effect of an unprovoked assault on someone that it is knee high

to a grasshopper and was supposed to be an invited guest.

We can only hope that the welcome is friendlier in Cornwall next week as we travel en masse to Truro for what should be a legendary weekender. We should have at least two hundred supporters down there for a nothing game, most spending a few days down in the south west. Whether you are travelling down by plane, train, coach or automobile, it should enter Wealdstone folklore alongside what most think was the greatest away trip of all time, Cheltenham Town in the Trophy in the nineties.

## Happy Birthday Harry Leigh

Congratulations to Harry Leigh who is at the game today, celebrating his 92nd birthday.

Harry attends as many games as possible – and many of our older supporters will remember the days at Lower Mead, when Harry and his wife, Milly, ran the sweet shop in front of the ground.

Harry would take his son David into the ground to watch the games, being the start of a long-running family relationship with the Stones – and he would put up the results of away games in the shop window



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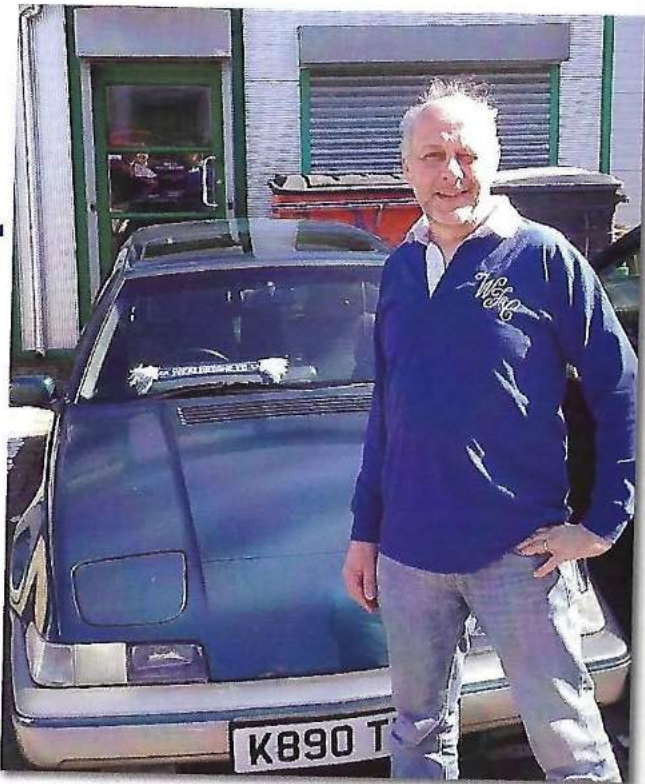
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**The classic pose: Martin Lacey with classic car. Check out the retro shirt, and retro Stones car sticker in the front window!**

for which Wealdstone supporters are renowned.

Alan Couch may have slightly stolen my thunder by sponsoring our match against Margate to mark his 70 years following Wealdstone but I'm not bitter. Oh no. I fully expect to see my 70th Season as a Stone, though should that event coincide with our first Champions League semi-final I may not be able to afford to sponsor the match on my meagre pension.

One of the duties I am most looking forward to is selecting the man of the match. Can I apologise in advance, therefore, to any hard working and meritorious player who thinks he might be in with a shout of taking home the bottle of mid-range supermarket generic Prosecco... only to find himself passed over in favour of a teammate who performs a

stunning but totally futile piece of trickery close to where I happen to be standing.

I'm easily impressed. And shortsighted. And for those of you going apoplectic at your keyboards tonight on the forum at my choice, tough! Next season you cough up £295 + VAT and you can choose Man of the Match.

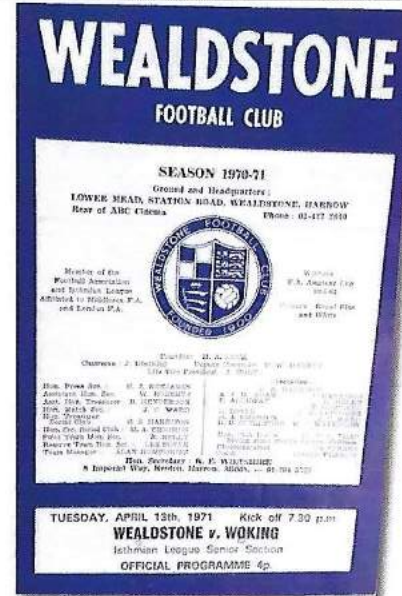
Talking of the forum, I'm an ardent reader, though only very occasional contributor to this marvellous communicative medium. Of course, nobody in their right mind would interpret

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the forum as a consensus of supporters' opinion: it's more like the conversation in the pub where the bloke that shouts loudest thinks he's won the argument while everybody else is sitting round muttering "What a \*\*\*\*." Nevertheless I found it amusing in frustrating in equal measure a few years back when some posters were threatening to slash their digital wrists if we didn't get promoted from the Ryman League. Now we get the first murmuring that there ought to be, at the very least, a timetable/plan to get us up to the next level.

I call it "Premier-leagueitis".

I actually liked watching Wealdstone in the Ryman League. That's not to say I'm don't prefer Conference South. I do. But I also liked watching Wealdstone in ICIS League Division Three. Even in 1993-94 when we lost thirteen league games in a row and were knocked out of



both the FA Cup and FA Trophy by H\*\*\*\* B\*\*\*\*\* I approached every game with eager anticipation. And in those days I used to drive to games so my perspective wasn't affected by medicinal quantities of beer.

Would you rather support a

one-man-and-his-dog club that's bought their way up the Pyramid by way of a vanity project (yes, we've played a couple this season, you can fill in the names) or a club that grows organically, sustains itself, identifies with its community, doesn't risk its existence by selling its body and soul to some affluent egomaniac - once was once too often - and is supported by the most passionate fans in football, whatever division it's in?

From this you may judge that I'm some Corinthian-spirited amateur shouting "Play the game, it's not the result that matters", but this couldn't be further from the truth. I care deeply about winning. If we lose a pre-season friendly in which we're represented by forty trialists playing over three thirty minute periods in eighty degree heat on an artificial pitch somewhere in West London that even Khanna can't find, I take it as a personal insult.

When you think about 1984-85 it's probably Wembley and Kettering; I think "How did we lose 7-0 to Barnet?" And for me, the shine was taken off our Ryman League championship by the way we limped over the line: when we should have been rubbing our rivals' noses in the dirt of our superiority we were losing 4-0 to Kingstonian. When I follow a close-fought match on Twitter, while cursing my laptop for not letting me 'refresh' more than once every five seconds, I find myself shaking with tension and excitement. No, I care about winning alright. The difference between us is that I don't care about winning because it means points, promotion or

### Wealdstone Chatter

Good evening everybody,

For our last home Isthmian League match of the season, we give a cordial welcome to our friends from Woking, and hope that they enjoy their visit here tonight, especially as we are turning professional next season, and it could be some time before our two teams meet again.

We can truthfully say, that without exception, every club whom we have visited during the past four weeks, are sincerely sorry to see us leave the Isthmian League for the Southern League, and it is nice to know that we have many friends in the football world. No doubt we will be meeting some of them in cup matches, but nevertheless we too will miss the hospitality and cordiality of the Isthmian League clubs, but it is nice to know that we have bowed out of amateur football, well respected, and with an honourable record.

We are very sorry indeed to be losing both Harry Luck and Jack Rogers, (President and Chairman respectively) who have intimidated that they feel that younger men will be needed for the hurly burly of professional football. Both these men are Wealdstone through and through, and they will always be welcome, when they come along to see the matches.

Everybody here is keeping their fingers crossed that we make a success of pro football, and the Officers and Committee all wish team manager Alan Humphries the best of luck and good fortune, in his endeavours to get a first rate side for us for next season, in what will be a history making event for the Wealdstone Football Club.

Martin's first Stones game was also the club's final match as Isthmian League amateurs before turning semi-pro in 1971. The programme notes (above) reflect the sentimental occasion

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through to the next round. I care about winning because it feels better than losing.

All of us know someone - possibly someone close to us - that doesn't 'get' football. ("It's only a game", "Why do you love Wealdstone so much?" etc.) To these people I have a stock riposte: I ask "Do you understand the attraction of gambling?" And most people do understand the attraction of gambling. Winning or losing money makes sense to everyone. Well, to me, being a football fan is exactly the same as being a gambler, except whereas the gambler risks money on the outcome of an event over which he has no

... ritt controls the shares and can stay on if he wants to. I wouldn't pretend to understand the complexities of the legal situation and the various moves currently going on. If you believe half of what you read in the Harrow Observer the club is heading for total anarchy. I only hope somebody takes responsibility for paying the players.

While the future existence or non-existence of Wealdstone F.C. is clearly

a bigger concern than whether we drop down a division it is nevertheless slightly disturbing that in this debate football has hardly been mentioned. It would have been comforting if either Morrill or Clifton had attempted an explanation of why a club supposedly sitting on £7 million is plunging towards the Southern League.

MARTIN LACEY

**Martin was joint editor of 'The Elmslie Ender' back in the day - the supporters' magazine - and produced some hard-hitting editorials**

control, the football fan stakes his emotions.

The gambler ends up richer or poorer; the football fan ends up happier or sadder. And you can

take the analogy further: while some gamblers tend towards betting on the favourites, some football fans decide to support Manchester United or Chelsea (or maybe Leicester City next season). There's a guaranteed trickle of success but nothing much ever surprises. Then there's the long-odds gambler a.k.a. the Wealdstone fan. We put up with a lot of carp (anag.) but the highs are very high indeed. I'm thinking of the euphoria of winning at Ebbsfleet this season. Or Cambridge in the FA Trophy quarter final, probably the greatest result in our recent history. Would these have been anything like as good if we'd been favourites? Winning is good. Winning against the odds is better.

Forty-five years... where has it gone? I'd like to say it seems like only yesterday I was watching Wealdstone v Woking in the Isthmian League, equally mesmerised by the flame-haired Dave Yerby on the pitch and the moustachioed Kev Bright off it, bounding up and down the Elmslie End railway sleepers exhorting the fans to ever greater volume with a "Zigger zagger..."

Kev Bright, thank you. I didn't really know you, but you made me realise what a great thing it was to be a Wealdstone fan. Forty-five years and it hasn't faded. Though to be honest, it **does** feel like forty-five years.

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The line-ups for Martin's first-ever game. I like it because Woking fielded Alfie Christmas at number 7, who was subject to a wonderful anecdote concerning Enfield's pantomime villain Alf D'Arcy in the 1960s. Apparently Alfie was a thorn in D'Arcy's side, and when they tangled in a December fixture and the Woking man was about to be booked, the Enfield skipper sidled up to the referee and told him: 'This guy's a real wind-up merchant ref. Watch him - he'll tell you his name's Santa Claus'. And when Christmas gave his name the referee sent him off!

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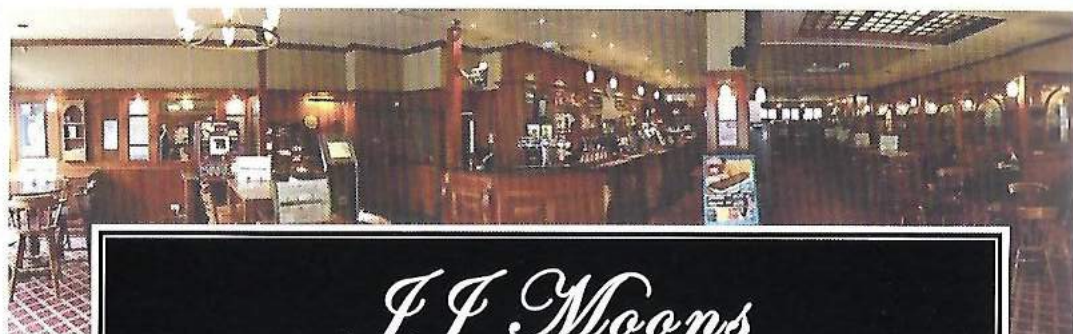


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## SUPPORTERS CLUB

Alan Palmer

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**A**t a time in the season most fans who support clubs with little to play for will be thinking beaches.

Not Stones fans. The trip to Truro reminds me of that great John Candy film. Planes, trains and automobiles.

What a fantastic weekend in prospect as supporters descend on unsuspecting Truro.

Our fans have been magnificent this season. Equally superb has been Gordon and his team.

Keeping the Stones up in what is a fiercely contested division has to rank as one of his best achievements throughout his managerial career.

Quite simply we are lucky to have him!

Wherever you look around this club people are doing great things. Most of them are doing it for free of charge!

Can we push on is the big question.

It won't be easy with hot topics being:

Can we find the funds to

increase the playing budget?  
 Can we secure a new lease?

Can we manage change correctly and not just make change for the sake of it?

With the talent which we have at this great club I'm sure we can.

A very happy close season from the Supporters Club team to everybody who has both supported and worked so hard for the club.

Alan

### Supporters Club Coach to Truro City

Due to the lack of bookings, there will now no longer be a Supporters Club coach to the final National League South of the season at Truro City on Saturday, 30 April 2016.

However, there will be space for supporters to travel on the Wealdstone FC Team Coach. At present a 51-seater coach has been booked & there is approximately 5 seats available for supporters. However if there is more demand for seats, we are able to move from a 51-seater to a 61-seater coach allowing an additional 10 supporters to travel. Therefore it is **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!**

The coach which will have a toilet en-board will depart from The Vale at 7.00 am and will depart from Truro City's ground at approximately 6.00 pm. The match kicks off at 3.00 pm.

#### Costs

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To reserve a seat, please contact **Alan Palmer** (Travel Secretary) as follows:-

**Email:** alanraymondpalmer@btinternet.com / **Text:** 07961 872265

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### We Want Your Unwanted In The Megastore!

It is that time of year when the season starts drawing to a close and you all start clearing out your draws and cupboards (well your other halves tell you it is about time you threw away some of your tat as you have time on your hands). In a help to push on with the 400:100 fundraiser we can now announce we are happy to start receiving your unwanted goods in the Megastore, and promise to find them a new home and raise some much needed funds. As throughout the season we receive a number of donations in the form of programmes and books, but we would like to go a little further. In recent weeks we have been given a number of donations in the form of DVD's and CDs which have already proved very successful and raise a nice sum to help to put towards next seasons budget. The plan is stockpile your unwanted over the next few weeks so that we are able to keep ourselves busy over the summer. Here is a list of things we can make use of, but we will happily consider anything so just message us or come and see us in the Megastore





What better way to celebrate an occasion or advertise your company's support of Wealdstone? Our comprehensive match day sponsorship involves you or your company in every aspect of the match. To find out more, contact club president **Paul Rumens** [rumens@gotads1.co.uk](mailto:rumens@gotads1.co.uk), (07710 929692) or **Peter Worby** (07967 698370). Specific requests can be negotiated, and prices start from £295 +VAT for four guests. Matchday partner packages are available from £59 per person, and tailor-made packages from five persons up to 30 are available on request.

MATCH	Sponsors			
 <b>Concord Rangers</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Monday, 10th August	<b>Wealdstone FC Supporters Club</b>			
 <b>Eastbourne Borough</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 15th August	<b>Graham Jones - in Memory of John Jones</b>			
 <b>Ebbsfleet United</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 22nd August	<b>ACL Engineering Ltd</b>			
 <b>Bishops Cleeve</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Monday, 31st August	<b>Adam Edwards</b>			
 <b>Chelmsford City</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 12th September	<b>Wealdstone FC 1985 Reunion Lunch Guests</b>			
 <b>Biggleswade Town</b> FA CUP 2ND QUALIFYING ROUND Saturday, 28th September	<b>John and Mark Banks</b>			
 <b>Dartford</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 3rd October	<b>Tony Pauley and Friends</b>			
 <b>Bognor Regis Town</b> FA CUP 4th QUALIFYING ROUND Saturday, 24th October	<b>David Leigh</b>			
 <b>Colchester United</b> FA CUP 1ST ROUND PROPER Saturday, 7th November	<b>MarathonBet</b>	<b>Rackspace</b>	<b>GPF Lewis</b>	<b>Connect Vending</b>
 <b>Bath City</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 21st November	<b>Mark Barton</b>			
 <b>Whitehawk</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Monday, 23rd November	<b>Rob Nothman</b>			
 <b>Weston-super-Mare</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 5th December	<b>Wealdstone FC Board of Directors</b>			

## Here's what match sponsors get:

- 4 admission tickets, each with a seat in the directors' area of the main stand
- 4 match day programmes
- Full hospitality prior, during (half time) and after the match in the board room
- You or your organisation's name featured prominently here in the programme

- You or your organisation's name announced over the PA to the crowd
- You or your organisation's name featuring prominently on the club website leading up to the game
- A meeting with the manager post match
- A memento of your special day.
- Your nomination of the 'man of the match' announced over the PA at full time.
- Your picture taken in the boardroom with your chosen man of the match.

MATCH	Sponsors		
 <b>Gosport Borough</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Monday, 18th January	<b>Friends of Wealdstone</b>		
 <b>Hayes &amp; Yeading Utd</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 30th January	<b>Middlesex Merionnydd Media Ltd</b>		
 <b>Truro City</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 6th February	<b>Tony Platt</b>		
 <b>Sutton United</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Monday, 8th February	<b>Gerry Pimm and Friends</b>		
 <b>Oxford City</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 15th February	<b>Darren Linden</b>		
 <b>Basingstoke Town</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 27th February	<b>Paul &amp; Dave Reader</b>	<b>"In Memory of our Dad Derek"</b>	<b>In memory of Darren Hooker</b>
 <b>Maidstone United</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 12th March	<b>ProKit</b>		
 <b>Margate</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 28th March	<b>Ray Corner &amp; Peter Carter</b>	<b>Miriam Goodman</b>	<b>Victor Klarfeld</b>
 <b>Havant &amp; Waterlooville</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 2nd April	<b>Barry Benveniste, in memory of Naomi Benveniste</b>		<b>Venceremos FC</b>
 <b>Hemel Hempstead Town</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Monday, 4th April	<b>Harrow Sales &amp; Marketing</b>	<b>Wealdstone FC Supporters Club</b>	
 <b>Maidenhead United</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 16th April	<b>The 1966 Amateur Cup Reunion</b>		
 <b>St Albans City</b> VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Saturday, 23rd April	<b>Colin Hale - ADR Limited</b>	<b>People For Print</b>	





# WEALDSTONE

## FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES & RESULTS, SEASON 2015/2016

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS AND ICONS

- Yellow card = Yellow card
  - Red card = Red card
  - Straight red = Straight red
  - Goal = Goal
  - Penalty = Penalty
  - Man of the Match = Man of the Match
  - First substituted player = First substituted player
  - First substitute used FAC = FA Cup
  - Second substituted player = Second substituted player
  - Second substitute used = Second substitute used
  - Third substituted player = Third substituted player
  - Third substitute used = Third substitute used
- NLS = Vanarama National League South  
FAT = FA Trophy  
MSC = Middlesex Senior Cup  
Date in red = Midweek evening kick-off

AUGUST		Competition	Result	Crowd	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK
8	Bath City	NLS	1-2	641	-	North	Bevans	Case	Corcoran	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Brown	Calcutt	Hutchinson	Lucien	Davies	Lynch	Hudson-Odoi	Bonnett-Johnson	Hope
10	CONCORD RANGERS	NLS	1-2	661	-	North	Bevans	Case	Martin	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Corcoran	Calcutt	Hutchinson	Lucien	Davies	Lynch	Hudson-Odoi	McLeod-Urquhart	Brown
15	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	NLS	0-1	581	21	North	Bevans	Watts	Parker	Hamblin	Corcoran	Wright	Ball	Hutchinson	Davies	Lucien	Godfrey	Hudson-Odoi	Calcutt	Brown	McLeod-Urquhart
18	Margate	NLS	0-0	677	20	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Parker	Bevan	Godfrey	Wright	Corcoran	Louis	Calcutt	Ball	Hutchinson	Davies	Lucien	Davies	Brown
22	EBBSFLEET UNITED	NLS	1-2	764	20	North	Bevans	McLeod-Urquhart	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Ball	Corcoran	Louis	Hutchinson	Hudson-Odoi	Davies	Calcutt	Brown	Lucien	Gore
29	Sutton United	NLS	2-5	803	20	Gore	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Parker	Hamblin	Davies	Ball	Corcoran	Louis	Wright	Hudson-Odoi	Calcutt	Lucien	Brown	Bevans	Hutchinson
31	BISHOPS STORTFORD	NLS	3-1	663	19	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Parker	Hamblin	Davies	Ball	Godfrey	Calcutt	Hutchinson	Hudson-Odoi	Louis	Lucien	Brown	Corcoran	Wright
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																					
5	Hayes & Yeading United	NLS	0-0	359	18	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Parker	Hamblin	Davies	Ball	Godfrey	Louis	Hutchinson	Hudson-Odoi	Calcutt	Corcoran	Wright	Lucien	Bevans
12	CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS	0-0	803	20	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Martin	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Corcoran	Hutchinson	Davies	Ball	Louis	Calcutt	Lucien	Bevans	Brown
12	CB HOUNSLOW UNITED	MSCC1	9-0	TBA	20	Malone	Bevans	Binns	Diallo	Cadmore	Christian-Law	Lucien	Brown	Louis	Calcutt	Bonnett-Johnson	McGleish	Lamparnakis	Hope	Corcoran	Wright
19	Basingstoke Town	NLS	1-1	532	20	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Hutchinson	Ball	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Corcoran	Calcutt	Lucien	Wright	Low
26	BIGGLESWADE TOWN	FAC 20R	1-1	342	20	North	Martin	McLeod-Urquhart	Cadmore	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Low	Calcutt	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Davies	Corcoran	Lucien	Binns	Parker
29	Biggleswade Town	FAC 20RR	2-0	264	20	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Martin	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Low	Louis	Davies	Ball	Corcoran	Hudson-Odoi	Wright	McGleish	Calcutt
<b>OCTOBER</b>																					
3	DARTFORD	NLS	2-1	665	18	North	Duffy	Binns	McLeod-Urquhart	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Low	Louis	Ball	Lucien	Davies	Corcoran	Hudson-Odoi	Calcutt	McGleish
10	Brookenhurst	FAC 30R	5-1	477	18	North	Duffy	McLeod-Urquhart	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Low	Louis	Ball	Lucien	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Corcoran	McGleish	Binns
13	EDGWARE TOWN	MSCC2	3-2	108	18	Malone	Lamparnakis	Urquhart	Martin	Duffy	Corcoran	Hutchinson	Christian-Law	McGleish	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Parker	Lucien	Wright	Ball	Bonnett-Johnson
17	Havant & Waterlooville	NLS	2-1	736	16	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Low	Louis	Ball	Hudson-Odoi	Corcoran	Davies	Hutchinson	McGleish	Malone
24	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	FAC 40R	2-1	847	18	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Davies	Louis	Ball	Hudson-Odoi	Corcoran	Wright	Hutchinson	Duffy	McGleish
31	Ebsfleet United	NLS	3-2	1,121	16	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Corcoran	Lucien	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Duffy	Hutchinson	Christian-Law	McGleish
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																					
7	COLCHESTER UNITED	FAC IRP	2-6	2,469	16	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Duffy	Parker	Hamblin	Corcoran	Lucien	Low	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Binns	Hutchinson	Wright	McGleish
10	Harrow Borough	MSC 2R	2-3	204	16	Dutton	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Low	Corcoran	Duffy	Wright	Ball	McGleish	Hutchinson	Hudson-Odoi	Rooney	Markus	Hickey	Davies	Lucien
14	St.Albans City	NLS	0-1	708	18	North	Duffy	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Corcoran	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Low	Ball	McGleish	Wright	Hutchinson
17	Maidstone United	NLS	0-1	1,812	18	North	Duffy	Binns	McLeod-Urquhart	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Low	Hutchinson	Ball	Lucien	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Louis	Christian-Law	McGleish
21	BATH CITY	NLS	2-0	602	16	North	Duffy	Binns	McLeod-Urquhart	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Ball	Louis	Davies	Hutchinson	Hudson-Odoi	Hudson-Odoi	Low	Hickey	McGleish
23	WHITEHAWK	NLS	2-2	545	16	North	Duffy	Binns	McLeod-Urquhart	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Ball	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Lucien	Hutchinson	Low	Martin	McGleish
28	Metropolitan Police	FAT 30R	2-0	152	16	North	Duffy	Binns	Parker	McLeod-Urquhart	Godfrey	Wright	Ball	Hutchinson	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Louis	Lucien	Corcoran	Low	Harriott
<b>DECEMBER</b>																					
5	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	NLS	2-3	534	18	North	Duffy	Binns	McLeod-Urquhart	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Lucien	Corcoran	Hutchinson	Low
19	Chelmsford City	NLS	2-0	873	16	Howes	Duffy	Binns	Parker	Cadmore	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Smith	Corcoran	Duffy	Hutchinson	Taylor
26	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	NLS	2-2	751	16	Howes	Smith	Binns	Parker	Cadmore	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Duffy	Corcoran	Hutchinson	Louis
<b>JANUARY</b>																					
9	Gosport Borough	NLS	1-1	593	16	Howes	McLeod-Urquhart	Smith	Hamblin	Cadmore	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Binns	Lucien	Corcoran	Duffy
13	Weston-super-Mare	FAT 1R	2-3	155	16	Malone	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Cadmore	Hamblin	Godfrey	Ball	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Corcoran	Parker	Lucien	Duffy	McGleish
18	GOSPORT BOROUGH	NLS	1-1	506	16	Howes	McLeod-Urquhart	Smith	Hamblin	Cadmore	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Binns	Parker	Ball	Lucien	McGleish
23	Eastbourne Borough	NLS	0-3	431	17	Howes	McLeod-Urquhart	Smith	Cadmore	Hamblin	Godfrey	Ball	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Parker	Lucien	Binns	McGleish	Taylor
26	Dartford	NLS	2-1	853	15	Taylor	McLeod-Urquhart	Smith	Hamblin	Cadmore	Godfrey	Lucien	Harriott	McGleish	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Binns	Louis	Parker	Taylor
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																					
6	TRURO CITY	NLS	4-4	606	15	Taylor	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Cadmore	Godfrey	Ball	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Lucien	Duffy	Orenuga	McGleish	Taylor
13	Maidenhead United	NLS	1-1	524	16	Taylor	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Cadmore	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Lucien	Morgan	Ball	Orenuga	Maitrepierre
15	OXFORD CITY	NLS	2-2	663	16	Taylor	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	McGleish	Cadmore	Ball	Wright	Harriott	Morgan	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Louis	Lucien	Orenuga	Maitrepierre	McGleish
20	Weston-super-Mare	NLS	2-1	455	15	Taylor	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Cadmore	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Morgan	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Louis	Lucien	Orenuga	McGleish
27	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	NLS	4-1	641	14	Taylor	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Cadmore	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Morgan	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Louis	Ball	Lucien	Orenuga	McGleish
<b>MARCH</b>																					
5	Concord Rangers	NLS	2-2	276	15	Bransgrove	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Cadmore	Godfrey	Davies	Harriott	Louis	Morgan	Hudson-Odoi	Lucien	Ball	Orenuga	McGleish	Taylor
8	HANWELL VILLA	MSCCQF 3-3 (3-4P)	75	15	North	Martin	Smith	McGleish	Cadmore	O'Sullivan	Orenuga	Falla	Maitrepierre	Ball	Lucien	Ghamkar	Tango	Binns	Taylor	McGleish	Taylor
12	MAIDSTONE UNITED	NLS	2-2	815	15	Bransgrove	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Cadmore	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Morgan	Ball	Lucien	Demetriou	McGleish
14	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	NLS	3-0	638	14	Bransgrove	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Mavila	Demetriou	Morgan	Smith	Demetriou
19	Oxford City	NLS	2-3	393	15	Bransgrove	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Cadmore	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Morgan	Lucien	Smith	Demetriou	Mavila
21	SUTTON UNITED	NLS	0-2	631	15	Bransgrove	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Cadmore	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Wright	Morgan	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Louis	Demetriou	Mavila	Smith	Hall
26	MARGATE	NLS	4-1	750	13	Bransgrove	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Cadmore	McGleish	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Louis	Lucien	Demetriou	Mavila	Smith
<b>APRIL</b>																					
2	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	NLS	3-2	646	13	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Cadmore	McGleish	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Louis	Lucien	Demetriou	Mavila	Smith
4	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	NLS	0-0	753	12	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Smith	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Demetriou	Louis	Davies	Mavila	Cadmore	Lucien	Morgan	Demetriou	Kalenga
9	Whitehawk	NLS	0-3	631	13	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Cadmore	Hamblin	Godfrey	Smith	Demetriou	Wright	Davies	Louis	Lucien	Parker	Demetriou	Smith	Kalenga
16	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	NLS	0-0	800	13	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Cadmore	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Mavila	Demetriou	Lucien	Smith	Kalenga
19	Bishops Stortford	NLS	1-2	337	14	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Smith	Parker	Cadmore	Godfrey	Wright	Mavila	Louis	Davies	Lucien	Hudson-Odoi	Binns	Hamblin	Kalenga	McGleish
23	ST.ALBANS CITY	NLS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
30	Truro City	NLS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

### RESULTS OF FRIENDLIES

- 4th July: Hanwell Town (N) 7-2  
- Hutchinson 2, J Herrera 2, R Tison-Lascaris, L McDevitt, OG.
- 11th July: Stevenage (H) 0-1
- 14th July: Staines Town (A) 1-2  
Goals: OG
- 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 Rusden & Diamonds (A) 0-0
- 28th July Edgware Town (A) 5-1  
R Tison-Lascaris, I Conteh, J Smith, J Osei, K Oluokeo
- 29th July: Dagenham & Redbridge (H) 3-1  
- Goals: Godfrey, Lucien, Hutchinson
- 1st August: Queens Park Rangers (H) 3-1  
- Goals: Lucien, Calcutt (Pen), Wright
- 3rd August: Slough Town (A) 0-2
- 19th August Enfield Town (H) 3-1  
- Goals: J Walker, S Davies, D Falla
- 25 August Farnborough (H) 1-1  
- Goal: Hudson-Odoi
- 2nd September Hendon (A) 3-1  
- Goals: Lucien 2, A Musoke

### BECOME PART OF THE WEALDSTONE TEAM

Our club's excellent progress on the pitch and ever increasing attendances mean we are now looking to strengthen our matchday support team. In particular we are looking to add to our matchday steward team, with the possibility of gaining nationally recognised qualifications (such as Level 2 or 3 NVO in Spectator Safety) through our partners Total Hospitality Training.

You'll be contributing to the progress of your club and learning transferrable skills in health and safety, security and customer services, while strengthening your CV at the same time.

It doesn't have to be every match, but it would be great if we could increase our pool of available people to ensure our spectators have an enjoyable matchday experience and enhance our club's growing reputation for professionalism.

If you're interested to learn more about what is involved and how you can benefit, please speak to either our matchday safety officer **Steve Wicks** (07824 597433) or matchday operations manager **Steve Marshall** (07810 113132).

Steve Marshall, Matchday Ops



## The matchday experience of David, Karen, Sam & Finn Shardlow

**W**ealdstone? Bloody Wealdstone? Where is it exactly? My whole football supporting life had involved trips in the M6 to the footballing no mans land called the Potteries. Before kids, I had enjoyed good days out with my mates following our local team, The Cobblers, in their glory year. However, the nearest I had come to non league football was looking out for Stafford Rangers result, as it was my birth town, or old school mates, who followed a relatively speaking, then successful, Kettering Town, back in the 80s.

My dreams had come true in recent years and Stoke City had claimed Premier League status, and even begun to prosper with FA Cup Finals, Europa League and the never ending publicity which goes with our glitzy Premier League. I could even now take my two sons to the Britannia Stadium and we could wear our shirts once again, with pride. We had returned to a status once enjoyed at the start of my supporting life, back in 1972. What a journey.

Anyway, we had been invited by my long term friend on more than one occasion to savour the delights of his club, Wealdstone, on a Saturday

afternoon. As the boys seemed quite keen, off we went. After all, we are football mad and this is football, isn't it, so why not, let's go. Once I had established exactly where it is, we actually arrived at the ground in just over an hour and with plenty of free parking to be found right outside the ground. This is a new experience!

And the real reason for writing this short story, is because from the moment we walked through the hallowed turnstiles, every single experience, official and supporter has made each of our trips to The Vale memorable and enjoyable occasions. What an unbelievable close knit family your club is, a million miles away from our greedy Premier League, but altogether more wholesome and satisfying in many respects.

Just to illustrate how good a club you have, I have detailed just some of the people and factors from our latest and most recent match versus Margate. I even brought the Mrs to this match because I knew, although football is not on her list of Saturday afternoon priorities, she too would enjoy the Stones experience.

On arrival, your car park steward found us a parking space right outside the front door, one of the perks of sponsoring a match ball.

We hadn't pre booked and had not forwarded our car registration but it was not a problem. Park here, sir!

At the gate, both boys were offered free Creme Eggs and free entry for all kids was available for this Easter fixture. Lovely!

My youngest had actually asked for this excursion to celebrate his 9th birthday. I spoke to my friend at the club who then arranged for both boys to be part of the mascot team for the day. We then brought his mate along at the last minute, without advising the club. We checked with the leader of the mascot group, and it was no issue, he too could join in the fun with the mascots. No problem!

We set off to the club shop, as both boys had saved Xmas money to buy themselves a Wealdstone shirt, and today was the day to wear it. Like they needed another football shirt to go with Stoke City, Barcelona and the Cobblers! Although I had left my wallet in the car, the guy in the shop said of course, take the shirts and pop back in to pay later. No problem!

In the boardroom, my wife was having a lovely time, enjoying the banter and made to feel very welcome. The staff on duty could not do enough for us. Even my friend is serving drinks, selling raffle tickets and looking after his sponsors



*Finn & Sam with MOM Scott & Chairman Howard after the match*

right up until kick off, before he takes his place in the choir behind the goal. Proper supporter!

We then wonder if the PA might play a request for our son, at half time, as it is his 9th birthday today. I wander off to find the appropriate guy who says of course, write down here what you want me to say, and it will be done. Right on the stroke of half time, our request is read out as promised. No problem!

Back in the boardroom for a half time cuppa and sausage rolls, the Stones leading and all is well. Staff still working flat out to serve drinks and tend to all our needs. The wife has befriended the other match ball sponsors and is having a lovely day out.

The match finishes and the deserved victory celebrated by all around us. We return to the warmth of the clubhouse to enjoy a lovely hot meal and raise a glass to the worthy winners. And still

the hospitality and generosity of the club continues to flow. First of all, Man of the Match Scott Davies comes in for a photo session and poses with both boys, clearly enjoying his award. Top Man! Then good old Gordon the Raider appears for some photos and banter with all three lads, no problem. Want some?!

Mr Palmer the match day photographer, says he would be delighted to forward some photos from the game including the mascots, so I give him my email address. Before we even get home, the photos have been forwarded as promised, no problem!

The boys then decide they want to play table football in the bar, but is surrounded by supporters and covered with pint pots. As soon as we make it clear we want a game, everybody is very quick to move their drinks and make some room for us, no problem!

Finally, and most

amazingly of all, your wonderful manager Gordon actually comes over to talk to us at the end of what must be a very long and tiring day. He is both genuine and interested in our experience, and chats away to my wife for ages, even though he has nearly lost his voice after a match and a long week of football and teaching.

So our day is complete, and we head home feeling like we have really been part of something special. Of course, my heart will always be in The Potteries, but for all its glamour and glitz, the PL can not offer the unique and personal experience we enjoyed at your club. Thank you to all concerned, and my apologies if I have left anybody out as I didn't get names for the people we met during the day. We will return. Now your club shirt rightly hangs alongside the red and white stripes in both boys bedrooms, something I could never imagined.





# WEALDSTONE FC

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	NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			MIDDX SENIOR CUP			MIDDX CHARITY CUP			2015/2016 TOTALS			WEALDSTONE CAREER		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Ball, Matt *	16	9	3	4	1	1	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	24	11	5	47	16	11	
Bevans, Matthew *	5	1											1		6	1		6	1		
Binns, Dale	25	1		2	1		2		1			1		1	31	2		31	2		
Bonnett-Johnson, Sean												1	1		1	1		1	1		
Bransgrove, James	5														5			5			
Brown, Dan	1	2										1	1		2	2	1	23	6	3	
Cadmore, Tom	19			1			1					2	1		23	1		23		1	
Calcutt, Connor	4	4		1	1							1	5		6	5	5	10	5	7	
Case, Ryan *	2														2			2			
Christian-Law, Tyler												2			2			2			
Corcoran, Michael *	9	6		1	1				1			1	1		12	7	1	21	7	3	
Davies, Scott	32	7	3	3	1	1	2			1		1		1	38	9	4	48	10	5	
Demetriou, James	1	7	1												1	7	1	1	7	1	
Diallo, Ibrahim *												1			1			1			
Duffy, Oliver	7	1		2	1		1		1			1			12	2		12	2		
Dutton, Scott *									1						1			1			
Falla, Dominic												1			1			1			
Ghamkhar, Ardalan													1		1			1			
Godfrey, Elliott	35	1	1	4			2								41	1	1	134	10	8	
Gore, Shane *	1														1			1			
Hamblin, Tom	29		3	5		2	1								35	5		89	4	9	
Harriott, Matthew	17		7				1	1							18	1	7	18	1	7	
Hickey, Tom		1								1					2			17	5		
Hope, Ryan		1											1		2			2			
Howes, Sam *	5														5			5			
Hudson-Odoi, Bradley	30	5	10	3	2	2	2	3	1			1			37	7	15	37	7	15	
Hutchinson, Josh	9	10	2				1		1			1	1		12	10	3	12	10	3	
Lampernakis, Athanasios*												1	1		1	1		1	1		
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Louis, Jefferson	25	11	9	4	3		1	1				1	3		31	12	15	48	15	26	
Lowe, Matthew *	3	2		4					1						8	2		8	2		
Lucien, Shaun	11	15	1	5		1	2			1		2	1	2	18	19	4	39	31	8	
Maitrepierre, Alexandre												1			1			1			
Malone, Garry							1					2			3			6			
Martin, Carl	2	1		2								2			6	1		135	13	2	
Mavila, Nathan	2	6													2	6		8	9		
McGleish, Scott	4	3	1		3				1			2	1	1	7	7	2	91	21	45	
Morgan, Marvin	5	3	1												5	3	1	157	39	55	
North, Jonathan	22			5			1					1			29			235		1	
Orenuga, Femi		2										1			1	2		1	2		
O'Sullivan, Callum												1			1			1			
Parker, Wes	22	1	5	3	1		1								26	2	5	206	9	26	
Smith, Jack D	7	2										1			8	2		8	2		
Taylor, Joe	6														6			6			
Urquhart, Josh	34	1		5			2		1			1			43	1		43	1		
Watts, Ryan *	6														6			39			
Wright, Jonny	28	2	9	1	3	1	1	1	1	1					31	5	12	73	32	24	

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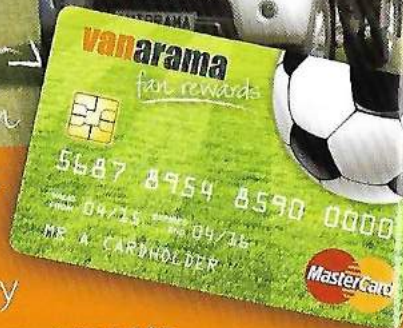


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# 42 years ago.. the days when Met Police FC actually WERE policemen

BY TIM PARKS



Tuesday April 23 1974,  
Southern League Division  
One South: Met Police 0  
Wealdstone 4

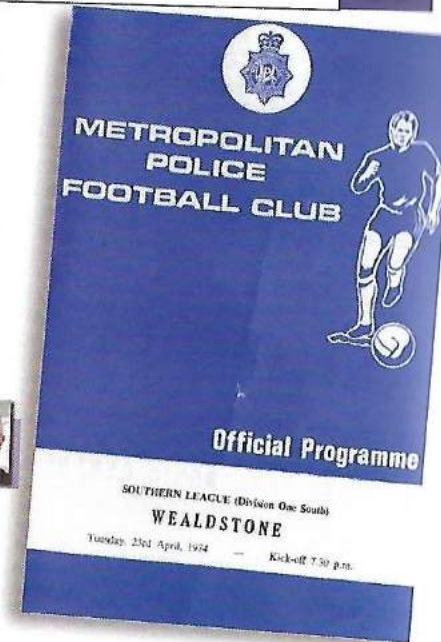
THIS was the season that ended the Stones' long, long wait for a league championship trophy.

It had been 19 years since the old amateur club had lifted the Athenian League title, and in the meantime the club had switched to the more powerful Isthmian League and then, in 1971, joined the semi-professional ranks of the Southern League.

And many were doubting the wisdom of the committee men who decided to plunge Stones into this expensive realm... the

club lost shedloads of money in the first two seasons, and for little reward as the team finished 12th and then 8th... a poor return for the forward-looking committee, who had been hoping for attendances in the thousands but instead saw an average of around 600 at the 13,000-capacity Lower Mead.

But then came Sid Prosser. The Stones lured the charismatic manager from Isthmians St Albans City - renowned as one of



the best-drilled, most-enterprising side in that division - and within 18 months he had moulded a team ready to take the step up into the Southern League Premier Division... in those days just one level below the Football League.

Prosser's main coup was bringing a mix of good young professionals and seasoned campaigners to Lower Mead. George Duck had been trumpeted as the club's salvation in the summer of '72 when the 20-year-old was persuaded not to walk away from the game after bad experiences at Tottenham and Southend - and he was to prove just that as he rattled in 30-odd goals in his first campaign and then an amazing 64 as Stones carried all before them in this title-winning 73-74 season.

Terry Dyson was another ex-Spurs pro (indeed, a



Just a week after the Met Police stroll, Stones were crowned Southern League Div One South champions and much champagne was consumed in the Lower Mead changing rooms! From left: Eric Burgess, Paul Fairclough, Terry Dyson, John McCormick, Chris Kinnear and Bill Byrne (far right) with 17-year-old defender John Baker in the background

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# Ton-up Duck as 'Stones swarm over Met. Police

By Colin Pope

Metropolitan Police 0, Wealdstone 4

AS WEALDSTONE go on winning match after match, not letting up even now the Southern League championship has been won, one is fast running out of superlatives. It took the super-Stones precisely 11 minutes to systematically and ruthlessly dismantle the Police at Imber Court on Tuesday. After this short spell they were three goals up, and as a contest the game was over.

Wealdstone have now not conceded a goal in their last five matches, while scoring 10. Obviously they are determined to enter the Premier Division in some style!

The match was memorable for the fact that George Duck scored his 58th goal of the campaign and his 100th for the club in two seasons. It is unlikely that either of these water marks will be erased for a long time. George is still the highest marksman in any of the three divisions, being five ahead of Bates (Stourbridge).

What is there left to say about a goal poacher of this calibre? Little wonder that for a long time past, two opponents have been his constant companions in every match.

But after the initial 30 minutes, when the Police would have hotly disputed the fact that they were only playing against 11 players, the brakes went on.

Admittedly the hard ground, and a stiff wind, was hardly conducive to Wealdstone's precision passing. But having sized up the opposition, and realising that they could play at half pace and win comfortably, they obviously felt there was little virtue in showing every trick in the book.

The result was that the Police dominated the second half territorially. Even so, little real danger ever came MacKenzie's way, especially as Eric Burgess turned in another performance to make one believe that he left Colchester (luckily for Wealdstone) far too soon.

Wealdstone usually had sufficient time in defence to allow the effervescent John Watson to fulfill his penchant for playing to the gallery. John went through his entire repertoire, including three over head kicks to his own goalkeeper which by a little bit of imagination, could be counted as shots.

The "Clown Prince" of the dressing room, he would be the first to say he had to make sure Roy MacKenzie was still awake!

## CONFIDENCE

Such is the confidence that Wealdstone now show in each other's ability. On recent performances it is indeed difficult to see them losing any of the three remaining matches. One supposes they could perhaps become over-confident in one of these but class invariably tells — and they have an abundance of this.

The match opened dramatically as Wealdstone swept majestically into attack and in the very first minute Dickson handled in the box and Duck

stepped up for the penalty. His shot to the right of Mackleworth was stopped but the linesmen immediately flagged to signify that the former Leicester goalkeeper had moved early. George made no mistake the second time, substituting undiluted power for the placed penalty.

Five minutes later Fairclough slammed in the second from the edge of the box, the ball being helped in by a defender, and four minutes later came the best goal of the game.

Bill Byrne, who was again in superb form, picked up the ball way out on the right, side-stepped a challenge and with his left foot crashed the ball under the bar from a difficult angle. It was reminiscent of his Basingstoke goal, and one for the memory.

Oddly enough Wealdstone saw less and less of the ball in

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# POLICE CAN'T PUT A FOOT RIGHT!

By IAN COATES

Met. Police 0, Wealdstone 4

TWO own goals from the unfortunate John South and a bizarre penalty incident ensured Southern League, Division One South champions Wealdstone of a comfortable victory at Imber Court on Tuesday.

The penalty came in the first minute. John Shannon handled and Duck, the league's top scorer stepped up to take the kick. Colin Mackleworth made a fine save, dropping on the ball which was hit to his right, but the referee ordered the kick to be retaken and Duck gratefully accepted his reprieve.

The Police replied with a dangerous cross from John Rees which Kinnear had to scoop away from Kenny O'Rourke but with ten minutes gone two goals inside a minute rocked the home side.

Wealdstone had been playing some great, attacking football, prompted by former Spurs favourite Terry Dyson. A cross from Henderson found its way to Fairclough whose shot looked to be going wide but it hit South and was diverted past the helpless Mackleworth.

Within seconds of the re-

start Byrne smashed the ball into the roof of the net to put Wealdstone 3-0 ahead.

Unfortunately for the crowd there was nothing left to play for and Wealdstone's play deteriorated with aimless, scrappy balls replacing their previous flowing moves. The Police put pressure on Wealdstone's back line who looked anything but championship material at times.

## Powerful

For all Wealdstone's powerful start the only real difference between these sides at half-time was the fact that Wealdstone had taken their chances — and the Police hadn't.

They were further aided after 74 minutes when a Dyson cross led to South trying to touch the ball back to Mackleworth. The goalkeeper was partly to blame for the ball should have been his in the first place, but South just stroked it too wide for him to reach into the back of the net.

**MET. POLICE:** Mackleworth; Rees, South, Graham, Hobbs, Dickson, O'Rourke, Probert, Scott, Neilson (Wiltshire 73 minutes), Shannon.

**WEALDSTONE:** MacKenzie; Kinnear, Watson, Burgess, McCormick, Fairclough, Fulton, Dyson, Byrne, Duck, Henderson, Sub: Godfrey.

It's interesting to compare Colin Pope's report in the Harrow Observer with the Surrey Comet effort (above), particularly as Colin managed to get the own-goal scorer spectacularly wrong. And as for bias... well, who'd blame our Press Officer for talking up the Stones' performance?

supporters club coaches with Barbara Robson (travel secretary) regularly filling three or four coaches for away games.

The Stones finished the season on a high, finishing 11 points clear of runners-up Bath City and so began a glorious

era of 1970s glory at Lower Mead.

There wasn't another title until we found ourselves back in the Southern League Southern Division in 1981, mind, but they were days to remember.

the second half when they had the benefit of the powerful wind, and O'Rourke and Neilson had reasonable chances for the Police. Their shooting was well off target and MacKenzie was never seriously troubled. Nevertheless, McCormick, Burgess and company had to become involved to a larger extent than in recent matches.

Against the run of play, Wealdstone went four up midway through the half, Dickson putting into his own goal as Henderson, Duck and Byrne converged on him. In his haste to get rid of the ball he put it well wide of his goalkeeper.

**Wealdstone:** MacKenzie, Kinnear, Watson, Burgess, McCormick, Fairclough, Fulton, Dyson; Byrne, Duck, Henderson, Sub: Godfrey.

double winning legend of the great 1960-61 side) while John McCormick (who had been playing in Division One for Crystal Palace the previous season) and Eric Burgess (a stylish pro from Colchester) brought the experience that was to prove so important at the business end of the season.

And so we arrived at Imber Court on April 23, 1974. The Met were a decent mid-table side of serving officers - yes, in those days you actually had to be a policeman to play for the works side - and were regarded as hard to beat.

They were made up largely of lower league ex-pros who had switched to the force as they neared retirement, which meant that they weren't perhaps as sprightly as Sid Posser's.

My main memory of the game - my first visit to Imber Court - was being impressed by the playing surface, the size of the main stand and the size of the travelling support with some 300 making the trip to Thames Ditton. Nothing's really changed in the intervening 42 years, apart from the fact that in 1974 about half that number travelled on



**W**ealdstone FC Supporters Club are launching an important new fundraising scheme to support the playing budget for next season 2016/17 and provide additional funds in time for the vital end of season period.

The 100:400 scheme has worked very successfully in previous seasons and this scheme will follow a similar plan and is even more relevant now that Stones are playing at a higher level of football.

The Club is setting a fund raising target of £40,000 but we'd love to beat it! This money will go directly into next season's playing budget; 100:400 is a shorthand for saying we are challenging 100 people or more (there is no limit on numbers!) to pledge £400. However, the club is simply asking fans to pledge what they can afford, so it doesn't have to be £400; it could be £50 or even a tenner, we are all in this together and want to make next season a success.

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The recent club AGM heard that commercial activities are becoming more successful but we need to do more in the short term to raise additional funds quickly to ensure that we have a competitive playing budget for next season

Howard Krais Chairman of Wealdstone FC said: "With two seasons experience at this level we have a good idea of what is required to fund a competitive team. Although we are bringing in record levels of commercial income, and are looking at every opportunity to increase revenues further while controlling our costs, we still need to do more. Contributions from supporters and others might just make the difference and will help to give us a team we are proud to watch every week. I hope that plenty of people will support this scheme and I will be happy to be one of the first to hand over my cheque this weekend"

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### UPDATE

Our FANS 100:400 FUND RAISER continues to make steady progress. As of 15th April we have pledges totaling just under £18,500 against our initial target of £40,000. This target is hugely important as it will help to plug the significant budget gap for next season as announced at the recent AGM.

Progress so far is excellent but has slowed a little so we still need more donations and pledges to reach our target by the end of the current season! It's very important that we keep the momentum going strongly and remember, this money is ring fenced and will be used solely for the playing budget for next season

If you have made a pledge please do contact us to get information on how to convert to a donation - we have lots of payment options!

You can pay as little or as much as you want and by a flexible number of ways of paying as below. **THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS SO FAR!!**



**H**ERE we go with my totally-objective Stones programme survey for 2015-16. I'm told there are now three programme-collecting societies handing out awards this time - where we compete with just fellow non-League clubs, and also the full-time outfits - so let's hope the Stones Magazine repeats its usual good performance. If you go by these ratings it's a given!

Many of our fans have given up buying away programmes as a lot of our fellow clubs just regurgitate content from the internet. Original content is the life-blood of any publication - otherwise why purchase it? This is how I saw our competitors in the Vanarama Conference South, in no particular order...

**Maidstone United:** Compact, slick and well designed but thin on original content- some good features but all lifted from the Kent Messenger website so most fans would have seen it all before. 7/10

**Whitehawk-** big and glossy and surprisingly good value at £2. Again though, thin on content with just the predictable manager's notes. 6

**St. Albans -** I've bought three of their issues this season and the most recent one v Sutton Utd was noticeably a smaller A5 format, the same as this programme - which limited the big, punchy design that makes the Saints' prog right up with the best. Their issue for our game in November was very slick and readable with an excellent fan feature. 8

**Oxford City-** A very disappointing monochrome issue with content even more dull than the presentation. Only three pages of original stuff and even that

was barely 'original'. At least it was only £2. 4

**Maidenhead-** Another black and white cheap minimal issue, with only Don Cross's contribution lifting it above the mundane. Well, nearly. 5

**Dartford -** Their magazine-style programme starts well with its bigger size and graphics looking very St. Albansesque.... in fact I had a look to see if the printers/designers were the same (they weren't). But then, sadly it tails off into the land of website cut and paste. Shame. 6

**Hemel Hempstead-** no pretence at cutting-edge design in Hemel's old-style offering but a lot of lively content. Quite like its no frills approach. 6

**Ebbsfleet United-** A go-ahead club with an impressive, go-ahead programme, clearly a labour of love for their talented editor and designer Ed Miller. Full of well-thought out features with an Ebbsfleet angle (I particularly liked the pieces on the link between ex Northfleet star Vic Buckingham and his managerial influence on a young Johann Cruyff, and the history of black players in football). I've

**'It's been the usual story of unoriginal rubbish.. but with a few very bright spots. As a club, Ebbsfleet are not popular but I'd be surprised if their programme isn't**



**CONTINUED OVERLEAF**



been there before myself and Mr Miller must devote at least two or three full days to writing and putting it together. Great quality and a clear winner in my book - I hope he's employed by the club or at least gets a fair whack of the £3 cover price! 9

**Sutton United** - A tight, compact, cut price (£2) issue with its editor pointedly asking readers what they wanted to read in the issue for our visit back in August. ... "as most people clearly get their clubs news online". Originality! Depth! A bit of fun! How difficult is it, Mr Editor? 4

**Margate** - A strange hotchpotch design-wise, but just about passable content. Cheap and dull. 5

**Gosport Borough**- For those who consider 60 pages for just two quid a fabulous bargain... Well, Gosport's fat and glossy production is a mind-boggling exercise in frenetic Internet cut and paste. Almost anything online is in here, whether you want to read it or not.: a word search, sudoku, page after page of their own club history. And the only original stuff - a fan's column - was crammed into a single page in tiny 7pt! Extraordinary! 5

**Bath City**- We kicked off the season at Twerton Park and city's programme had got physically bigger, but had shrunk in content. It's okay I suppose with a half dozen pages of good reading, but not as good as last year. 6

**Chelmsford** - Last season's conference south Programme Awards winners (the real awards, not this



The seriously good Ebbsfleet programme with interesting, well-researched, well-designed articles. Proper journalism!

one) was off the pace, to my mind, last year, Maybe the issue for our game was below par, but this issue was as fat as the Gosport's offering but with a good dozen pages of original content. Not brilliant, but interesting. Lacks in design compared to several others but no doubt the real judges will be swayed by the sheer heft of this 60-page publication. 7

**Bishops Stortford**- Tuesday night's offering had probably the worst cover I've seen at this level for years, giving Stortford's £2 offering a poor start and it got no better inside. One page of editorial, one page by manager Rod Stringer and, er, that was it apart from some Vanorama cut and paste duplicated stuff. Monochromatic and miserable, a

Good and bad: St Albans and Stortford



bit like the game itself. 5

I THOUGHT I'd include our FA cup away programmes too...

**Biggleswade** - Only had a couple of days to prepare for this unexpected replay and boy it showed! Barely a team sheet; a photocopied waste of space and money. Two quid?? They were having a laugh (until 90 mins anyway). 1

**Brockenhurst** - Our trip to the New Forest village for the 3rd qualifying road was a real throw-back for our fans, and sadly the Badgers' programme was a 1970s throwback too. Barely a page of original stuff. All a bit predictable but a great day out. 5

WHAT about our own programme, I hear you ask? Well, that's for you, dear reader, to decide. As a contributor, I feel that Sudhir Rawal's 'Elmslie Ender' articles were a great addition this season and happily he's signed up for 2016-17. We're constantly trying to get the balance right, with Rewind pieces, player interviews, Fan in the Stand and 'World of Ball' jostling with club and sponsorship news for space. What do YOU want to read? Let us know at [wfcprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:wfcprogramme@gmail.com) See you all at Truro and have a great summer! Tim Parks

	OVERALL POINTS	V	ST ALBANS		OVERALL POINTS	V	ST ALBANS		OVERALL POINTS	V	ST ALBANS
1	Rich Clay	29	3=1	28	Nick Burleigh	19	2=0	55	John Banks	15	0=0
2	Alex Corner	28	0=2	29	David Parish	19	3=1	56	Bob Bangs	15	3=0
3	Quentin Fox	28	2=2	30	Jim Sorrell	19	2=1	57	Daphne Corner	15	3=1
4	Tony Drew	28	2=1	31	Naomi Benveniste	19	2=0	58	Lance Kent	15	3=1
5	Mick Ivers	25	4=2	32	Laurence Hall	19	2=1	59	Olmar	15	2=1
6	Wobs	25	2=0	33	Ronnie Raffel	19	2=1	60	Nick Symmons	15	2=1
7	Aiden O'callaghan	24	2=1	34	Paul O'Brien	19	2=1	61	Deadly	14	3=0
8	Keith Harris	24	0=1	35	Munkey	19	0=1	62	Barbara Robson	14	2=0
9	Irene Paull	24	1=0	36	Balblair Girl	18	1=1	63	James Klarfeld	14	2=1
10	Shortstuff	24	3=1	37	Roo Roo	18	2=0	64	Peter Drew	14	2=0
11	Tom Marshall	23	3=0	38	Duncan Penman	18	3=0	65	David Edwards	13	2=1
12	Guy Edwards 1	23	2=1	39	Ron Moore	18	2=0	66	Hubert McHubert	13	2=1
13	Guy Edwards 2	23	2=1	40	Munk	17	1=2	67	Martin Lacey	13	1=1
14	Fingers	23	1=0	41	Mick O'Gorman	17	2=0	68	Mark Lloyd	13	2=0
15	Pat Rooney	23	2=1	42	Ray Corner	17	2=0	69	El Presidente	13	3=1
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26	Micheal Burns	20	1=1	53	Bob Booth	15	3=1	80	Adam Hills	10	2=1
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- 1908-09 Entered Herts County League and Spartan League
- 1909-10 Herts County League Champions
- 1911-12 Spartan League Champions
- 1920 Joined Athenian League
- 1920-21 & 1921-22 Athenian League Champions
- In the 1921 FA Cup Final Tottenham Hotspur beat Wolverhampton Wanderers 1-0. The Tottenham captain was former St Albans City half-back Arthur Grimsdell while leading the Wolves attack was George Edmonds who had scored 62 times in 65 games for St Albans
- 1922 Main stand at Clarence Park built
- 1923 Joined the Isthmian League
- 1923-24, 1927-28 & 1928-29 Isthmian League Champions
- Three appearances in the semi-final of the Amateur Cup during the 1920's
- 1924-25 Brentford beaten in the FA Cup as City claim their only Football League scalp
- 27th February 1926 Clarence Park record attendance set as, 9,757 people saw City beat Ferryhill Athletic in the quarter final of the Amateur Cup
- 13th March 1926 City, at Middlesbrough's Ayresome Park, play in front of their

- largest crowd as 20,380 see Stockton win in the semi final of the Amateur Cup
- All time leading goalscorer Wilfred (Billy) Minter played for the club throughout the 1920's, he scored 356 goals in 362 appearances. He is one of five players to have played for the England Amateur side whilst with St Albans City
- 22nd November 1922 Minter scores all seven goals to set the record tally by an individual player on the losing side in an FA Cup tie as City go down 8-7 away to Dulwich Hamlet
- 1954-55 Isthmian League runners up
- 1960 Railway sleepers at Clarence Park replaced by concrete terracing
- 1963 Floodlights installed, Charlton Athletic partake in the official switching on
- 1969-70 Amateur Cup semi finalists for a fourth time
  - 1972 John Mitchell is sold to Fulham for £500. Three years later his two goals in the FA Cup semi final take the London club to Wembley
- 1973-74 Relegated from Isthmian League Premier Division
- 1982-83 Relegated from Isthmian League Division One
- 1983-84 With John Mitchell now as manager promoted to Isthmian League Division One
- 1985-86 Promoted to Isthmian League Premier Division
- 1990 defender Dean Austin sold to Southend United. His



- subsequent move to Tottenham Hotspur earns St Albans City a club record transfer fee of approximately £92,500
- 1992-93 Isthmian League runners up
- 1994-95 Amateur England international Phil Wood plays the last of his club record 900 games
- 1998-99 FA Trophy semi finalists. Club holds the unique non-league record of making more semi final appearances (five) in national knock out competitions without going on to play in the final than any other club
- 2004 City captain Lee Clarke plays for the Northern Ireland Under 21 side
- 2004-05 Founder members of Conference South
- 2005-06 Promoted to Conference National
- 2006-07 Relegated after just one season in Conference National. Average attendance 1,146, the clubs highest for many decades
- 2010-11 Relegated from Conference South
- 2011-12 First season in Southern League
- 2013-14 Promoted to Conference South as Southern League Play-Off winners

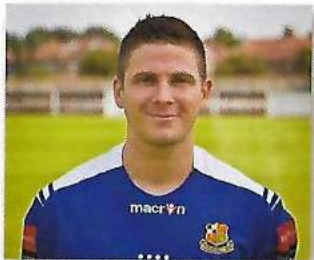
WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v *St Albans City*

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## St. Albans City line-up

## LEE CHAPPELL



Cultured left back who moved to Clarence Park from **Wealdstone** during in July 2013 having made 361 appearances for the Middlesex club. Previously with Ware he was made Club captain during the summer.

## SAM CORCORAN

Former Colchester United and Chelmsford City midfielder who had a spell in Australia before making his Saints debut in January 2014.

## DANNY GREEN

Combative midfielder who moved to Clarence Park in 2013 from Harpenden Town. Appeared throughout pre-season but suffered a broken nose at Hitchin Town in late July.

## JACK GREEN

Brother of Danny, the 17 year-old midfield prospect broke into the first team at the end of last season after appearing for local club, Sandridge Rovers.

## JOHN KYRIACOU

Exciting right-back who moved to Clarence Park from Chesham United. A former

Tottenham Hotspur trainee who has also had spells at Brentford and in Cyprus.

## BEN MARTIN

Signed in the summer from Boreham Wood where he won a Conference South Play-off winners medal in May to add to the one he won with the Saints in 2006. This becomes his fourth spell at Clarence Park but he has also appeared in the Football League with Swindon Town and Lincoln City and won the Conference South with Welling United..

## LOUIE THEOPHANOUS

Former Staines Town striker, who won the Conference South Golden Boot in 2014, he signed for the Saints from Farnborough on the eve of the season. Has also appeared for Bromley and is a former England 'C' International.

## SCOTT THOMAS

Another recruit from Boreham Wood in pre-season who also collected a Play-off winners medal in May. Started his career at Watford and has also appeared for Chesham United and Hemel Hempstead Town.

## JOE WELCH

Goalkeeper signed in the summer from Bromley who began his career at Southend United. He has also appeared for Histon, Stevenage and Ebbsfleet United. Swept the board at the Club awards last season

when he won both player's and supporter's Player of the Season.

## TOM BENDER

Defender who joined the Saints permanently in December 2015 following a successful loan spell from Forest Green Rovers. Tom was a product of the Colchester United academy.

## CHARLIE MACDONALD

An experienced striker who captained Barnet to promotion last season, Charlie joins on a season long loan from National League side Boreham Wood.

## DARREN LOCKE



Signed for the Saints during the summer of 2013 having been on a dual registration with Isthmian League side **Wealdstone** at the end of the previous season. Defender who has also played for Hemel Hempstead Town and Oxhey Jets.

## MICHAEL THALASSITIS

Michael is a powerful Striker who started his career at Stevenage where he made 5 appearances he then had loan spells at

Boreham Wood, Hayes and Yeading, Cambridge United and Ebbsfleet United. Thalassitis started the 2015/16 campaign at Bishops Stortford before joining Chelmsford City and Concord Rangers.

## EMMANUEL UDOJI

Udoji is an experienced defender who joins us on a season long loan from National League side Bromley he has also had

spells at Ebbsfleet United and Salisbury City.

## AL BANGURA

Bangura is an experienced midfielder who made 62 appearances for Watford he then had spells at Brighton, Blackpool, Forest Green Rovers and Coventry City respectively. Al joined the Saints in January 2016.

## HARRY ANDERSON

an attacking midfielder on

a season long loan from Peterborough United.

IAN ALLINSON  
(MANAGER):

Took as a Saints manager in February 2016. Ian had spells at Colchester United and Arsenal in his playing days. Allinson led Boreham Wood to the National League after winning the play offs in the 2014/15 season.

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2013 / 2014 Isthmian League Premier Division

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1981 / 1982 Southern League Cup

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1984 / 1985 Senior Cup  
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2010 / 2011 Charity Cup

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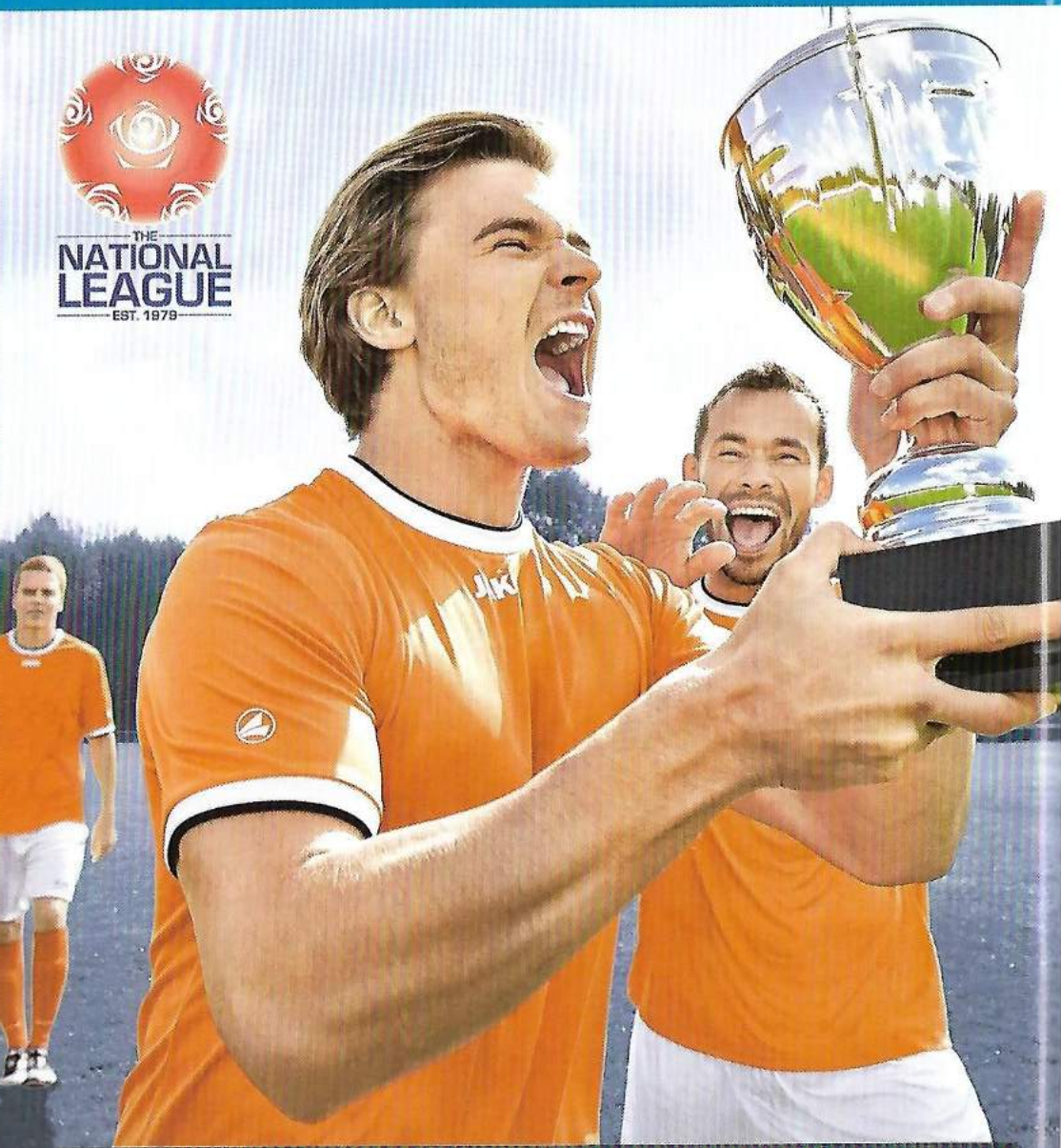
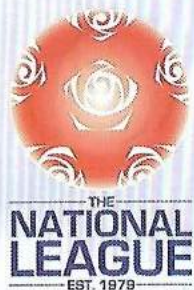
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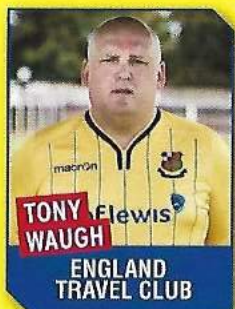
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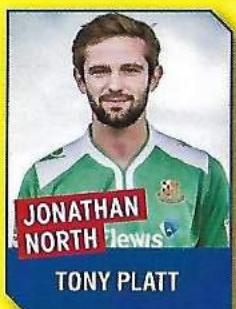
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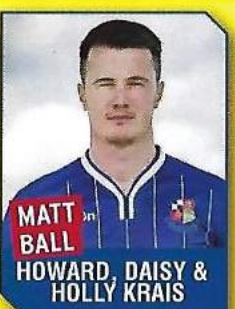
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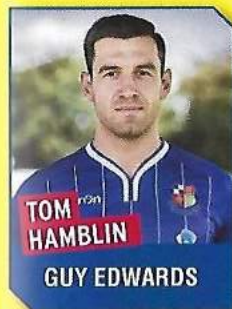
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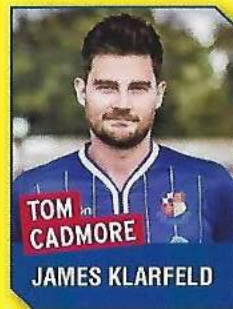
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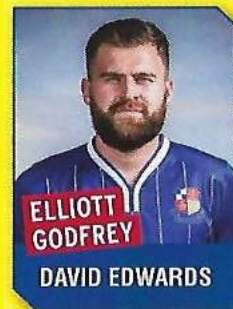
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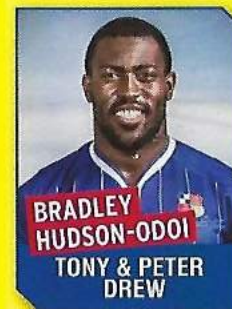
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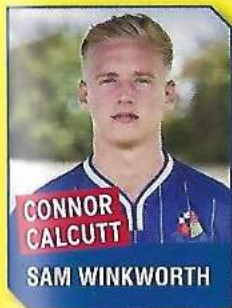
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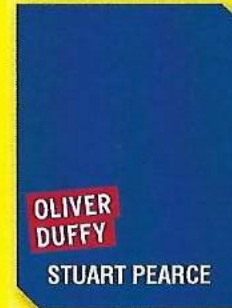
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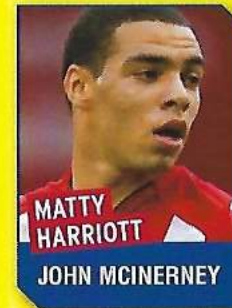
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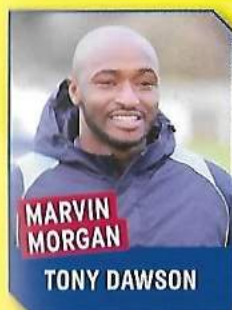
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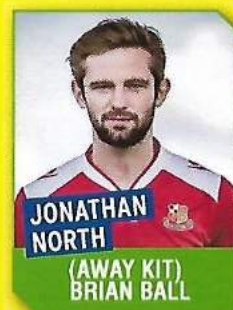
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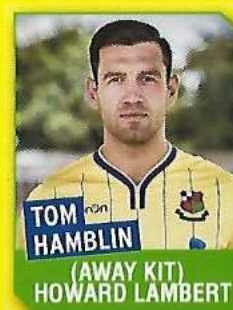
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	Home						Away						All						WFC Results		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A		+/-	Pts
1 Sutton United	20	10	8	2	40	19	20	14	4	2	40	13	40	24	12	4	80	32	48	84	0-2 2-5
2 Ebbsfleet United	20	10	6	4	36	20	21	13	6	2	33	14	41	23	12	6	69	34	35	81	1-2 3-2
3 Maidstone United	20	12	1	7	28	21	20	12	3	5	26	17	40	24	4	12	54	38	16	76	2-2 0-1
4 Truro City	19	10	3	6	32	29	19	7	9	3	28	21	38	17	12	9	60	50	10	63	4-4
5 Hemel Hempstead Town	20	7	7	6	33	27	20	9	6	5	36	32	40	16	13	11	69	59	10	61	0-0 2-2
6 Maidenhead United	20	11	6	3	34	19	20	5	4	11	30	39	40	16	10	14	64	58	6	58	0-0 1-1
7 Dartford	20	8	6	6	33	25	20	8	4	8	23	25	40	16	10	14	56	50	6	58	2-1 2-1
8 Whitehawk	20	8	3	9	31	23	19	8	6	5	39	38	39	16	9	14	70	61	9	57	2-2 0-3
9 Gosport Borough	20	8	6	6	29	29	20	7	5	8	22	26	40	15	11	14	51	55	-4	56	1-1 1-1
10 Concord Rangers	20	6	4	10	29	31	20	9	5	6	35	34	40	15	9	16	64	65	-1	54	1-2 2-2
11 Bishop's Stortford	21	10	2	9	30	26	20	5	7	8	25	36	41	15	9	17	55	62	-7	54	3-1 1-2
12 Oxford City	20	6	9	5	36	29	20	7	5	8	32	28	40	13	14	13	68	57	11	53	2-2 2-3
13 Chelmsford City	20	9	2	9	42	33	20	6	5	9	24	27	40	15	7	18	66	60	6	52	0-0 2-0
14 Wealdstone	20	6	9	5	36	30	20	5	7	8	24	32	40	11	16	13	60	62	-2	49	-- --
15 Eastbourne Borough	20	6	8	6	29	25	20	6	3	11	26	34	40	12	11	17	55	59	-4	47	0-1 0-3
16 Weston-super-Mare	20	7	3	10	29	38	20	6	5	9	31	37	40	13	8	19	60	75	-15	47	2-3 2-1
17 Bath City	20	7	5	8	23	26	20	5	6	9	22	35	40	12	11	17	45	61	-16	47	2-0 1-2
18 St. Albans City	20	8	5	7	37	26	20	4	4	12	16	38	40	12	9	19	53	64	-11	45	0-1
19 Margate	20	6	4	10	21	31	20	6	4	10	26	37	40	12	8	20	47	68	-21	44	4-1 0-0
20 Hayes & Yeading Utd	20	3	9	8	25	42	20	7	4	9	21	29	40	10	13	17	46	71	-25	43	3-0 0-0
21 Havant & Waterlooville	19	10	2	7	29	24	20	1	7	12	21	50	39	11	9	19	50	74	-24	42	3-2 2-1
22 Basingstoke Town	20	5	6	9	22	27	20	2	5	13	20	42	40	7	11	22	42	69	-27	32	4-4 1-1

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That's it for 2015/16. Thank you for all your support this season – we'll see you again in August. Until then, please make sure to vote for the club in the **#NonLeagueChallenge** – go to [www.nlc.marathonbet.co.uk](http://www.nlc.marathonbet.co.uk) to take part.

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