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### BACK FOR A DAY

Lee Chappell returned to the Stones line-up v a Premier League IX 9 days ago but will be back in his regular St.Albans kit tonight.

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# STONES

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## A very good evening to you all and welcome to The Vale for our first home game of the new season.

A very good evening to you all and welcome to The Vale for our first home game of the new season.

Welcome also to Ian Allinson and his players, along with the St.Albans supporters and officials who have made the journey from Clarence Park.

It is a belief amongst serious cyclists that unless you have really suffered on a ride then you haven't enjoyed it. The sport is built on tales of self-torture and discomfort. Holidays are planned around flogging yourself up several of the Grand Tours legendary Cols and the need for medical intervention is seen as a badge of honour. A recent article in one cycling magazine argued that this was unique to cycling and that no other group of people would seek their pleasure in such dark places.

I have come to the conclusion that this assumption of uniqueness is simply not true and that Wealdstone fans surely have a fair claim to membership of this club. We travel in numbers most weeks to what can only be described as fairly dark places with little or more likely no reward. In Wealdstone's case this pill is sweetened for most by beer, camaraderie and a fantastic gallows humour but for some this simply is not enough. A quick read through our forum will uncover a separate sub group amongst us who actively seek out the pleasure to be had in any deviation from unmitigated success on or off the field. Who it would seem attend pre-season games, whilst not actually hoping that our team of trialists and those

available will suffer a humiliating defeat at the hands of a club several leagues below us but will actually derive some form of twisted pleasure from the said result. To this select group, I tip my hat to you but I am sure you will not mind me hoping that your pleasure is limited from here on in.

The above said, it is not all negativity on the forum. A current thread has an impressive idea on how to raise awareness amongst the younger locals. The key, strategically placed Pokemon around the ground to tap into the latest craze..... Could work!! Maybe there are a few hidden in this programme, who knows?

As always at this stage of a new season, we as a club are looking for match, ball and players kit sponsors. If you would like to take advantage of one of these opportunities and enjoy some match day hospitality, please grab any club official or contact Peter Worby on 07967 698370 or [peterworby@wealdstonefc.com](mailto:peterworby@wealdstonefc.com).

Another given at this stage is the evolution of a new programme format. Everyone involved in the production hopes that you enjoy our 2016/17 look and encourage your feedback and/or contributions (we are always looking for Fan in the Stand victims). Follow us on Twitter for exclusive previews and competitions. @WealdstoneProg

Enjoy the game

Mark



## WEALDSTONE FC PLAYER NEWS:

Wealdstone are pleased to announce the signings of defender **Ciaron Brown** and attacking midfielder **Dylan Williams** ahead of the start of our Vanarama National League South campaign on Saturday 6 Aug at Dartford.

**Ciaron** is tall 18 years old left sided defender who has signed from Bedfont Sports, he notched the winning goal on Saturday at Harrow Borough. Dylan is a 19 year old attacking midfielder who has signed on loan from Cambridge Utd until January 2nd 2017.

**Dylan**, who has come through the Us highly rated youth set-up and the versatile speedy youngster can play in a number of positions including out wide and he was recently handed a first debut against Morecambe. He had a previous successful loan spell at Soham Rangers.

In a recent interview with the Cambridge News, City Manager Shaun Derry said of Williams: "His attitude is exactly what we want as well as his hunger and enthusiasm"

We welcome Ciaron and Dylan to Wealdstone



# WEALDSTONE

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— Wealdstone FC Board of Directors

## Wealdstone FC Chairman Peter Marsden

## Let's win games and bring in the fans

**I**t has been very pleasurable getting to know many of you personally either at the friendly games or Sunday evening's Q & A.

I would reiterate that although I am new to Wealdstone I am very conscious of and fully appreciate all the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes for years to get the club to where we are today - in a home of our own and playing at a decent level.

I cannot thank enough our army of unpaid volunteers who really are the lifeblood of this famous old club.

I am sure the message has already got out loud and clear that I am keen to give Gordon Bartlett every practical help in putting together a very useful squad - winning games and bringing in the fans is a useful bedrock to help build the club in other ways.

I would like to take the opportunity to re-emphasise 2 topics that I dwelt upon at the Q & A

The first one is that we need to make much of an effort to integrate ourselves in the local community.

On Sunday John Hensley Mayor of the Borough of Hillingdon and Les Drussel the leader of Ruislip Manor Chamber

of Commerce very kindly came along as my guests. It was very interesting talking to both gentlemen and I sensed that they felt the club has not done enough to win the hearts and minds of the local residents and businesses.

It was suggested amongst other things that we could hold a Ruislip Manor Fair on our grounds close season, that we could offer our clubhouse facilities to allow occasional local community meetings and that the pitches could be used for charity football events and good causes in general.

By getting the club known as a 7 days a week hub for all the local community (not just the 3.00

on a Saturday afternoon footy lovers) will lead to all sorts of interesting and beneficial spin offs. For instance I suspect it will be easier for our commercial people to 'sell' to local businesses who want to be part of a community feel good factor. Also with the club a source of civic pride and much greater use by the local populace it will make it that much harder for the club to come off worse in our lease renewal negotiations as I suspect the freeholder will not want to antagonise local sensitivities.

Next I want to talk about Wealdstone Youth and indeed our relationship with the youngsters of Hillingdon. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to see as many fresh faced kids at our games as us old 'wrinklies' (me very much included !)

I know we have all manner of largely free initiatives for youngsters but I think we are perhaps a little too complacent in thinking that just because they are 'out there' the kids are bound to pick up on it.

These days kids are bombarded with so many things to do. We need to keep repeating the message that kids are very much welcome at Wealdstone and also to keep reinventing the

message in interesting and unusual ways.

I have already told the Wealdstone Youth set up to come back to me with an achievable working plan to get as many of their 300/400 players to come along on match days.

We will also be seeking to spread the Wealdstone message to

the local schools. I know that Gordon Bartlett an experienced teacher by profession (and in my opinion a great orator too) is very keen to do this and The Raider has said he would be up for this as well.

We will get there.

Peter



**L TO R** Mayor of Hillingdon John Hensley, Terry Sheringham, the Lady Mayoress Diana Hensley, Chairman Peter Marsden and his daughter Carol

## GORDON BARTLETT

Welcome to another season here at The Vale, but this one has a completely different feel about it.

I'm delighted to welcome Peter Marsden as our new Chairman, along with Nick Archer as Vice Chairman, Scott Mc Gleish as Assistant Manager, Steve Newing as first team coach, as well as a number of new signings on the pitch.

For some reason, totally beyond my comprehension, we as a football club we have this uncanny knack of looking at the negative. Well, it's time for change.

We have come a long way from the days of administration and homeless existence over the last 20 years. Everyone who has contributed to our gradual climb back up the pyramid should be proud of our success which has been achieved totally against the odds and a lack of finance. I'm not sure why the expectations have been so high in previous years, but we have punched way above our weight and yet still the negativity.

Since our arrival at The Vale, we have achieved two play-off positions, an FA Trophy Semi-Final, a Championship winning season, two FA Cup First round proper appearances and consolidated our National South status with two mid table finishes. Got help us if we'd have struggled!!!

Now it's time to push on and with Peter and Nick at the helm, we must set our sights on the next goal of getting into the National League. It's been an unrealistic target until now but with this new positive regime and the financial injection we will now be able to compete on a more level playing field.

Last weekend we had a great experience when we entertained the Premier Legends. A Josh

Hutchinson hat trick put us 3-0 up at half time in front of about 900 spectators; unfortunately it ended in defeat after I allowed them to play with 12 and then loaned them both Sean Cronin and Peter Dean in the second half. A superb day, well organised and a good PR exercise for the club and Marathon Bet. It was brilliant to see so many of our 'ex' players returning and making it such a good day all round. A special mention must go to all the legends for giving up their time signing autographs and allowing so many photos with everyone. They were a great bunch of lads and I must say, it was refreshing to see no 'big time Charlies'.

Pre-season training has been like a breath of fresh air this year. There has been a great work ethic from the lads with both fitness and skill levels being very impressive. Unfortunately, injuries and unavailability have meant the same cannot be said for the games. We have lacked balance and a cutting edge but I am confident we have signed the right players to push on and give it a real go this season.

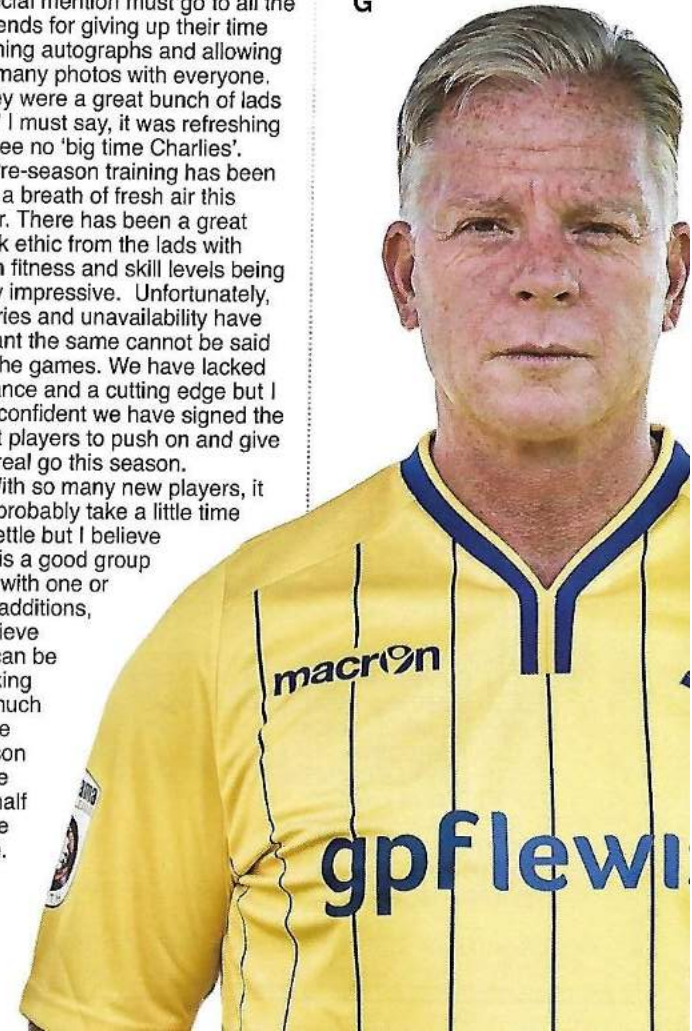
With so many new players, it will probably take a little time to settle but I believe this is a good group and with one or two additions, I believe we can be working for much of the season in the top half of the table.

With all the off field problems of last year, I just did not enjoy it and it probably ranked as the worst season of my managerial career.

As a total contrast, I am excited at the prospect of this coming season, so in the new Chairman's words, 'Let's go and have some fun'.

Get behind the lads, keep the positivity and enjoy the season.

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## WELCOME BACK

**G**ood afternoon everyone and welcome to Grosvenor Vale for the first home game of the season against St Albans City. We would like to welcome their players, supporters and officials and hope they enjoy the Wealdstone experience. A special welcome goes out to our ex-players.

There have been a lot of changes in personnel over the close season with our new chairman, Peter Marsden, and vice chairman, Nick Archer arriving at the club. There are a lot of positive vibes around the Vale and we expect a lot from this season. I would also like to welcome Lyn Evans who has taken over the burger van and look forward to everyone supporting her.

The ground has had its usual spruce up over the summer and I will take this opportunity to thank Attic and his fellow workers who have done such a great job.

The Marathonbet Premier League XI game was a fantastic showcase for the club on 31st July and raised loads of money for Prostrate Cancer and Wealdstone. It was great to see so many ex Stones players at the ground with their families. Thanks go to everyone who put so much effort in to organising the event.

Tickets are available for both the Ska Faces evening on 10th Sept and the Bob Marley Experience on 8th October from the RSC bar. The supporters club will be holding another Comedy Night as well as more social events. Details will be announced in the near future.

We will be running coaches or minibuses to as many as possible away games this season. When you read this we will already have run a coach to Dartford. Alan Palmer will be ably assisted this season by Victor Klarfeld. The next away day coach will be to Whitehawk and book early to avoid disappointment. We will shortly be publishing the

prices for all the coaches for the season. Watch out for updates on the Forum, Twitter and email.

As usual, Mim will be selling the golden goal tickets by the turnstiles for today's game.

The Megastore has a new display sign and will be open before and after the game as well as at half time for you to purchase your Wealdstone shirts, scarves, umbrellas and other memorabilia. The new away shirt is available and our new calendar for the season 16/17 featuring Steve Fosters excellent selection of photos. Contactless payments are accepted!

I will be by the tunnel for most of the game if you would like to speak to me about anything regarding the supporters club.

That's about it from me apart from to say enjoy the game and let's look forward to a brilliant season.

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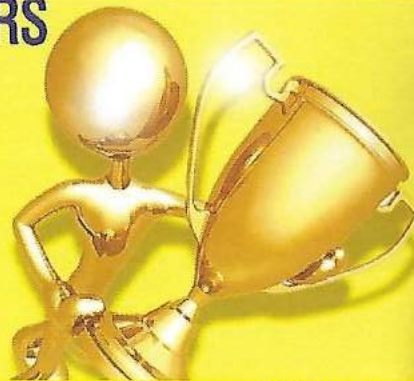
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## Social Club News

### Dominic Whyley

**W**elcome back to the start of a new season. Firstly thanks to everyone who has continued to support the social club throughout last season and over the Summer.

We're working harder than ever to ensure that Ruislip Social Club can continue to develop the facilities we offer and provide a meaningful contribution to Wealdstone's progression on and off the pitch. Hopefully you'll have seen the output from a five figure investment in the beer garden ahead of the new season. We're hugely grateful for the financial support of Director, Mick Williams and a proceeds from last season's Predictascore run by Mark Lloyd to help fund this. Thanks also to Gary Harling for doing such a great job.

Last year we saw a small drop in bar takings for the first time in a number of years which reminds us of the importance of providing the right facilities and environment for our customers. We've had a solid start to this financial year and are slightly ahead of Budget after June and July however August will be a slower month with no Saturday night hires throughout the month. Rightly so, we've been challenged to do better this year and contribute more. If you or anyone you know might have a need to use any of our facilities for an event, speak to Leo Morris who will help find an approach that works for you. Equally just popping in for a drink with friends to watch a televised game or encouraging fellow supporters to use the club house on match days will all help.

Matchdays will be really important to the social club this season and our match day bar

team should now be sporting their new uniforms with familiar face, Leo Morris now managing the bar for home games. Don't forget that we also have a stand inside the bar which allows you to buy your match ticket and programme in advance and pre order your half time drink to avoid the rush. Thanks to Clive Leaper and his band for running this so successfully.

#### Special offers

We're looking to do a number of special offers this season starting on Saturday 13th vs Margate, when all pints, bottles and Bulmers are only £2.50 from 12 noon to 1.30pm. We're trying to encourage fans to get down early for this first Saturday home game and Gordon Bartlett will pop in to chat to fans before starting his match day preparations.

We also have a great offer with our 'Drink Season Tickets'. For £75 you can buy 25 drink vouchers which cover pints, bottles and Bulmers and can be used at any time until 30 April 2017. There is a limited number of these and all proceeds are going to support the playing Budget. These are available behind the bar from a member of staff. It would be great if as many fans as possible could support this initiative.

#### Live Music

The club continues to host the brilliant Tropic at Ruislip on Friday nights and some Saturday's. Forthcoming gigs are as follows;

**Friday 12th August.**

It Must be Madness

**Friday 19th August.**

Counterfeit Quo

**Friday 26th August.** U2 baby

**Sunday 28th August**

Bootleg Blondie

**Friday 2nd September.**

Chantel McGregor

All of the above are amazing bands to have on our doorstep in Ruislip and I can personally

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vouch for the great entertainment provided by Bootleg Blondie and the amazing vocals of Chantel McGregor.

#### Club fundraisers

Wealdstone supporters Club are hosting two fantastic Saturday nights in the coming months. First, the Ska Faces play on Saturday 10th September with tickets available now from behind the bar for only £10. This is likely to be a sell out so don't leave it until the last minute to get your tickets.

On Saturday 8th October we are privileged to host Legend, an amazing Bob Marley tribute act. Tickets are £15 and also available now from behind the bar.

Please support these gigs where you can as they generate much needed funds as part of the Supporters Club and Social Club's annual contribution to the football club.

#### Live Football

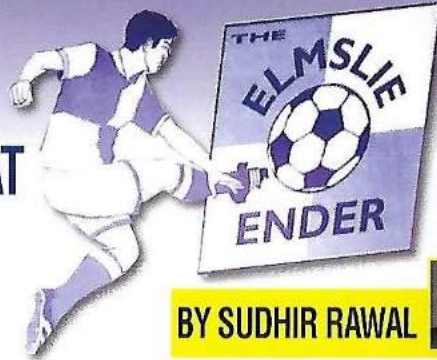
The club runs both Sky Sports and BT Sports and we'll be showing live Premier League, Champions and European games throughout the season. Games will always be shown before and after our home matches (subject to scheduling) so please do what you can to catch a game at the club and help justify the subscription fees!

Before this Saturday's home game vs Margate we'll be showing Hull vs Leicester at 12.45 and Man City vs Sunderland at 5.30.

On Sunday 14th we're showing Bournemouth v Man U at 1.30pm and Arsenal v Liverpool at 4pm. On Monday 15th we're showing the Chelsea v West Ham London derby.

Thanks for all your support and we look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

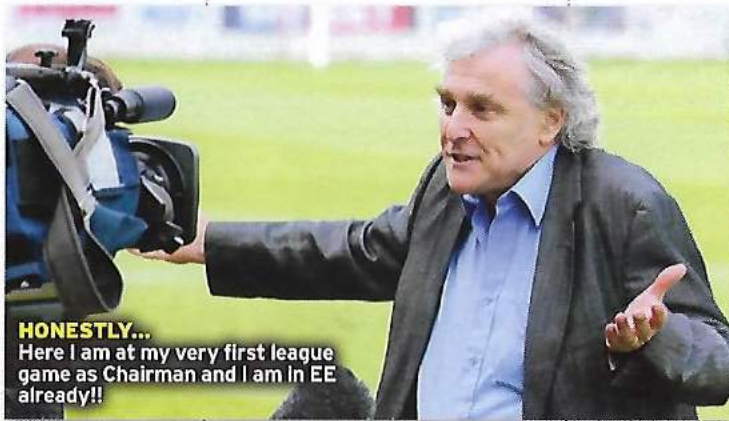
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**BY SUDHIR RAWAL**



**W**hat a monumental summer we have had. I don't mean some vote that was had, nor the national football team's capitulation at the Euros or the England rugby team's unprecedented series win down under, nor even our favourite Scot, err Brit, Andy Murray winning at Wimbledon. And I certainly don't mean Lewis Hamilton winning his third successive British Grand Prix. I do refer, though, to the citadel that is the Wealdstone FC boardroom being breached and taken over by an outsider! Game of Thrones has nothing on that.



**HONESTLY...**  
Here I am at my very first league game as Chairman and I am in EE already!!

For the first time since David Morrith in the very early eighties, Wealdstone has a non-supporter at the helm. Outsider may not be the right word as our new chairman was a supporter many years ago and has a grandchild playing in our junior teams, but still not in the same mould that Messrs Rumens, Symons and Kraiss have come

from. Many of us were clamoring for someone from outside the immediate environs to takeover the top job at the football club; someone who would bring new ideas, investment and shake up the stale status quo. Well, we have our wish. Obviously, as I write in mid July before I jet off on holiday, the name is still a top secret, though by the time you read this article, Peter Marsden's name

should have been announced after all the permissions have been received. If not, the Ed will have to redact this article. (*All is well Sud... Ed.*) Bureaucracy gone mad, I say, but rules are rules, though Peter's name was known to many supporters in early Spring, such as the tight lips at the Vale. Mr.

Marsden has a proven record at Accrington Stanley where he has been involved in a taking a non-league team into the promised land of the full time game and established them as promotion chasing team, as well as developing the infrastructure there, all off the back of some pretty lame crowds.

All the noise from the club has been very positive this summer in total contrast to the last two or three. Early signings have been made, a slightly increased budget that still needs 100:400 to be a success is in place, rather than the hot potch of late, almost panicked, signings that have occurred of late as the summer wears on. There is a real feeling that Wealdstone could make a push for the play offs, though I'd be happy with a comfortable top half finish, together with decent cup runs. The spectre of the lease still hangs over our head, but hopefully that will be resolved by the end of the year and the club can really start building for a future that six or seven years ago no-one could have imagined.



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There is always some caution to be had. Our tight finances haven't just improved overnight and schemes like 100:400 still form an important part of our financial model, certainly until a new stadium and facility can be developed. More important still is that we can not, must not lose the unique DNA of this club, that very fibre that has allowed the club to have survived for so many years away from its natural home. Not only to survive, but to thrive as well especially since our roots have been established in HA4.

That uniqueness shone through at the end of last season with our trip to Cornwall and Truro to be precise. It was a nothing game, absolutely zip rested on the match, but we still took three hundred supporters to the fixture. Yes, thee hundred, nearly fifty percent of our home crowd made a near six hundred mile round trip for a jolly. The brilliantly thought out (whoever came up with that I wonder) hashtag of #stonesontour saw twitter feeds filled with fantastic images of the whole weekend, from the trip

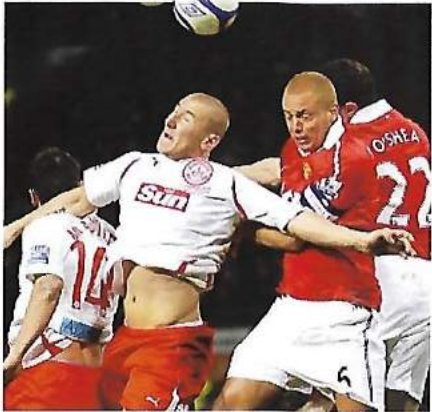
to the western tip of the British Isles, to beautiful scenery, to the multitude of pubs visited to the intrepid flyers on Ranos Air. The hashtag was so popular at one stage that on twitter it became a self-populated hashtag! What a weekend, what a unique club and it is something that we mustn't lose. I am sure that our man at the helm will understand and respect that special thing about this great club.

**Sud**



**WHO SAID WE DON'T MIX?**

# Meet the new boys: DAVID HUNT



David Hunt lived the dream five years ago at Old Trafford - beating John O'Shea and Wes Brown in the air (above) and then claiming Wayne Rooney's shirt at the end of an unlucky 0-1 defeat by United

**T**HE first one out of the hat this season is our summer capture from Margate, the widely travelled and widely-respected midfielder David Hunt. Not many players have swapped shirts with Wayne Rooney but 'Hunty' had that privilege when playing at Old Trafford for Crawley Town in the FA Cup a few years ago...

**Name and age:** David Hunt, 33  
**Usual playing position?** Midfield  
**Favourite position?** Midfield  
**Where do you live?** Maidenhead  
**Single, attached, married etc?** I have a partner  
**Previous clubs?** Crystal Palace, Leyton Orient, Northampton, Shrewsbury, Brentford, Crawley, Oxford, Barnet, Maidenhead and Margate.  
**Job outside football?** Network Marketing: [www.beanteam.info](http://www.beanteam.info)  
**How do you manage to fit football in with your working hours, attending training etc?** I work my own hours  
**What do you see as your major attributes as a footballer?** Intelligence, communication/organisation, winner.

**Who would I choose.. Jordan Henderson or Mesut Ozil? Is that a trick question?**

Have any of your relatives played the game to a good level? None  
 Did you know any of the Stones players before signing? Yes, Elliott Godfrey & Scott McGleish  
 What/who persuaded you to join Wealdstone? Scott McGleish as ex teammate and a winner plus once I'd met Gordon Bartlett I knew it was the right club for me.  
 Did you know much about the club's history before you joined? I did my research... Raider I see you!  
 Have you played against the



**Stones before?** Yes  
**Where do you see yourself in five years?** Free!

## THE LAST...

**Goal you scored?** For Margate with a free kick last season  
**Assist?** Last season for Margate  
**Car you bought?** Mercedes  
**Film you saw?** Step Brothers, gets me every time  
**Book you read?** Think and grow rich  
**Trophy won?** Promotion Crawley  
**Time you were sent off?** Margate last season  
**Holiday you had?** Verona last month

## JURY'S OUT..

**Jordan Henderson or Mesut Ozil?** Is this a trick question?  
**Chinese, Indian, Sushi or Nandos?** Sushi  
**Sky Sports or Match of the Day?** MoTD  
**Caribbean with the missus or Magaluf with the lads?** Caribbean

## TIME ADDED ON

**Best goal you've ever scored?**  
 A free kick for Brentford against  
*Continued overpage*

Norwich at home, won 2-1  
**Most memorable moment in football?** Back-to-back promotions with Crawley, plus playing in the 5th round FA Cup v Man Utd away.  
**Best player you've ever played with.... and against?** Against: that must be Wayne Rooney, and Scott Parker. With: Ian Taylor, and Danny Green.

## Worst moment in football, and why?

Turning down the chance to play for Wales Under-21s when I was 19 years old.

**Best moment in football so far, and why?** 16 years of being blessed playing professionally ... nothing beats that.

**Best team you've ever played in?** Tough one. Probably a toss up between Northampton, Crawley or Brentford.

**Favourite restaurant?** Busaba Eathai (Thai restaurant in Covent Garden)

## Favourite meal?

Thai  
**Biggest influence on your career so far?**  
 Myself

**Which Euro 2016 star plays like you?** I won't disrespect any of them. I think you mean who would I like to emulate...  
 Toni Kroos

**Who's your travel partner?**  
 Don't have one  
**Most visited site online?**  
[www.beanteam.info](http://www.beanteam.info) (shameless



The many colours of David Hunt: From left - Brentford, Northampton Town, Oxford Utd....and below Leyton Orient, Barnet and Margate

plug!)  
**Which radio station do you listen to?** Podcasts  
**Most-played track on your i-pod?** Jim Rohn  
**Which five people would you LOVE to have round for a meal?**  
 Greg Dyke, Pep Guardiola, the late Johan Cryuff, Gordon Ramsey, James Corden  
**... Gordon Ramsey to make the last supper for Greg as Pep**

and **Johan** explain to him that football is about intelligence, and then come up with a 10-year plan to change UK football culture.  
**James Corden** will be there to cheer him up and cushion the blow. They can thank me later for wasting my five wishes on English football instead of choosing models and rich people.  
**AND finally: tell us a joke...** The English football set-up.  
*By Tim Parks*





# A SEVEN-GOAL thriller saw Marathonbet's Premier League Legends come back from 3-0 down against the Stones

**F**our goals in quick succession at Grosvenor Vale saw the legends, inspired by second-half substitute Dion Dublin, run out 4-3 winners in Marathonbet's first-ever NLC clash.

The Legends went into half-time with their heads down after a fit and sprightly Wealdstone team took their handful of chances in front of goal.

But a brace from Dublin in the second half propelled them to victory in front of a 900-strong crowd at Wealdstone's home ground.

Stones frontman Josh Hutchinson opened the floodgates in the 17th minute when Legends keeper Maik Taylor spilled the

ball from a rather innocent-looking free kick. It was a Christmas present come early for the young Wealdstone striker.

The former Fulham goalie made up for his howler five minutes later when Hutchinson raced through from a brilliant chipped ball over the top of the Legends backline. This time though Taylor won his duel – smothering the ball first to deny Hutchinson his second.

Legends gaffer Alan Curbishley paced the touchline anxiously mid-way through the first half – but he would have been delighted with his team's response.

A barrage of attacks from the former Premier League stars soon followed – kick-started by a whipped ball from Frank

Sinclair into the back post which just missed a leaping Teddy Sheringham.

A minute later Darren Anderton hooked up with ex-Arsenal man Ray Parlour on the edge of the box, but the Romford Pele blazed over with a first-time shot.

Taylor made another fine save to deny Hutchinson down the other end before Legends turned the screw further.

Bolton big-man Kevin Davies found himself on the end of a Sheringham cross and was moments from pulling the trigger at the back post – but impressive Stones keeper Liam O'Brien was all over it like a rash.

O'Brien made the difference again when pulling off a fine save from a Matt Holland drive



the Legends skipper finding himself through on goal with just the keeper to beat – before Kevin Davies picked up the rebound and fired another bullet for O'Brien to save.

Stones' box was like a pressure-cooker – a goal surely inevitable – but heroic O'Brien was having none of it. He denied Darren Anderton as he raced through on goal before saving again from the former Spurs man when he jumped highest in the box from a corner.

Stones doubled their tally completely against the run of play in the 38th minute when Ricky Wellard picked out Josh Hutchinson with a cross from the right to glance past the stranded Maik Taylor.

And three minutes later the tie looked dead and buried when Hutchinson netted his hat-trick. Former Cardiff star Danny Gab-

bidon lost possession clumsily on the left to allow Hutchinson to cut inside and bury an unstoppable shot off the post into the net.

The Legends had it all to do after the break.

Sheringham, Holland, Winterburn and Anderton created a host of chances for the visitors but it took them until the 73rd minute before Ruel Fox raced to the byline and pulled it back for Dion Dublin to pass into an empty net.

And in true London-bus fashion, the rest of their goals quickly followed.

Two minutes later Sean Cronin – who swapped his Wealdstone top for a Legends jersey – scored the goal of the game with a delightful chip over the rushing goalkeeper to make it 3-2.

And the equaliser came almost immediately afterwards when Dion Dublin picked up a Matt

Holland square-ball to fire into the top corner from 12 yards.

The Wealdstone faithful sung their hearts out – all too aware of what was unfolding in front of them.

But their war cries were of no use to their heroes, who finally surrendered everything when quick-footed Sean Cronin floored three Wealdstone defenders with a tasty turn before firing a screamer into the top corner.

The Wealdstone Raider made a cameo appearance in the final minutes – duly obliging when the crowd begged him for a wave.

But despite all he's done for the club, he could not stop the Marathonbet Premier League Legends running out 4-3 winners in what was a day to remember.

**Words - Benjamin Leo  
Pics - Alan Palmer**



A fantastic day for everyone at the club

**FAN IN THE STAND**



**Meet TORBEN Wealdstone's very own Viking who obviously enjoys most things Danish but less obviously appears to have a soft spot for Captain Pugwash.**

**Are you working (and where?)**

I manage apprenticeship provision at Hackney College as well as work for private training provider in Glasgow and Camberley. I design, manage and audit apprenticeships in regard to how the income, quality, staff, delivery and interaction with employers, apprentices, government. I used to work in the film studios at Pinewood studios where I was a fibrous plasterer. Making sets and props is where my father worked for over 40yrs and it was a natural thing to follow his work.

**First Stones game attended (against who and when)**

Cannot remember the exact game but I do remember seeing Willie Watson getting sent off in my first game at the age of 12 and that was so exciting as a youngster that I thought I would come back. Don't remember too much of George Duck but I loved the style of play. I would nail down the exact game but

I now realise that it could have been a number of games were he was asked to leave the pitch.

**What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan?**

I had a neighbour called Bert Wakefield who invited me down to the ground where I met a lady called Barbara. It was a family from home and they looked after me on home and away games. In recent times when I returned to watching Wealdstone I was made to feel welcome by Ray Corner who got talking to me at one of the games. After that I got talking to Dave and Paul Reader and I was hooked again. Both times it was about enjoying the people around the club and the welcome received.

**Do you follow any other team?**

If you are a football fan you should attend at least a few games of your club. I watch games on TV but I only support Wealdstone. Don't see the point

in supporting any other team. Unless it's Denmark of course.

**Do you prefer lower-League football?**

I enjoy going around to various clubs and locations with a group of people, sometimes on the coach and sometimes by train. The best thing I enjoy is that when you travel around Ruislip and you see fans and supports in the high street. People say hello and ask after each other. Getting the odd phone call from fans and friends. It is a real community and friendly group of people with football in common rather than politics or work.

**Any disadvantages?**

It can be a shame that many people in the local area just don't know we are here or don't turn up. I would love to see more people at the club. That said I have not found much I don't like, apart from the odd ground I have found poor facilities and food and

even worse surroundings .....Caravans??

**How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life?**

Working in London and recently around the UK I manage to make most Saturdays but midweek games are a struggle as getting home and out again can be troublesome. I did not miss many last season but as life changes so does priorities and I want to keep the faith and turn up each week.

**How big a part of your life is the game?**

It is one of two places I have that I really relax, having a pint and chatting to the people in the club is great. Live can be poor and really get you down so having a place you can go and chill out is important. You can pop in and have a drink and as "Cheers" said its a place were everyone knows your name. You find so many characters and people you can enjoy being with such as chainsaw Trevor, Ginge or Bananas. Were could you find such a mix and have fun.

**Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen?**

That has to be the Trophy final. I was supporting the club since a teenager and as I grew up I watched the club home and away. I remember my neighbour and myself going to Wembley final and watching it from near the back of the area we had been given. The game was a lot further away than what I was used to but the atmosphere was great and winning even better.

**And most memorable Wealdstone game, and moment?**

As great as the trophy game

was I would say that winning the league and getting promoted to the conference south was superb. After so many years in the wilderness we had arrived at a level we all wanted. Granted I was not around for the wilderness years. I had found my club again after it had been nearly destroyed at the leaving of Lower Mead and I was happy about the success. I could not make the game as I was working but the texting and following it online was fantastic. The next home game was a day to remember.



**For those unfamiliar with 70's children's TV - This is Captain Pugwash. Just hold on to that image.....**

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

I like the atmosphere at the Bulla and it's a shame we don't have another one at the other end to get the noise going. Always quite at one end when at home. The flag at the top o the mast needs a change and it could be a sponsored challenge to get it changed.

**Favourite current Wealdstone line-up?**

North, Smith, Cadmore, Hamblin, Urguart, Green, Godfrey, Wellard, Wright, Hutchinson, Benyen.

**Favourite all-time Stones line-up (with reasons)?**

North, Stuart Pearce, Tom Cadmore, Tom Hamblin, Cleveir Forde, Glen Little, Elliot Godfrey, Willie Watson, Alan Cordice, Neil Cordice, George Duck,

The team would not be stylish or play short passing but by heck they can tackle and battle. I loved watching left and right back when I was a teenager and the way the dealt with the wingers. I could see how Elliot and Willie could deal with any fancy footballers in midfield but also pass and free up the ball for Glen Little to distribute to the forward line. I never saw Richard Jolly or Fitzzy play so I picked the three strikers have seen and those boys can link in together with the direct style of play. I suggest George up front with Alan and Neil just behind. I suspect they may not all stay on the pitch with the hard tackling but if we had Vinny Jones on the bench steel in midfield would not be an issue.

**Best away trips to watch football?**

That just has to be Truro at the end of last season. We were all looking forward to it and did not let us down. Flying down with the fans, spending Friday and Saturday night as well as the game itself was amazing. All our fans and supporters at the group chanting in the second half was fantastic. Truro were clearly not expecting us in the numbers nor where they expecting that amount of noise. That weekend will live long in my memory for the friends I made and fun I had.

**What was your highlight of last season?**

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**What was your highlight of last season?**

I would say Weston super mare. The chant at the game which was thought up in the coach, the surprise and banter by our fans when we got in the ground. The youngsters turning the lights on and off in their clubhouse, nice beer great day a win and Captain Pugwash as a steward (you had to see him).

**Best - and worst - non-League grounds you've visited?**

Best ground was Bath as the view from the stand was superb and the weather was fantastic. For the beer I would say it was Oxford away on the rebel coach (as well as leaving Thorpe Park behind- sorry but that was funny) and being by the river with a pint and great view. It had everything for real day out. Spoilt by football but that's not always why I go. Great football is a bonus sometimes.

**Best stadium you've EVER visited?**

Not been to many league grounds as I am a non-league fan through and through but I remember being taken to villa park as a youngster and being impressed with the stadium. I also have good memories of the old Yeovil ground with the slope. It sticks in my mind as a ground with character. The worst ground I have been to must be Concord last season. Everyone warned me about it but the more they told me the more curious I became. When I turned up I wondered why I was there, sewage end or Caravans take your pick. That said the clubhouse and beer was ok.

**What are your expectations for the Stones for this season?**

I would say that staying in this league is a given this year after the changes and refocusing of

the club. But if I am honest near the top half and even play offs would be great. Until the lease is sorted and the new structure starts to take its effect on day-to-day and club finances I cannot see us competing against money bags clubs further up the table. That said if you have the right group and they click then who knows maybe its time for us to remind everyone we are still around. Stones on the march?

**How does the current programme compare with others you see?**

Best there is, well I would say that. But honestly it bats above our average as a club and shows what a range of work, activities and issues the club gets involved in. Good read.

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

Best one was Dave Reader, good mate and a friend along with Paul Reader. Nice to see and read about those around you recognised and get to know them better. Not seen Gingers but I guess I missed that one.

**What do you think of the Stones online presence (videos, twitter, facebook etc)?**

It's improving and with all the publicity of the raider it's amazing that wherever I go people know the name and the club. Its not like they don't recognise us now. We do need to build on this and youngsters are important in ensuring we are future proof for the next generation. I think more video and audio work could increase out presence as well.

**What's your Wealdstone claim to fame, or interesting fact?**

Well, I guess it has to be playing in the same team as Fitzy although the sport was Hockey I would say that seeing him

turn out for Watford and then Wealdstone was a real pleasure.

**And finally....Where do you think the club will be in five years?**

☐ I would guess that we will be top end of the conference national banging on the football league door. That's all providing we keep the ground and we develop at a consistent rate. It takes a few seasons to settle in a league and if we go up either this or next seasons that gives us a few years to build and go again. Why not? We can all dream. This is the club that nearly was destroyed it became the wandering club and now has a home. Lets put down roots and build a future. History is great but lets build our future that says we were here and this is what we did.



**TORBEN FACT**

Torben is a world authority on burgers at non-league grounds, often sampling more than one per game. Keep an eye out for Torbens burger ratings from our away trips this season in future programmes. He is pictured sampling Harrow Boros wares..... 7/10 if you are interested.

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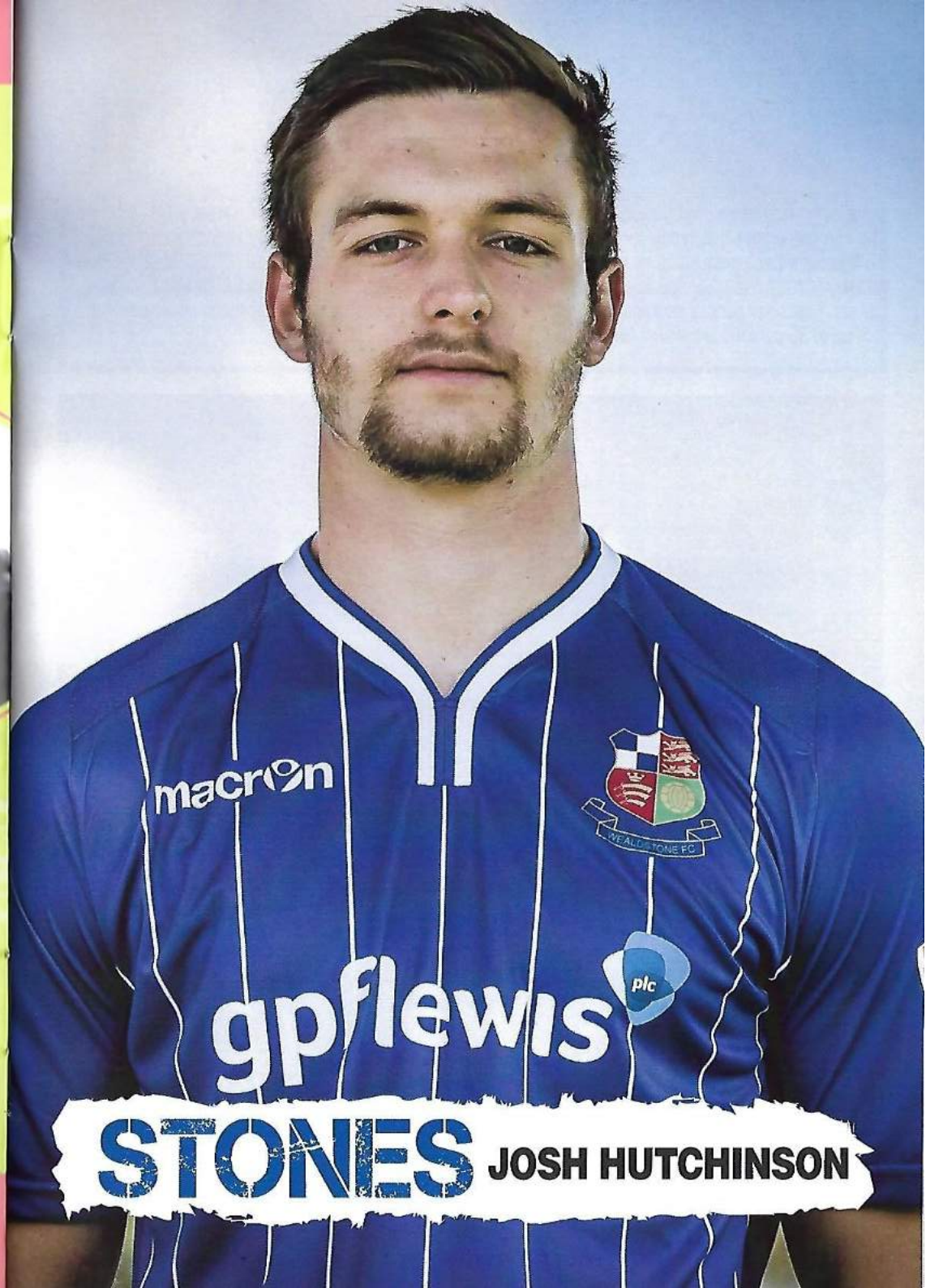


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





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- = Yellow card
- = Red card
- | = Straight red
- | = Penalty
- = Man of the Match
- ↔ = First substituted player
- ↔ = First substitute used
- ↔ = Second substituted player
- ↔ = Second substitute used
- ↔ = Third substituted player
- ↔ = Third substitute used

NLS = Vanarama National League South  
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| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |                      |           |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 3                | POOLE TOWN           | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 5                | WESTON-SUPER-MARE    | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 10               | Ebbsfleet United     | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 13               | Concord Rangers      | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 17               | TO BE DECIDED        | FAC 20R   | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 24               | TRURO CITY           | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |                      |           |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 1                | TO BE DECIDED        | (FAC 3QR) | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 8                | Chelmsford City      | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 15               | BATH CITY            | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 22               | Gosport Borough      | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 29               | WELLING UNITED       | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |                      |           |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 5                | Hemel Hempstead Town | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 12               | EASTBOURNE BOROUGH   | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 19               | Hungerford Town      | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 26               | TO BE DECIDED        | FAT 3OR   | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  |                      |           |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 3                | EAST THURROCK UNITED | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 10               | TO BE DECIDED        | (FAT 1R)  | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 17               | Poole Town           | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 26               | MAIDENHEAD UNITED    | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   |                      |           |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 1                | Maidenhead United    | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 7                | EBBSFLEET UNITED     | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 14               | WHITEHAWK            | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 21               | Weston-super-Mare    | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 28               | DARTFORD             | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |                      |           |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 4                | St Albans City       | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 11               | OXFORD CITY          | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 18               | Margate              | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 25               | Welling United       | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| <b>MARCH</b>     |                      |           |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 4                | GOSPORT BOROUGH      | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 11               | Truro City           | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 18               | CHELMSFORD CITY      | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 20               | CONCORD RANGERS      | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 25               | Bath City            | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| <b>APRIL</b>     |                      |           |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 1                | Eastbourne Borough   | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 8                | HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 15               | Hampton & Richmond   | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 17               | BISHOP'S STORTFORD   | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 22               | HUNGERFORD TOWN      | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 29               | East Thurrock United | NLS       | ---  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |



## FRIENDLIES

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|--|---|--|
| Sat 2 July<br><b>QUEENS PARK RANGERS</b><br>1 - 2 (Parker)       | Sat 16 July<br>Biggleswade Town<br>0 - 2                              | Tue 26 July<br>Staines Town<br>1 - 0 (Green)   |
| Sat 9 July<br><b>POTTERS BAR TOWN</b><br>Neutral<br>1 - 1 (Rose) | Tue 19 July<br><b>EGHAM TOWN</b><br>2 - 3 (Wright, Kabba)<br>Att: 144 | Sat 30 July<br>Harrow Borough<br>1 - 0 (Brown)   |
| Tue 12 July<br><b>LEYTON ORIENT</b><br>1 - 2 (Oshodi; Att: 420)  | Sat 23 July<br><b>BRACKLEY TOWN</b><br>1 - 4 (Benyon)                 | Sun 31 July<br><b>MARATHONBET MEN UNITED PREMIER LEAGUE XI</b><br>3 - 4 (Hutchinson 3) |

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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).

# Gordon Bartlett. More successful than the past 7 England managers

Since Gordon Bartlett took the Wealdstone job in 1995, no fewer than eight individuals - each among the hottest managerial properties at the time of appointment - have coached England.

And a fat lot of good they've done us. All the while Gordon Bartlett, unlike England's lamentable shower of overpaid incapables, has been racking up a wealth of promotions and league titles against the odds.

The sheer paucity of England's results is frightening. Since Gordon first sat on the White Lion Ground bench back in August 1995, the England team has reached one European Championships semi

(with home advantage) and two quarter finals. Keep in mind that until Euro 2016, reaching a Euros quarter final just meant getting out of the group. Meanwhile, in the World Cup, all we have to show for it are two second round ties and two quarter finals.

## Knock-out numpties

More amazing is that, since the dawn of the Bartlett era, the England team has won just two competitive knock-out matches. Two! None in the Euros, and just Denmark (2002) and Ecuador (2006) in the World Cup. Sure, we've usually managed to qualify for tournaments; but when it comes to the business end, when we're called

on to actually win a game or go home, we've been appalling.

And now, following the most humiliating of exits to a country with a population only marginally greater than that of the London Borough of Hillingdon, here we go again. Nothing against Sam Allardyce, good luck as ever to the new man. If enthusiasm won tournaments, we'd be odds on for Russia 2018. But look at Sam's predecessors and you realise all we ever do is try out whichever character type and skill set the last bloke wasn't.

Forget the FA's structural defects, our record of reacting against whichever incumbent type is dismally predict-

able. When jack-the-lad, skeletons-in-cupboard Terry Venables offended the FA's commercial boys, tactical superstar Glenn Hoddle succeeded him. When Hoddle went off the rails after some absurd bit of afterlife mysticism, the blood-and-guts passion monster Kevin Keegan came, burnt brightly and left in a pool of deeply felt but tactically inept tears. It was surely only right that a cool, calm, urbane sophisticate was brought in next time as his polar opposite; so hello Seven Goran Eriksson, a man to whom all eyes turned for his pearls of calmly considered Swedish wisdom. And then, eventually, success having alluded us over three

more tournaments, that whole lack of passion thing bit again and the call went out for another red blooded Englishman. Steve McLaren turned out to be another disaster in the rain and it was time once more to bring the cheque book out - not just for another urbane sophisticate, but this time an appallingly expensive urbane sophisticate. But nothing of note happened on Fabio Capello's watch unless you include goal-line technology. Next was another manager who'd done reasonably in the Europa League, Roy Hodgson, an Englishman who'd also been an international manager before, don't you know. But yet again, this time against Iceland for God's sake, we had in place an England manager more concerned with being caught on camera looking like he hadn't a

clue than someone who, you know, actually had a clue.

## Conference

So now it's Allardyce. What kind of reaction against type is Sam to his immediate predecessor? Big Sam got the gig "following a comprehensive and structured process". Well, yeah, you'd like to think. And Allardyce, says the FA press release, "arrives with a track record of getting the best results out of the teams he has managed and a strong reputation as a forward-thinker with progressive ideas."

Be that as it may, but surely they made the same noises about all other England bosses.

No, despite this talk of a detailed recruitment "project" following the Iceland humiliation, I'm guessing Martin Glenn and co. saw how the

players turned to totally uncoordinated and panicked jelly, unable to string together the most basic of passes and with next to nothing of any value coming from the sidelines, and thought to themselves - you know what the next one needs to do? Shout and bawl like a bastard while chewing madly on gum. We've not had a blood vessel popper for quite a while, perhaps never, and on the evidence of the past forty five minutes of English football - nothing else, mind, let's not get carried away, just that last half against Iceland - Wayne £200,000 and his mates clearly need to be shaken out of their utter gutlessness.

That's about the size of it, I'm afraid. The real problem isn't the role of manager, and hasn't been for some time. Every combination of character type and

experience set has been given a go. The problem is with the FA itself; its bloated infrastructure and its arcane ways.

Forget Big Sam, the real change in our fortunes could come from government. New sports minister Tracey Crouch recently threatened to withhold #30m in funding for the FA on account of it being "outdated and unrepresentative". Crouch is a qualified FA coach, so that kind of makes things interesting. Personally I'd consider taking the England team out of the hands of the FA altogether, but that's just me. For now, welcome Big Sam. He may be shouting out his hot breath, but I'm not holding mine.

## WORLD OF BALL Martin Read



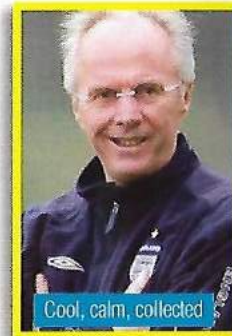
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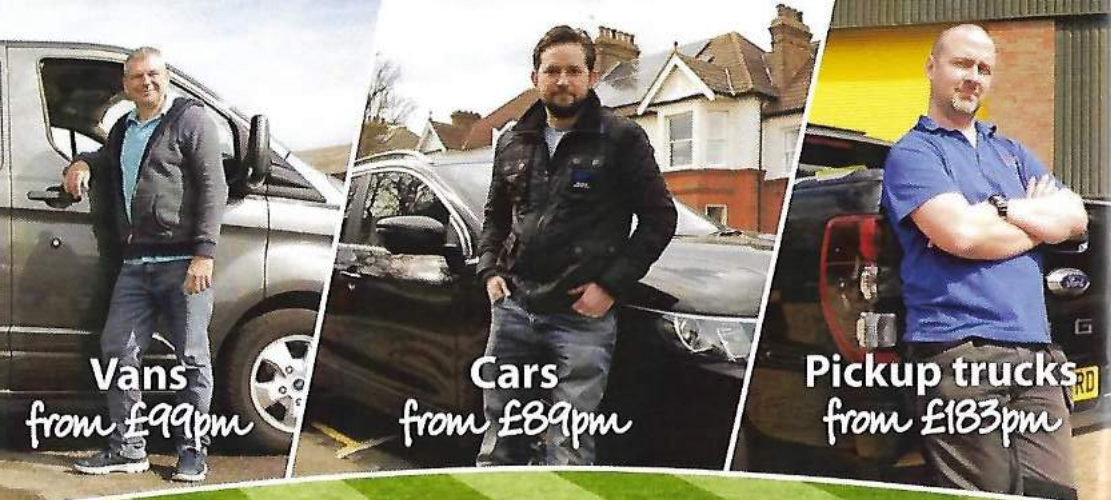
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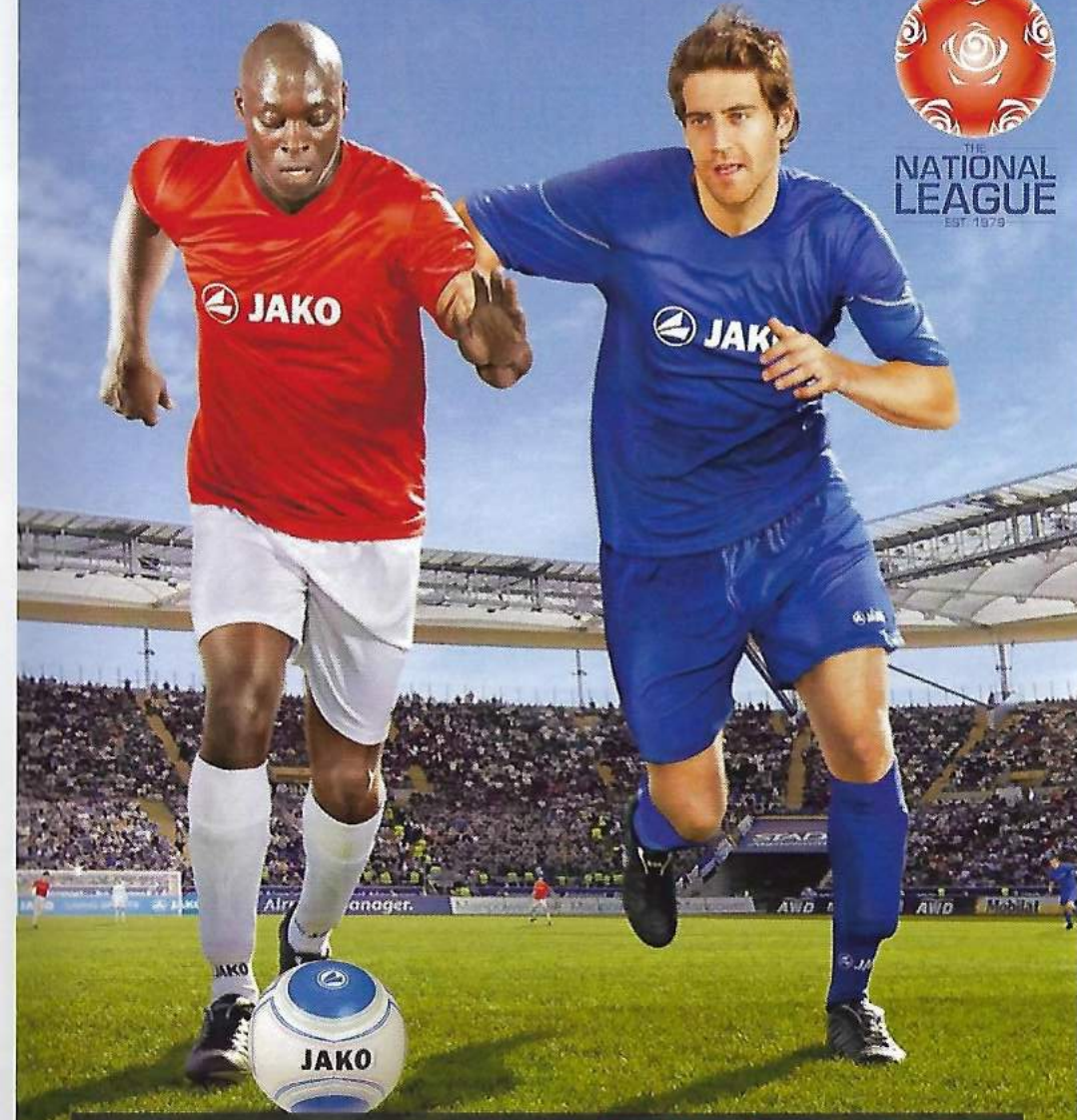
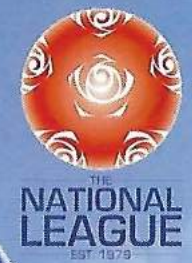


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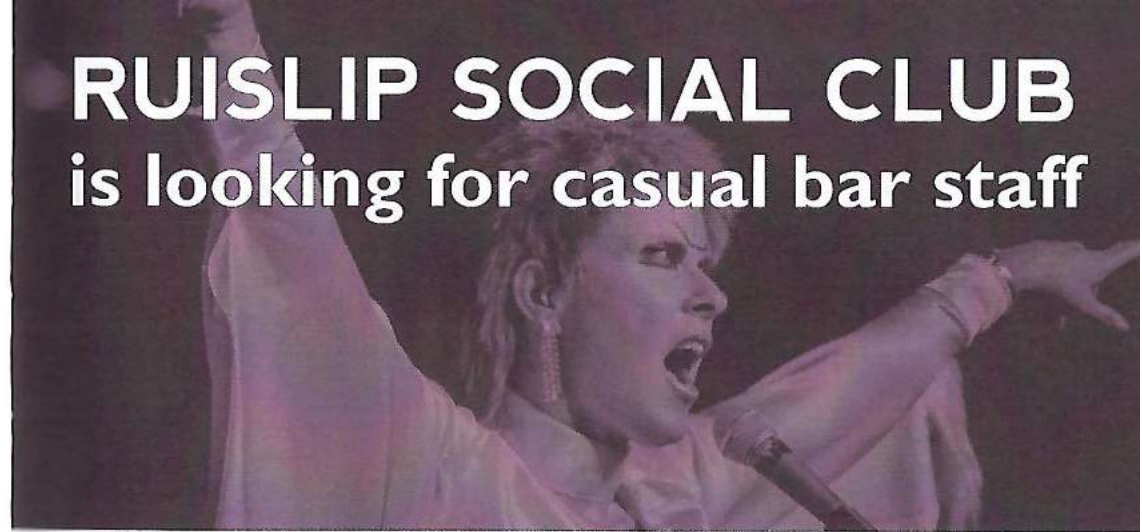
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# Welcome *The Saints* St. Albans City

- 13th April 1908 Club Founded at a meeting held at the council chamber in the Town Hall
- 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

## 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.

## JAMES RUSSELL

An experienced goalkeeper who joined the Saints in the Summer of 2016 following a transfer from Boreham Wood. James played nearly every game in the Wood's promotion winning season.

## 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.

## ANDREW IWEDIUNO

A powerful versatile defender who joined the Saints in March 2016 following a long spell at Biggleswade Town

## 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.

## 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.

## JUNIOR MORIAS

Morias started a two-year scholarship with Wycombe

Wanderers in 2011. He finished his first year as a scholar and signed his first professional contract in July 2012. After loan spells at Hendon and Boreham Wood, Morias' contract was mutually terminated. Following his release from Wycombe Wanderers, Morias joined Boreham Wood on a free transfer on 6 October 2014. After scoring the goal in extra-time to send Wood into the Conference National League for the first time at the end of the 2014-15 season, Morias joined final opponents Whitehawk on loan in January 2016. Morias rejected new terms with the National League side and signed for the Saints in July 2016.

## 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.

**WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v ST. ALBANS CITY**  
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**SHAUN LUCIEN**



Shaun Lucien is a winger who joined the Saints from Wealdstone at the end of May 2016. Shaun started his career at Brentford before moving to Hampton & Richmond Borough, Uxbridge and Harrow Borough. He arrived at Wealdstone in 2014

**RHYS HOENES**

Rhys signed for the Saints in June 2016. The speedy winger signed following a successful season at Royston Town FC where he won an amazing total of 24 penalties.

**IAN REES**

A central midfielder joined Luton in 2007 having previously been on the books of both Cambridge United and Rushden & Diamonds. He signed for the Saints from Biggleswade Town in May 2016.

**JOSH HILL**

Josh signed for Boreham Wood at the back end of the 2012/13 season from then Conference

national side Dartford. After a string of impressive performances Josh was offered a contract for the 2014/15 season where he played a pivotal role in helping the Wood achieve promotion in just his second full season at the club.

Hill signed a new contract for the 2015/16 season with Boreham Wood but spent much of the season on loan at Hemel and then Havant and Waterlooville. He signed for the Saints in June 2016.

**BEN HERD**

Starting his Football League career with Watford in 2003, Ben made his name at Shrewsbury Town between 2005 and 2009. In July 2009 he signed with Aldershot Town and had several successful seasons. However, Ben was released along with many other players at the end of the 2012-13 season as part of Aldershot's requirement to cut expenses after entering administration.

Ben joined Boreham Wood from Dunstable Town in February 2015. He played a part in their promotion via the play-offs to the Conference Premier for the very first time. However, following the conclusion of the season, Herd left the club and signed for Conference South side, Hemel Hempstead Town, in June 2015.

He signed for the Saints in May 2016.

**Meet the Manager**

**IAN ALLINSON**



Took over 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.

**SAINTS FACTS**

**Ground - Clarence Park**

**Capacity - 5007**

**2015 - 18th NLS**

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IAIN DOWIE**

**BADGE UPDATE: TOBY JACKSON**



The new club badge (top left) is on sale today at Toby's stand next to the players' tunnel. Bottom left is the Amateur Cup 1966 Winners badge produced for the anniversary lunch at the end of last season. Other badges shown are the smaller club crest on sale last season (a few remain); the Wealdstone poppy, scarf and St. George issues; match badges for our FA Trophy semi-final and FA Cup tie with Colchester; the 1985 Double-winning badge; and two "Raider" designs. Prices range from £2.50 upwards.

Toby also displays badges from every English League club (exc Premiership), Scottish Leagues, three divisions of National League, and Champions League too. Why not pay him a visit?

**PREDICTAScore**

Tony Short will once again be running the very popular PredictaScore competition this season. Entry forms are available from behind the bar at Ruislip Social Club and can be handed in to either Allyson Angelides, Paul Fruin, Clive Leaper, Leo Morris or Nick Symmons before tonight's game. The form is also available for download at [http://www.wealdstone-fc.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2016\\_17\\_Predict-a-score.xls](http://www.wealdstone-fc.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2016_17_Predict-a-score.xls) and can be posted to Tont at 39 Grange Road Wilstone, Herts, HP23 4PG Entry Remains £15



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There is always a buzz in the air when Wealdstone and St Albans take the field. This is the scene last April when the Saints came to Grosvenor Vale in a rich seam of form and held us to a 1-1 draw

## Over 70 years of facing each other, but are Stones & the Saints genuine rivals? Probably not as much as we SHOULD be

**RIVALRY** in football is a wonderful thing that runs through football from top to bottom. Location is the usual foundation for rivalry on the pitch, but occasionally it is the school playground approach to football of "we've won more trophies than you", with Manchester United and Liverpool being a case in point.

For Wealdstone it has always been about geographical location and the formation of the leagues in which we competed.

In the old amateur days our main rivals were Hendon, a rivalry that ended when the Stones joined the semi-professional Southern League in 1971. Barnet replaced the Greens as our main rivals during our Southern League stint in the 1970s, with Enfield taking on the mantle during the Conference years in the 80s.

What added to the spice of the rivalries was that they were conducted between clubs of equal status and tradition. Without wishing to be patronising (but still managing to be so) the "rivalry"

### SAYS MICK FISHMAN



with Harrow Borough never really sustained the same intensity due to the differing size and status of the clubs. The rivalry was by and large one way.

Other clubs have played their part over the years in getting under the skin of Stones supporters. Bath City, Harlow Town, Braintree Town and Concord Rangers spring to mind; but despite the close geographic proximity of St Albans to Wealdstone, the fact that the two teams have only competed in the same league in nine out of the last 71 seasons has prevented any genuine rivalry emerging and being sustained. This is a real shame as the clubs have always been big hitters in the non-league game with the potential to attract large crowds.

This is not to say that St Albans have failed to register on

the Wealdstone radar. Following the Stones' election to the Isthmian League in 1964, The Saints became by and large difficult and irritating opponents. For example, the glorious 1965/66 season in which Stones lifted the FA Amateur Cup, The Saints registered the double over us, 1-0 at Clarence Park and 3-0 at Lower Mead (just a week before the Wembley final), in which the balding, veteran ex-Enfield and Barnet midfield maestro, Roy Agar, played us off the park – hateful little man.

The very next season St Albans handed out a 6-1 thrashing at Lower Mead having already won 2-0 earlier in the season. The Saints were then a solid mid-table side so there was no particular reason for them to hand out such annoying defeats, but they did and continued to inflict the odd and highly irritating defeat on The Stones for the rest of our amateur days.

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# STONES Rewound

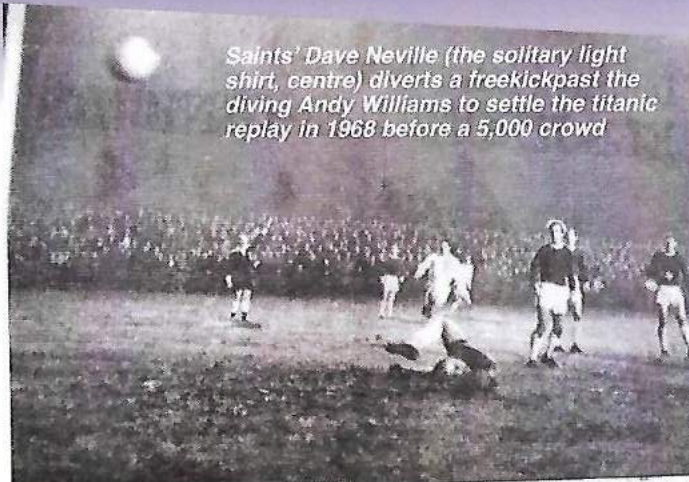
able to field some of the strongest line-ups in amateur football, with matches taking place at Lower Mead in front of very healthy and noisy crowds. It was during this period that The Saints enjoyed the services of Sid Prosser as manager, a man who turned them into a powerful and entertaining side and later would transform the fortunes of Wealdstone in the semi-pro game. The Stones went through unbeaten against The Saints in both the 1967/68 and 1968-69 seasons but, like an unreachable itch, Sid Prosser's charges won the one that really mattered – the FA Cup First Round Proper tie. The winners of that match had a potential route into the world of riches and rewards.

We had a very good side, but despite enjoying a home draw were unable to see off a well drilled and dangerous Prosser inspired side. A 1-1 draw at lower Mead in front of 3,500 spectators was followed with a 1-0 defeat at Clarence Park in a highly charged atmosphere generated by a crowd of 5,000 plus. We reproduce the Times report of the game (right). Those were great days to be following top amateur teams and it wasn't unusual to find match reports in the national newspapers.

**W**ealdstone's final season as amateurs saw the club at a low ebb, managed by a man floundering in the task, Alan Humphries, and fielding a young and inexperienced side. The saints dispatched us 3-0 at Lower Mead and by a hugely dispiriting 5-0 at Clarence Park, with the home side seemingly not feeling the need to move up beyond second gear. We left the Isthmian League behind with our ears ringing from the St Albans faithful chanting "Wealdstone are a load of s\*\*t". At the time, cruel but true.

The two clubs then became largely strangers to each other. Just one meeting was recorded in the FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round in September 1989 at Clarence Park in front of 526 spectators, a far cry

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Saints' Dave Neville (the solitary light shirt, centre) diverts a freekickpast the diving Andy Williams to settle the titanic 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; J. Barnes; P. Wood; E. Gibbs; D. Neville; M. Hatman; R. Franks; J. Butterfield; W. Ratty; W. Broomfield.  
Wealdstone.—A. Williams; M. Doyle; D. Leonard; C. Franks; A. McGinness; C. Townsend; D. Swan; B. Lushby; K. Seattie; W. Brown; J. Hutchinson.

# STONES Rewound



Our famous FA Cup win at Clarence Park 27 years ago. Right: the match report and (above) Stones' Tony Kelly (light shirt) slides in to put pressure on the home defence



Almost half a century ago, action from the opening game of the 1968-69 season as we beat Saints 3-2. Keith Searle jumps with keeper Peter Spittle

from the 5,000 plus crowd 20 years earlier. It was not a game blessed with enormous quality but did enjoy a dramatic finale. With the Stones appearing to comfortably see out a 1-0 win, sloppy play allowed St Albans to equalise in the second minute of injury time and almost snatch a win seconds later. It was a goal-line clearance by Rod Findlay that set off an end to end move that resulted in Tony Lynch heading in a winning goal.

There were no further meetings between the two clubs until

2014 when both gained promotion to the Conference South, St Albans from the Southern League and Wealdstone from the Ryman League. All was set for the formation of a keen rivalry, particularly as The Saints were by now fielding ex-Stones players and being co-managed by an ex-player, Jimmy Gray.

**T**he matches between the sides certainly enjoyed some spark, with The Saints cruising to a 3-0 win at Grosvenor Vale and the Stones winning an FA Trophy tie at

home by the same margin and then winning the league match at Clarence Park 3-1, a match in which Jefferson Louis exploded into life and destroyed the opposition defence in a display of pace and power.

St Albans have continued to inflict irritating defeats on The Stones. Last season they were in a terrible run of form but managed to squeeze out a 1-0 win at Clarence Park with a header from a corner by towering defender, Ben Martin, a player

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## ST ALBANS CITY 1

## WEALDSTONE 2

### F A Challenge Cup 1st Qualifying Round

16 September 1989

Attendance: 526

A Tony Lynch goal three minutes into injury time saw Wealdstone through in a nail-biting finale to this F A Cup first qualifying round tie.

Yet just thirty seconds earlier a very different result had seemed on the cards.

At a very low ebb after letting St Albans steal an equaliser they never appeared capable of, Stones' defence again opened invitingly and allowed City striker Shaun Bryant to carve his way through their ranks until he was left with only Kevin Foster to beat.

It seemed curtains for Stones when he fired past the exposed keeper but fortunately Rod Findlay was on hand to cap a magnificent performance by saving his side from disaster with a goal-line clearance. And as an added bonus he unwittingly began the move which seconds later ended with the ball in the City net for Wealdstone's winner.

The ball was fed out to Sean Norman who broke away down the left and found John Margerrison on the edge of the penalty area. Margerrison's cross was inch perfect and Lynch stormed in to glance a perfect header into the back of the net which sent Stones' army of 300 travelling fans into ecstasy.

The drama of the finish however was in complete contrast to the rest of the match which had little to offer.

Wealdstone were clearly the better side and started brightly and should have settled the issue in the opening exchanges.

A great ball from Mark Harrison put the elusive Lynch in to round former Stones defender Doug McClure but his shot was half stopped by keeper Bozier and Paradise completed the clearance as the ball rolled towards the net.

Far too often Lynch's excellent work down the wing was wasted by profligate forwards.

Soon after Tony Kelly nodded down a cross from Lynch and Paul Wilkins rattied an upright with a fierce drive.

But Stones then lost their way and it was not until the start of the second half that they again posed any real threat with Steve Browne having a low shot turned away by Bozier and Lynch volleying over from close range.

They had a narrow escape in the 50th minute when Harrison carelessly lost the ball to Williams in his own area but Bryant blazed hopelessly over when presented with the clearest of chances and St Albans were made to pay for that miss when Stones went ahead two minutes later.

A great run from Norman made the chance and with the home defence waiting vainly for an offside decision he put Kelly through to slip a low shot past Bozier into the corner of the net. It was the £10,000 striker's first competitive goal for Stones and one that will no doubt start a rush on the "I saw Tony Kelly score a goal" badges in the club shop.

That solitary strike looked more than enough to take Stones through until with seven minutes to go sloppy defence let Bryant in to beat Foster and set up an exciting climax.

TEAM: Kevin Foster, Steve Tapley, Sean Norman, Rod Findlay, Paul Morris, Mark Harrison, Steve Browne, Paul Goyette, Paul Wilkins, Tony Kelly, Tony Lynch Subs; John Margerrison and Hall

# STONES Rewound

## LINDSAY K.O.'s CITY 'KEEPER

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Approximate attendance 1,900

WITH four minutes left of this Isthmian opener at Lower Mead on Saturday, Wealdstone leader Dave Swain whipped a pass from midfield through to John Hutchinson on the left and the winger was felled just outside the St. Albans

The result? A free kick to Wealdstone and taken, naturally, by Hughie Lindsay. The result of this? A streamer of a shot that St. Albans reserve keeper Peter Spittle saw inches from him, so close and fast that his hands were half-way to his face when the ball caught him on the chin, shot on to the underside of the bar and into the net, leaving him prostrate on his line and Wealdstone narrow winners.

It was a fitting climax to a match (save poor Spittle who was out for two minutes) in which Lindsay had lived up to all his old reputation for brain and, far free-kicks, brains.

For he had read his match brilliantly throughout and on 33 minutes produced a gem of a goal to put his side back in the lead at 2-1.

The move was classically economical. Dave Leonard cleared out of defence to Lindsay on the left, the inside man made a little ground and crossed deep to the right, where the St. Albans defence was way out of position and Hutchinson was hanging in.

The ball landed perfectly on the winger's head and bounced off the neat post, across to the far end in for a real picture affair.

It was, however, more just five minutes earlier a hard but fair tackle by Les Burgess had caught Denis Montague on his right ankle.

### UNSURE

Montague collapsed but got up again, looking unsurely at his ankle and then at a Charlie Townsend free-kick headed for Keith Searle whose own header went whizzing just wide.

Montague lasted just two minutes more before hobbling painfully off and to hospital for an X-ray on the same ankle that put him out last season.

The opening move by Wealdstone produced a bad first attempt for Spittle when a back pass from left-half Wood had him dropping on the goal, but a minute later when Searle, all action,

crossed to Swain on the right of the box and the pass back was wide of the expectant Townsend.

Townsend had another free-kick on seven minutes, this time against him and he restored the balance by being just off target with a free header.

But from the breakaway by Dave Leonard, the ball sailed through the St. Albans' defence, Seaine failed with a header, and Bremner, newly placed in mid-line, hit it to with Swain at full stretch pushing it over the line.

Everyone had predictions of nothing into the net and Searle forced a corner off Hutchison that Dave Bramley headed past.

City's first (of many) corners, headed by Searle, looked a sure shot as it curled into the Wealdstone area. Montague was out of position and Hutchinson rose well to head it in.

In three minutes, it was Hutchinson again with an effort the in-running Andy Williams pushed against a post.

Montague's injury had a Brownfield cross that Williams just cleared as a prelude before Hutchinson had a run towards goal from a Leonard clearance that broke down, a minute before the move that put the home side ahead again.

Searle on 37 minutes tried to be helpful on the left wing as Bremner had fallen back to midfield and crossed precisely to Townsend who half-but went miles wide and sank to his knees in despair.

And rightly too. For all the lead and effort, things didn't look bright for Wealdstone.

Swainuffed a Hutchinson - Townsend - Searle move and Townsend with two free minutes to the break hit a 68th minute that was a real drive that was robbed of a chance almost on half-time, when Searle for once bluffed the pass to late.

Brownfield was still experimenting with his 4-2-3-1 and Williams and Swain were out of their element there, it did not appear to be their trick in all their in the current season.

The second half opened with St. Albans as they pressed on 35 minutes and Brownfield and Andy

Williams pushed with a Searle solo in between banking and certain with Spittle landed on the ball at his feet in his area.

A barrage of corners, seven of them, plus a free-kick, signified that there was an equilibrium around, and on the hour it came.

Childs took another free-kick that floated in and Bremner got in the way hopefully. The ball came free with Brownfield and Hutchinson at attention and Hutchinson put it in.

Townsend returned to action with a free-kick that was low and hard and wide, after Gibbs ran into Searle, Bremner missed from 15 yards and Spittle ran him self into trouble on 65 minutes when he handled out of his area and Searle, ever present and correct, spotted it and appealed.

### AGREEMENT

Referee Mr. Bull, now honestly running out of puff in this very hot contest, agreed the Townsend free-kick ignored prior unmarked Searle, but earned a Lindsay corner that Hutchinson headed over with Swain rising beyond him.

Both landed on their feet, Wood, endeavouring to intercept, on his back and needed revival.

On 78 minutes it was a touch of artistry by Childs with a back-clip on the edge of the Wealdstone area that was too clever for Bremner and too alike, and Searle, Swain and Townsend all had goals blocked before the skipper got one through from 25 yards that Spittle spotted and held.

McGinnis conceded Brownfield a corner with ten minutes left, was up the other end when Lindsay took one for Wealdstone that Searle had nailed off summer but went wide.

Then Lindsay put the finishing touch on it. Mr. Bull seemed to blow on an exact 90 minutes and the view from the ground was temporarily blocked as Dave Underwood closed up.

Wealdstone: A. Williams, G. O'Neill, P. Leonard, J. Townsend, D. Williams, B. Bremner, K. Searle, E. Gibbs, D. Swain, D. Montague, E. Jones, S. A. Williams.

St. Albans City: P. Spittle, M. Jones, E. Gibbs, G. Swain, I.

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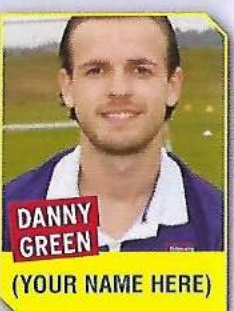
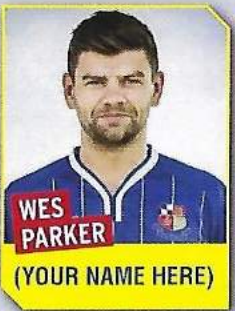
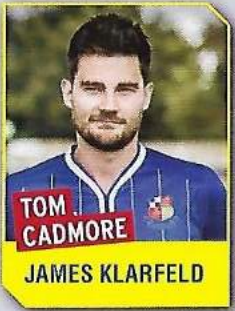
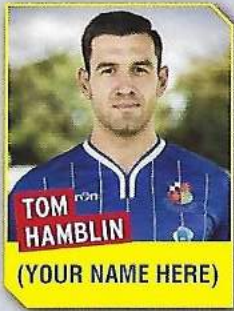
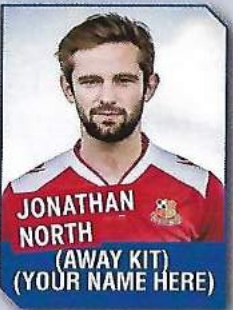
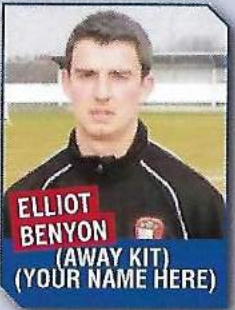
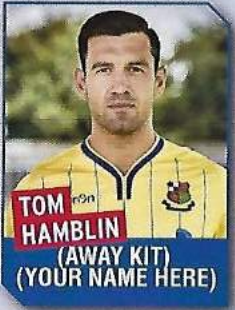
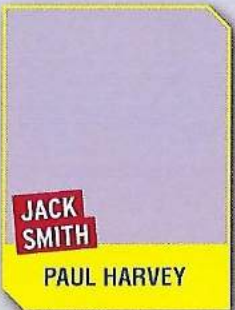
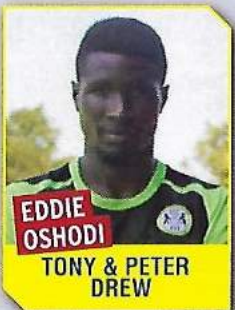
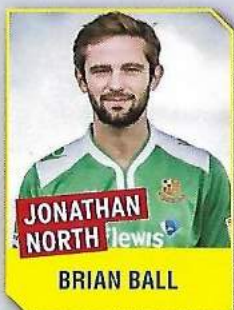
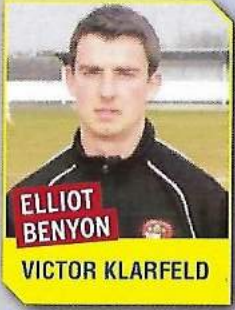
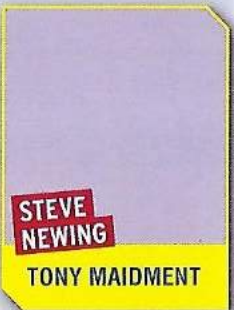
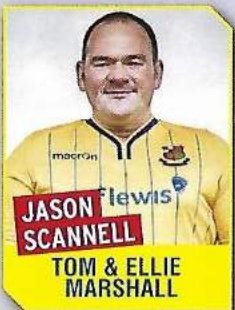
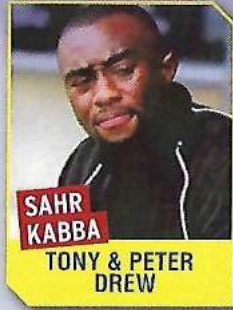
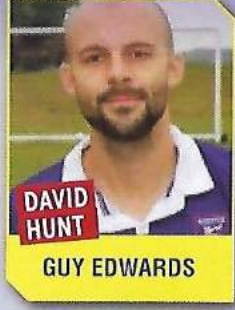
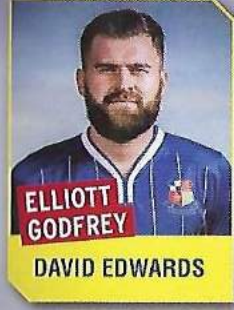
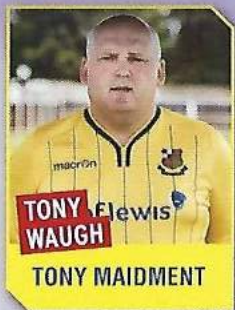
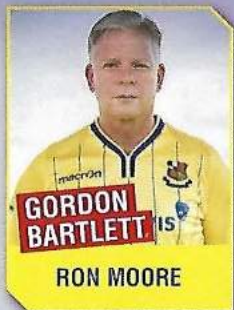
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