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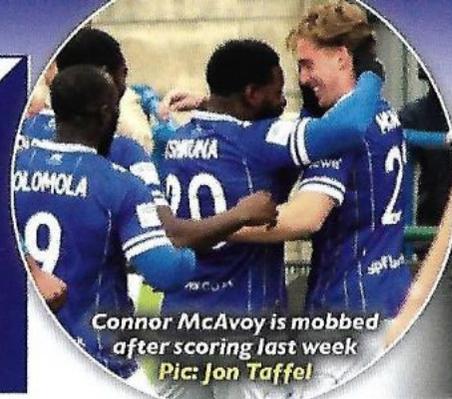
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## written in stone



BY TIM PARKS



Connor McAvoy is mobbed  
after scoring last week  
Pic: Jon Taffel

**These are portentous times for our football club. Exciting ones too!**

Last week's extraordinary general meeting saw the long-awaited announcement of a new owner prepared to invest in the club. Not that the club hasn't been inundated with offers, but it's taken a while to sort the credible from the incredible and Nick Semaca has emerged from the due diligence process with an impressive track record in business and at other sports clubs.

He preaches sustainability and there is a long, forensic article on the EGM and our new owner in the *Elmslie Ender* column later in this programme.

Throw into the mix the new impetus on kick-starting our new stadium project at Freezeland Way; an impressive run of unbeaten games in the National League; plus the start of our 2025-26 FA Cup campaign with the visit of Whitstable Town today, and you can see why the excitement is building.

The Oystermen may be four divisions below us in the football pyramid but the many Stones fans who saw their victory over AFC Whyteleafe at Wembley five months ago in the FA Vase Final will have no doubts they'll give us a game today.

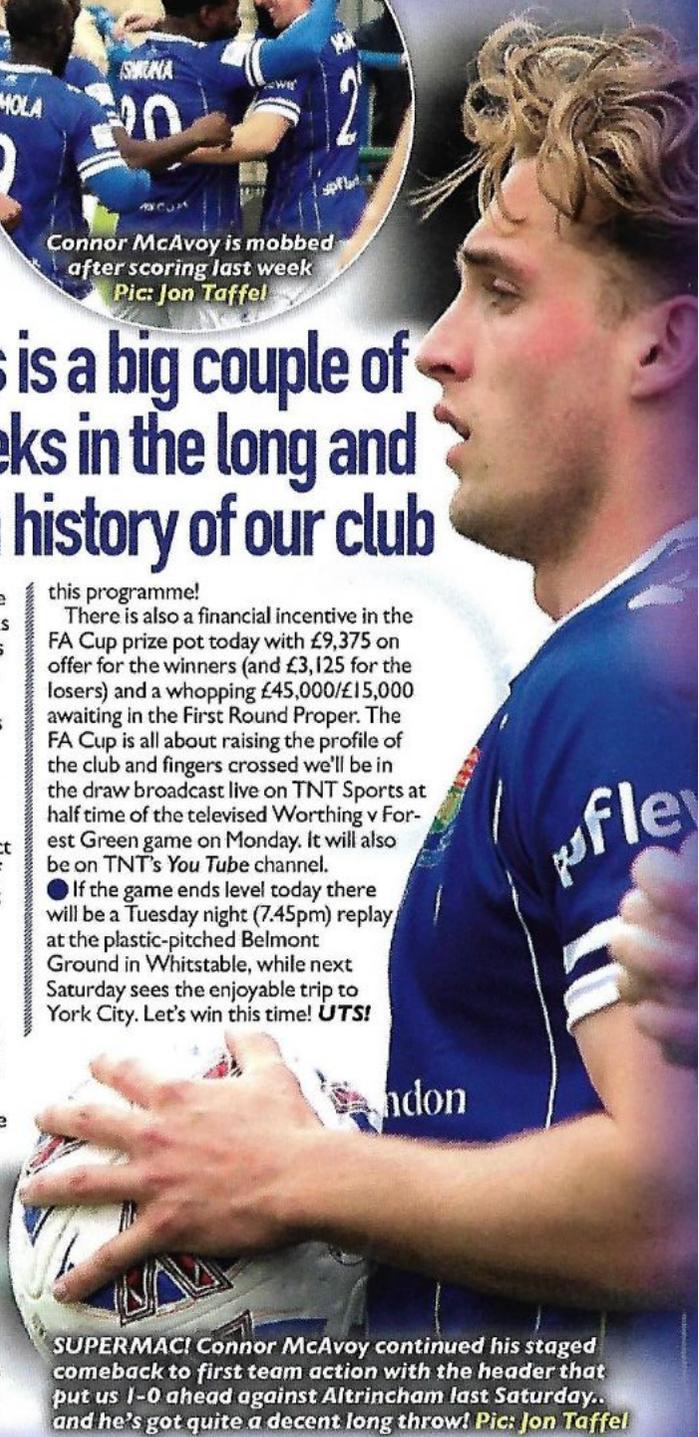
They have also gone SEVENTEEN games unbeaten in FA competitions (the 11-game Vase run last year plus six FA Cup ties negotiated already this season) and will be well supported by the residents of the charming Kent seaside town. Four of them will be in attendance today, though the Leigh family (who are also today's match sponsors) will be split down the middle! All will be revealed in the article later in

## This is a big couple of weeks in the long and rich history of our club

this programme!

There is also a financial incentive in the FA Cup prize pot today with £9,375 on offer for the winners (and £3,125 for the losers) and a whopping £45,000/£15,000 awaiting in the First Round Proper. The FA Cup is all about raising the profile of the club and fingers crossed we'll be in the draw broadcast live on TNT Sports at half time of the televised Worthing v Forest Green game on Monday. It will also be on TNT's *You Tube* channel.

● If the game ends level today there will be a Tuesday night (7.45pm) replay at the plastic-pitched Belmont Ground in Whitstable, while next Saturday sees the enjoyable trip to York City. Let's win this time! **UTS!**



**SUPERMAC!** Connor McAvoy continued his staged comeback to first team action with the header that put us 1-0 ahead against Altrincham last Saturday.. and he's got quite a decent long throw! Pic: Jon Taffel

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**WELCOME to the Vale for today's fascinating FA Cup tie against Whitstable Town who will have all our respect and focus.**

Jamie Coyle's done a fantastic job, not just to get them through to this stage of the FA Cup but to build a competitive, hungry squad who want to kick on. They have some talented players who have shocked a few people on their way to this stage so we will make this game a huge priority and ensure we are not complacent. We need a good professional performance today.

The 1-1 draw with Altrincham here last Saturday was frustrating at times especially following the performance at Brackley which I felt was a 'personal best' for us... though the fact that we were then disappointed not to beat a club like Altrincham is testament to how far we've come, our ambitions and personal standards for the season.

Unfortunately we suffered injury to our Big Man Up Top, Sean Adarkwa. At the time of writing he's still to have his hamstring scan and we can only pray that it's not as bad as it seems. Unfortunately, in the hamstring department, Alfie Massey's loan is now officially over and he has returned to Millwall to nurse his injury. It is the worst possible type of hammy and Alfie will be out for the foreseeable future. He was a revelation for us and having worked with him at Spurs and then working with him here, taking him into his first men's loan, was a real pleasure for me - and hopefully we will see him back at the Vale one day. He has a bright future!

Sean's injury, with all five subs on the pitch, meant we finished the game with ten men yet could have won it but for some amazing defending when Dom Hutchinson crossed in the final moments... Nathan Young-Coombes said the slightest of touches stopped him scoring a tap-in.

It was great to score so early and I was very pleased for Connor McAvoy - we are managing his minutes and he deserved this inclusion in the line up. We then had a few half chances and if we'd taken them I think the game would have been put to bed.

Fela Olomola is in a similar position after missing out on a pre-season but he put in another good shift - you can't expect him or Connor to be 100% straight

## Gaffer's column

By  
SAM COX

# On and off the pitch there is a really good feel around the club at the moment

Get in! Sam gets suitably animated after the win at Brackley  
Pic: Jon Taffel

away but they are getting there. In the huddle after the Alty game I told the boys that we weren't at our best - we were hoping to emulate the form we showed at Brackley but it can't be like that every game, and there were contributing factors like the windy weather and well-organised opponents.

In the end we were happy to end up with 4 points from the last two games, and now unbeaten in four. And not having a midweek game will help our training and rehab before the Cup tie.

Away from the pitch these are very exciting times for the club with the shareholders' vote last Saturday to bring in a majority investor, Nick Semaca and his Lakefront Football Partners.

I had spoken with Nick previously, and for some time after the Altrincham game and there is a really good feel around the club at the moment.

**Enjoy the game... It's my birthday weekend so let's have something to celebrate!**  
**Up the Stones**

## Taking it to the

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By MAX  
KRETZSCHMAR



A big crowd and a big occasion: last year v Wycombe  
Picture: Jon Taffel

# There will always be upsets in the Cup...our job is to ensure that we are not one of them

**HELLO Stones fans and welcome back to The Vale on what is one of the standout days in our footballing calendar — the FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round.**

Both teams today will be fighting for the chance to be in the famous velvet bag for the First Round Proper draw next week. In recent years, Stones haven't reached that stage too often, but we're coming off the back of last season's memorable run to the Second Round which culminated in that fantastic tie against Wycombe Wanderers live on terrestrial TV.

What immediately comes to mind when I think back to that game is The Vale being packed to the rafters, creating an absolutely electric atmosphere. Thousands of blue and white fans, young and old, came together to make it a truly special occasion.

On another day, we might even have got the win against the League One leaders, but what really stood out was the sense of occasion. That's the uniqueness the FA Cup brings... the magic never, ever dies.

We all know there will be a few shocks up and down the country when we check our football apps at 5pm tonight — there always are in the FA Cup. Our job is to make sure that an upset doesn't happen here at The Vale.

Whitstable Town come into this fixture in decent form, sitting in a respectable eighth place at the time

of writing in the Southern Counties East League Premier Division with games in hand. It would be foolish to approach this game with any hint of arrogance or naivety. They'll arrive highly motivated and well organised, eager to be the story of the round.

To prevent any kind of upset, there are a few things we'll have to do really well today. First and foremost, we need to bring energy. We know Whitstable will arrive with high levels of enthusiasm and intensity, especially in the early stages, and we HAVE to match that — in fact, we need to exceed it. That applies both with and without the ball: moving it quickly, playing with real tempo, and pressing with intent from the first whistle.

Secondly, we have to make sure we're strong on set pieces — both for and against. I firmly believe that if the delivery is right and the ball is attacked with aggression and intensity, goals will come at any level from dead-ball situations. Equally, we need to be switched on defensively, as moments like these can often define cup ties.

Finally, we'll need to be patient — perhaps more so than usual. Of course, an early goal would help us massively, but these types of ties are rarely that straightforward.

One of the key messages in our meetings recently has been about sticking to the plan and keeping our discipline with the ball. "Play what the game gives you." We're always well prepared with a clear game plan to get three points — or in this case, progress to the next round — but in recent weeks we've sometimes gone a bit off-script when the score has been level in second halves. Today, we have to trust the process and let our quality shine through over the full 90 minutes. **Enjoy the game and UTS!**

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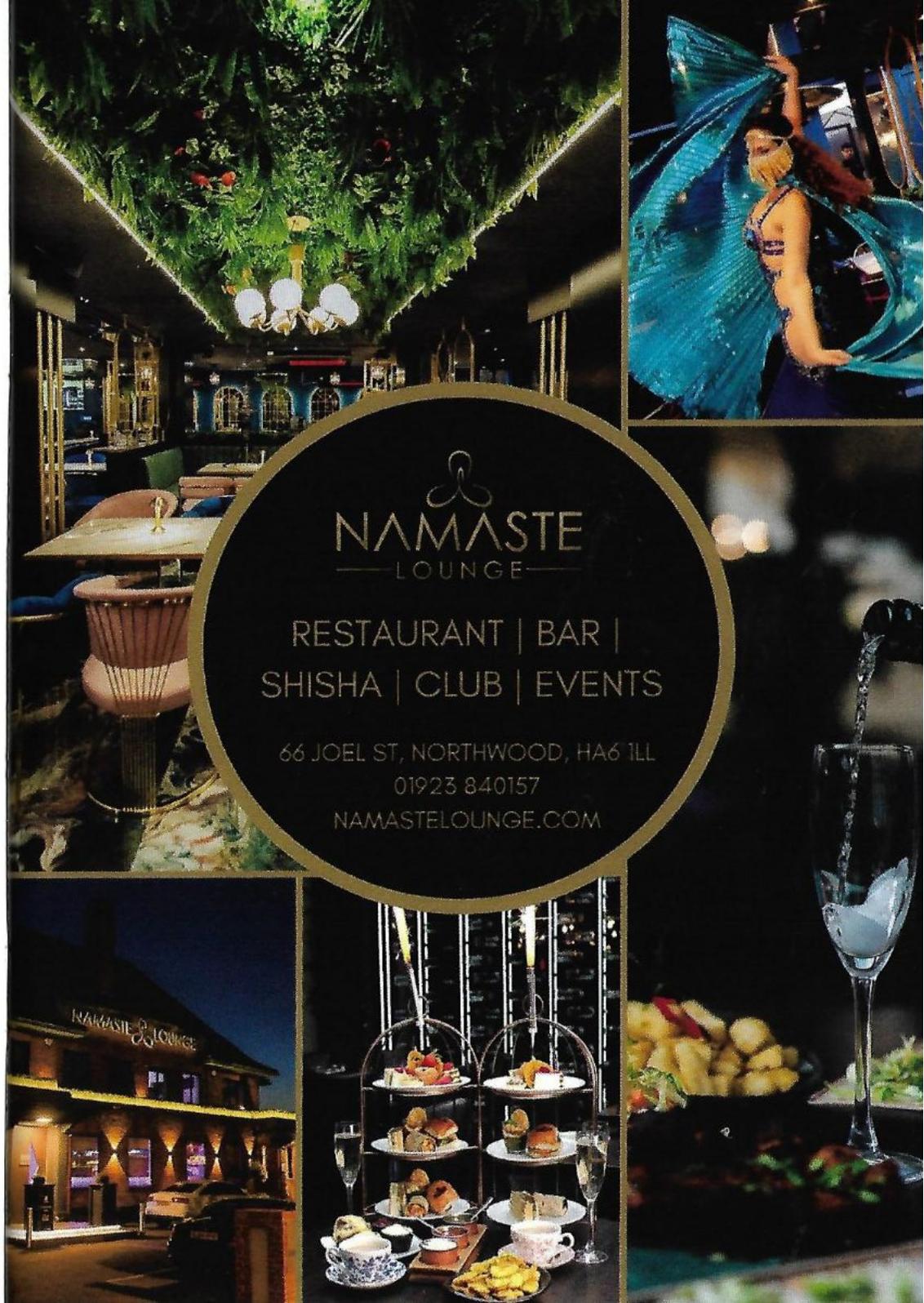
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# the elmslie ender



BY SUDHIR RAWAL



The Vale clubhouse is well populated for the EGM last Saturday

## Wealdstone FC 2025: It's a brave new world and a very exciting one

**Well, Wealdstone FC has a new owner.**

Over 98% of the vote at the club's Extraordinary General Meeting, held last Saturday morning, ticked the 'Yes' box to change the memorandum and articles to allow an investor to take a majority shareholding in WFC... for the first time in around 30 years.

While the two largest shareholders - the former chairman Peter Marsden and the Wealdstone FC Supporters Club - had indicated that they would support the change, there was always a concern that the required 75% would not be met to allow the motion to be successful.

The mood music beforehand was very positive. I hadn't spoken to anyone who was against the move, so anyone who was thinking of voting against the motion would have

been swimming against the tide and probably be judged in history as someone who was blocking a brighter future for the club.

**Anyone who has heard Nick Semaca speak could not but help but be impressed.**

He speaks with the calm assurance of someone who not only has had a successful career in the world of consulting but has a track record of successful sports club ownership - whether in football or baseball - from Joilet Slammers, through Leyton Orient, USC Naples or the German club SC Preußen Münster who have risen two levels to

Bundelsiga Two since his involvement.

He's definitely no Norwegian crypto geek (we heard about one potential investor who wanted to change the club's name, colours and select the team and manager via weekly polls) and there were around 30 other options that came across the board's desk.

Since the *Welcome to Wrexham* series phenomenon, the interest of Americans in particular has soared as many want to have a piece of the action. The fact that Wealdstone are a football club based in London, close to Heathrow, can't be overstated: it makes a huge difference for foreigners. Being flippant, they can fly in, stay in Mayfair, pop into Harrods, watch their team and fly back to the States. It was



New owner Nick Semaca (right) outlines the future with director Quentin Fox who chaired the meeting



interesting to hear Nick speak about what motivates US investors and how just being able to say that they own a little piece of a football club in London can have a tangible effect in opening bulging American cheque books.

If you haven't heard Nick speak yet, I would highly recommend that you watch this easily-searchable podcast on YouTube from a few years ago: [https://youtu.be/rshAMcM9H2w?si=uMv\\_fZwvzK7nAM](https://youtu.be/rshAMcM9H2w?si=uMv_fZwvzK7nAM)

At the very end, he was asked what comes next for Nick Semaca and he said he wanted to have a majority shareholding at a football club, where he can take his learnings from his various sports ownerships and put his own twist on it.

For those of us at the EGM, it was important that we are not going to see wholesale changes. The board will remain the same with just the addition of Nick himself, but

we have already seen the media team enhanced, there will be a commercial resource added to the club payroll, there has been discussions with a data analytics business and there will be incremental changes. It will be evolution, not revolution.

**The football club isn't suddenly rich.**

There will be a guaranteed minimum £1.25m investment into the football club - four times the amount that the previous largest shareholder Peter Marsden had invested - which to most of us seems a fortune but is in many ways a drop in the ocean when you compare us to other clubs even at this level.

To put this into context, the average losses for a National League side was around £1m in season 2023/24. Only four clubs made a profit, though for the largest two that was because of ancillary sales.



Above left: The shareholders queue to collect their voting slips and (right) former chairmen Peter Marsden and Paul Rumens catch up. It was Peter's first visit since the Covid season



The other two basically broke even, a further three made losses, (including Wealdstone) of less than £100k while the rest suffered huge losses. Relegated Ebbsfleet, for example, lost nearly £3m. Altrincham, who are seen as a club in a very similar space to Wealdstone, lost £997,000 and Woking, in whom former Wealdstone director and shareholder Todd Johnson has taken a majority stake, lost £1.85m. The figures are staggering, so we are still fishing in shark-invested waters... but Nick's funding will make life easier.

Getting bang for your buck will still be important as ever, nothing changes but targeted interventions will become easier - though the playing budget will not suddenly be increased exponentially.

Look out for a *StonesCast* podcast soon with Nick Semaca.

**From next summer, football governance will be increasing with the advent of the Football Governance Act.**

This will mandate that the new Independent Football Regulator (IFR) enforces fan engagement, thus making clubs consult with their supporters for key decisions such as ticket pricing and ground relocations. It will also establish democratically appointed fan representatives.

Our new investment agreement with Nick Semaca will also have enhanced provisions for fan represen-

tation, and initially this will fall to Wealdstone Supporters' Club. It is likely that the SC's constitution will have to change, but as other football clubs go towards a Supporters' Trust model, we may well find ourselves with two separate supporters organisations representing Wealdstone supporters: the traditional Supporters' Club, which may concentrate on what they do so well now in terms of raising funds, and a Supporters' Trust which takes on a more governance/representation role.

I suspect that if Wealdstone had a Supporters' Trust, there would be more people willing to stand and become involved for that role than the SC currently manages in getting bodies onto their committee.

The Chelsea Supporters' Trust chairman Mark Meehan is a regular visitor to the Vale. Maybe the SC - if they have not had a discussion with him yet - should.

A new beginning awaits. Excitement increases. Expectation heightens. But we should also remember the many people who have played their part in getting Wealdstone to this new era.

**Our history is important. It shapes the club as we are, but we should now not be burdened by it as we walk a new path.**

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# The classic half & half scarf!

BY DAVID LEIGH

## My teams Wealdstone and Whitstable drawn together in the Cup.. what were the chances of that?

**HOW ON EARTH do you manage the emotions on match day when the two clubs that you love and support are facing each other in a competitive cup match?**

And what were the chances of these two teams being drawn out of the hat to face each other? It is all the more incredible, taking into account that Whitstable play in Step 5 of the non-league ladder, in the Southern Counties East Football League Premier Division, with Wealdstone in Step 1 in the National League.

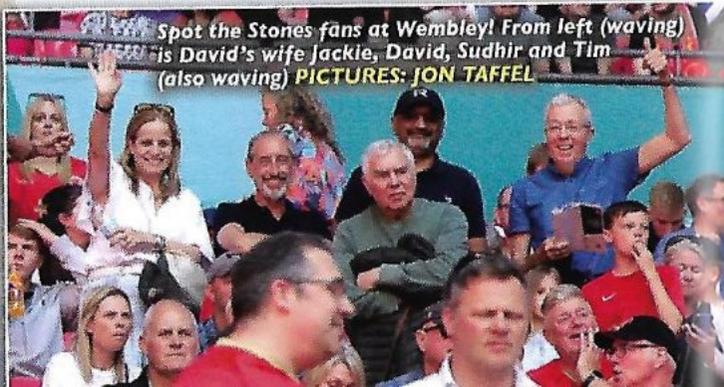
It's absolutely amazing! Whitstable have already performed well above expectations to reach this round of the FA Cup - it's the first time in the club's history that the Oystermen have found themselves in the 4th qualifying round. Wearing my Whitstable hat (or red & white scarf, anyway) we have already seen the magic of the FA Cup with

victories over higher placed opposition in Dulwich Hamlet 3 - 2 (in the 1st qualifying round); Chichester City 1 - 0 in a replay (in the 2nd qualifying round); and Hungerford Town 2 - 0 (in the 3rd qualifying round).

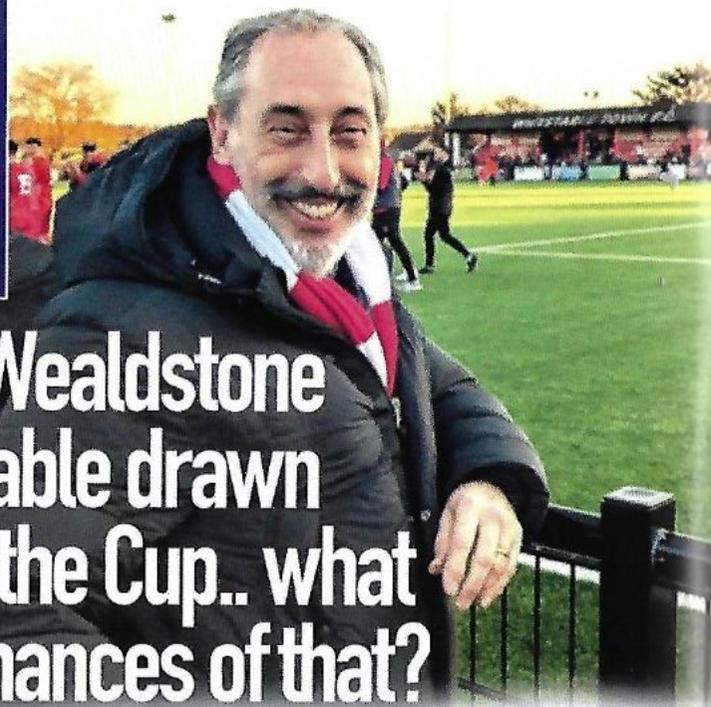
Whitstable are also the leading scorers in the competition this season, having scored nine goals against Edgware & Kingsbury and seven goals against Lingfield in the earlier rounds!

**So how have I arrived with the two teams that I follow facing each other, on this momentous occasion?**

Well, I started watching Wealdstone in the 1964/65 season. My Mum and Dad, Milly and Harry, had a shop in front of the old ground at Lower Mead, in Harrow. I used to go into the shop on a Saturday and just before 3pm, my Dad would take me into the ground, put me in a seat



Spot the Stones fans at Wembley! From left (waving) is David's wife Jackie, David, Sudhir and Tim (also waving) PICTURES: JON TAFFEL



David wears red at Whitstable and blue at Wealdstone... along with daughter Megan



in the corner of the stand, and say to me: "Watch the game, don't move, and I will come back and get you at twenty to five".

At the start of the routine, I was probably eight years old - and you couldn't get away with that nowadays! It felt safe though as the friendly Wealdstone fans would always look out for me.

I continued to attend the games until around 1970/1971, at which point I was playing at amateur level and stopped going to the games - eventually to return as a spectator some 40 years later in 2010. The highlight of those early years had been to attend the FA Amateur Cup Final at Wembley in 1966, with my uncle, Alf Goldsmith, to see the victory over Hendon.

During these early childhood years, it had been the custom to spend annual family holidays in Cliftonville in Kent. So when

my wife, Jackie, and I decided to buy a holiday home around eight years ago, the obvious location was somewhere in Kent - and we were very fortunate to find the perfect cottage in Whitstable.

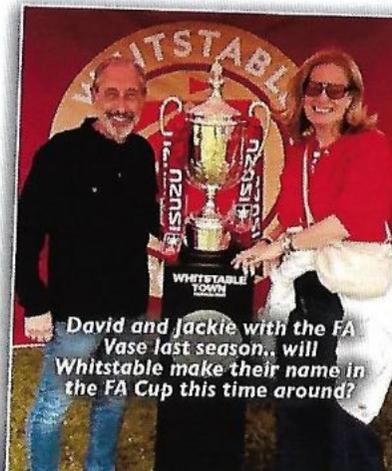
I almost immediately became aware of the football club as our cottage is literally just a five-minute walk to the ground! I very soon became a regular, watching Whitstable Town both home and away whenever we spend any time at the cottage.

One of the notable disappointments was the relegation to step 5 in the 2021/2022 season - I was in attendance for the last game of that season, a 1-0 home defeat that confirmed relegation - but there has certainly been a more positive atmosphere around the club in subsequent years and a strong feeling of progression.

The 2024/2025 season was simply breathtaking! It culminated in reaching the final of the Kent Senior Trophy (losing narrowly 3-2); the league promotion play off semi final (losing on penalties); and most notably, reaching the final of the FA Vase.

Jackie and I were at Wembley for the game, along with fellow Stones fans Sudhir Rawal, Tim Parks and Jon Taffel (on camera duty) and even Wealdstone's Deon Woodman, who happened to be sitting near us. What a game it was!

A 2-1 victory over AFC Whyteleafe in front of 7,000



David and Jackie with the FA Vase last season.. will Whitstable make their name in the FA Cup this time around?

travelling Oystermen fans (with the added drama of coming from behind and winning in extra time) made for one of the most emotional football experiences of my life. It felt as though the whole town was at Wembley Stadium and Jackie cried with happiness, relief and pure joy!

**I fear we shall have divided loyalties in our family for the game this afternoon.**

Jackie has become a Whitstable Town fan, appreciating the efforts of a (mainly) young squad, and a group that clearly plays for the love of the game under the magnificent management team of Jamie Coyle, Matt Longhurst, Dan Eason and Taylor Couldry.

My eldest daughter Megan has been drawn toward Wealdstone and comes to the games whenever she can, including some away trips over the years to Torquay, Bath, Bristol and Nottingham.

My youngest daughter Zara, though, will be the only truly objective observer today - and let's hope she can navigate a careful line, to keep the peace!

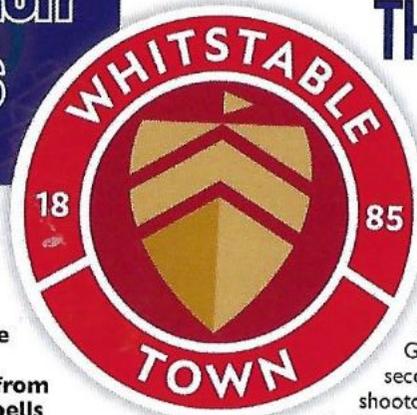
For my part, I really do not want either team to lose. Sam Cox and the management team have been doing a fabulous job at Wealdstone, with the limited resources available. I think that the players have been giving everything this season, unlucky to come away from some games with nothing to show for their efforts.

One of the popular soundbites that football fans use these days is to say that "It's the hope that kills you". Well, today, my hope will be for a great game and for a memorable day with more FA Cup magic, however that may come.

I shall be standing very quietly, close to the halfway line, in my usual viewing spot, soaking up all the emotion, thrills and spills from a most unlikely contest. **Come on Wealdstone! Come on Whitstable!**

# today's opposition in focus

## ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW WHITSTABLE TOWN THE OYSTERMEN



Whitstable Town was established in 1885 and in 1909 joined the Kent League, where they remained for many years, apart from a couple of short spells elsewhere. In the 1996/97 season, the team reached the fifth round of the FA Vase. They were champions of the Kent League Premier Division in the 2006/07 season and were promoted to the Isthmian League. After nine seasons they suffered relegation and played in the Southern Counties East League Premier Division for the next two, but in 2017/18 they won both the Kent Senior Trophy and League Cup, whilst also finishing runners-up in the league, which was enough to gain promotion back to the Isthmian League, where they are currently members of the South-East Division.

Although the first recorded football match in Whitstable was in 1885, the first record of Whitstable Town's existence was the following year. After a couple of years playing in a field behind the railway station, the club relocated to The Belmont Ground in 1888, where they play to this day.

In 1909 the Oystermen joined the original Kent League, where they played until it folded in 1959, winning the Division Two title three times. They also lifted the Kent Amateur Cup (now Kent Senior Trophy) in 1929. After the collapse of the Kent League, the club played for a while in the Aetolian League, but this meant long trips to play London teams as opposed to the earlier money-spinning East Kent derbies, and this was a period of financial struggle for the club, which dropped into the amateur leagues for a number of years.

In the late 1960s the Kent League reformed, with the Oystermen among the founder members,

moving back from the Greater London League. Trophy success was rare although they did reach cup finals on several occasions and lifted the Kent League cup in 1979-80 when they beat Chatham 4-3 after extra time, having trailed 3-1 late in the second half. They also attracted national publicity in 1989 when striker Gerry Allen scored a goal after just 4 seconds of a match. A dramatic penalty shootout involving 26 spot kicks brought the Kent Senior Trophy to Whitstable in 2000-01 when VCD were eventually beaten 10-9 on penalties after the teams finished level at 1-1 after extra time.

Whitstable remained members of the Kent League until their promotion to the Isthmian League in 2007. The 2006/07 season marked the best in the club's history when supporter Tony Rouse took over as chairman from long time servant of the club Joe Brownett. Rouse appointed first team captain Marc Seager as the club's manager, taking over from Matt Toms. Under Marc Seager's leadership the team won the Kent League and the Kent Senior Trophy.

In 2012 former local referee Gary Johnson took over as chairman from Joe Brownett (after his second spell in the chair) who stepped down after many years at Whitstable Town. The club's best finish in the Isthmian League was eighth under managers Jim and Danny Ward in 2014/15, while Nicky Southall led them to the last 32 of the FA Trophy in 2013/14, before losing 2-1 to Ebbsfleet United in front of 742 supporters at the Belmont Ground.

Towards the end of a turbulent 2015/16 season that saw the chairman resign and the club relegated, Joe Brownett again returned as chairman and Scott Porter took over as Manager for the last few games in the Isthmian League before relegation was confirmed. The club rebuilt off the pitch and after two seasons in the Southern Counties East Football League, promotion back into the Isthmian League was achieved with a second placed finish during a season that also brought cup final wins in the Kent Senior Trophy and the SCEFL Challenge Cup.



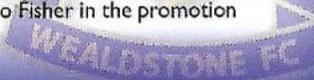
Whitstable's 3,000 capacity Belmont Ground

The club launched a football academy at the start of the 2017/18 season and then joined together with Whitstable Town Junior Football Club on 1st June 2019, when the club ownership was also transferred to a new limited company. With chairman Joe Brownett and manager Scott Porter both deciding to stand down to take up alternative roles within the club, the 2019-20 season heralded a fresh start for Whitstable Town. The junior club chairman Steve Clayton took up the position of overall club chairman and Lloyd Blackman became the new first team manager. There are now opportunities for children under the age of eighteen to train, play football and be part of the town's senior club and with a thriving academy and new reserves team, there is a clear pathway to senior football in the town. Unfortunately, Whitstable finished bottom of the league in the 2021-22 season, despite the efforts of four managers, Lloyd Blackman, Ben Harding (caretaker), Keith McMahon and Andy Drury.

The summer of 2022 saw a major transformation at the club's Belmont Ground, with the installation of a 3G pitch, together with other ground improvements including new LED floodlights. The next two seasons in the SCEFL Premier Division, briefly under Richard Styles and then Marcel Nimani, brought two top six finishes. Jamie Coyle was appointed Whitstable manager in the summer of 2024, with Matt Longhurst and long serving goalkeeper Dan Eason joining the new management team.



The club also launched a new brand identity and club crest ahead of the 2024-25 season, as it continues to grow. That season certainly proved to be memorable one, ending with a historic FA Vase win at Wembley Stadium in May, when AFC Whyteleafe were beaten 2-1 in a thrilling encounter that went to extra time; Harvey Smith and Ronald Sithole scored the goals that brought the trophy back to Kent for the first time in 25 years. Whitstable took nearly 10,000 supporters to Wembley and twice broke their home attendance record during the run to the final, with 2,905 watching the semi-final first leg. After a mixed start to the season, perhaps inspired by the Vase run, Whitstable played 28 games from mid-January, winning 22 and drawing 4, with the only defeats being in the Kent Senior Trophy final (3-2 to Larkfield & New Hythe) and after finishing third in the league, they conceded a late equaliser before losing on penalties to Fisher in the promotion playoff semi-final.





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# The Oystermen who's who



progressing into non-league football.

## **FINN O'MARA Defence**

Previous clubs: Gillingham, Folkestone Invicta, Hastings United, Herne Bay, Erith & Belvedere, Faversham Town  
A summer 2024 signing from Faversham Town, he subsequently returned to one of his former clubs, Hastings United, but later returned to Whitstable. The experienced defender, who spent the 2017-18 season at Gillingham after progressing through their academy, also played under Matt and Jamie at Erith & Belvedere.

## **THEO OSINFOLARIN Midfield**

Previous clubs: Welling United, Greenwich Borough, Ashford United, Cheshunt, Brightlingsea Regent, Harlow Town, Ramsgate, Erith & Belvedere, Herne Bay, Tunbridge Wells, Erith Town.  
Theo is an energetic wing back or winger, who likes to get forward and can score goals. He has worked with Jamie and Matt at previous clubs and joined Whitstable at the start of the 2025-26 season.

## **WILL THOMAS Defence**

Previous clubs: Maidstone Academy, East Grinstead Town, Hythe Town, Sheppey United, Canterbury City, Ramsgate  
Will played for a number of clubs after leaving Maidstone Academy, before joining Whitstable in 2020 and has now made over 160 appearances for the club, mostly as a centre back. Will also played for Jamie and Matt previously before moving to Whitstable in 2020.

## **RICARDO THOMPSON Midfield**

Previous clubs: Gillingham, East Grinstead, Whyteleafe, Corinthian-Casuals, Sevenoaks Town  
Played for Whitstable for a brief spell in the 2015-16 season on loan from Gillingham. He is a versatile player who re-joined Whitstable during the 2024-25 season and became a Wembley winner. He had also previously played under Matt Longhurst at East Grinstead.

## **JAKE ABRAHAMS Midfield**

Joined Whitstable during pre-season 2025-26  
An exciting, quick attacking player who has joined the Whitstable Town Academy and featured in several 2025-36 pre-season games before becoming a member of the first team squad.

## **HARRY BAPTISTE Midfield**

A skilful young attacking player who joined the Whitstable Town Under 23s in 2024-25 and is now a part of the first team squad.

## **FIN COTTON Midfield**

A creative and energetic midfielder who was a product of the Soccer Elite FA Education Programme, Fin played youth football for Charlton Athletic, then earned a scholarship and subsequently a professional deal at Millwall.

## **MIKEY DALTON Midfield**

Previous clubs: Ashford United, Sevenoaks Town, Erith & Belvedere, Chatham Town, Phoenix Sports  
Experienced, hard-working central midfielder who previously helped Chatham Town win promotion and joined Whitstable from Phoenix Sports during the 2023-24 season.

## **JOE HEALY Midfield**

Previous clubs: Millwall, Fisher Athletic, Welling United, Beckenham Town, Margate, Maidstone United, Dover Athletic, Dartford  
Joe played for Millwall as a younger player, before spending time working with Jamie at Maidstone and Welling United. Joe is an intelligent player who can play a number of positions and someone who Jamie has known for many years. His wealth of experience is a great asset for our young squad, both on and off the pitch.

## **TRISTAN HOLDEN Midfield**

Previous clubs: Ramsgate, Lydd Town, Dover Athletic.  
Tristan is a young, industrious defensive midfielder who was the captain of the Dover Academy team and signed first team terms for Dover before joining Whitstable on dual registration. He has previously featured for Ramsgate and Lydd Town. Tristan has also played a number of games for Gibraltar U21s.

## **TAGAN KRAY Midfield**

Previous club: Dover Academy  
A promising young midfielder who is the captain of the Whitstable Under 23 team, Tagan has been around the first team squad for a while and made his competitive debut in the FA Cup at the start of the 2025-26 season.

## **JAMES MILES Midfield**

Previous clubs: Ebbsfleet United, Faversham Town, Rusthall, Erith Town.  
A creative midfielder who joined Whitstable for the 2025-26 season from Erith Town where he had made 151 appearances and played a key role in their 2034-24 treble winning team, scoring some important goals.

## **CALLUM PECK Midfield**

Previous clubs: Hollands & Blair, Rochester United, Kennington, Ramsgate, Chatham Town, Erith & Belvedere, Lordwood.  
Callum signed for Whitstable ahead of the 2025-26 season to link up again with the management team of Jamie and Matt. He is an attacking midfielder who has featured in several successful campaigns with other Kent clubs including Ramsgate, Erith & Belvedere and Chatham Town.

## **JACK PETERS Midfield**

Previous clubs: Dartford Academy, Lordwood, Hollands & Blair, Welling Town, Margate.  
A young, attacking midfielder who progressed through the academy at Dartford, Jack joined Whitstable on dual registration from Margate. He had previously played for several SCEFL clubs

before linking up with Margate towards the end of the 2024-25 season.

## **BRADLEY SCHAFFER Midfield**

Previous clubs: Herne Bay, Sevenoaks Town, Hythe Town, Faversham Town, Sheppey United, Lordwood

A creative, attacking midfielder who has played successfully at higher levels, Brad signed from Faversham Town in January 2025. He is now a key member of the team, regularly contributing goals and assists, including scoring four goals in a win against Holmesdale a few weeks after joining Whitstable.

## **CONNOR WILKINS Midfield**

Previous clubs: Sheppey United, Faversham Town, Ramsgate  
Signed from Isthmian League leaders Ramsgate in early 2025, having spent many seasons as a fans favourite at Sheppey. Connor is a tall, all-action midfielder player who has added massively to our midfield department. He has also played as a defender earlier in his career. Connor was injured in the FA Vase final and is currently awaiting a return to fitness.

## **ASHDON DAY Forward**

Previous clubs: Dartford, Phoenix Sports  
Ashdon is a promising young striker who initially joined Whitstable during the 2024-25 season on loan from Dartford where he had progressed through their academy. He then signed for Whitstable ahead of the new season and is a powerful forward who can play centrally or out wide and already has a great record of goals and assists from his games.

## **DEAN GRANT Forward**

Previous clubs: Faversham Town, Margate, Hythe Town, Sheppey United, Canterbury City, Herne Bay, Hollands & Blair  
A popular striker who can also play out wide, originally made his debut for Whitstable aged 19 after featuring in the youth set up. He has since had successful spells at several local clubs before returning to Whitstable during the 2022-23 season and then again in 2024.

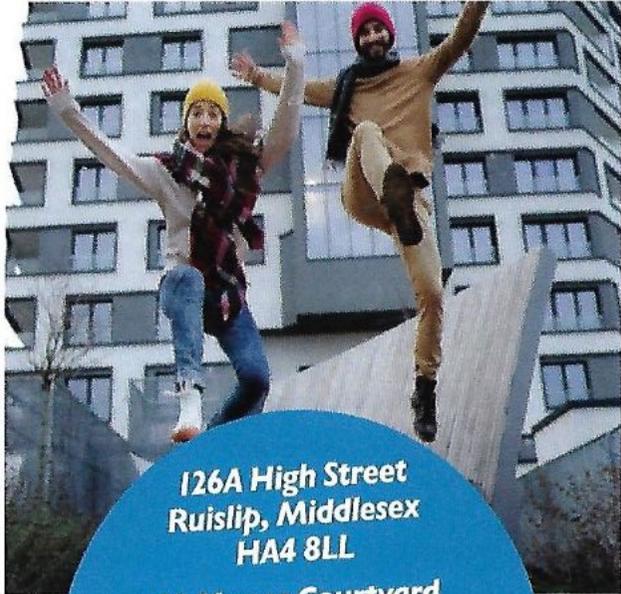
## **JAVAUN SPLATT Forward**

Previous clubs: Derby County (youth), Tonbridge Angels, Whitehawk, Worthing, Billericay, Leatherhead, Sittingbourne, Sheppey United, Clitheroe, Hythe Town.

Although still relatively young, a forward with plenty of experience who joined Whitstable from Hythe Town in the summer of 2025, making a great start by scoring in all six pre-season games. Starting as a youth player at Derby County, he has since played for a number of clubs and also recently featured in the World Cup qualifiers, playing for the British Virgin Islands.

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# Whitstable wonders



BY STONES' PHOTOGRAPHER JON TAFFEL

**Saturday March 1st, 2025 was one of those horrible days when Stones found themselves with no fixture.**

Knocked out of the FA Trophy at the earliest possible stage in a horror show at Aldershot, our conquerors had their sights firmly set on a debut Wembley appearance... and after easing their way through a few more rounds, The Shots' quarter-final engagement at Sittingbourne meant that our league match with them would have to wait for another day.

This was an unwelcome break for the Stones. We'd gained some much-needed momentum with three straight wins - but for some of us, it was an opportunity to try somewhere else for our weekly football fix.

And so it was that we headed off to Whitstable for a few ales (*Handsome Sam* a fantastic micropub) and a first visit to Whitstable Town's Belmont ground.

## The Oystermen haven't FA Cup and Vase games won't be a pushover at

mont ground. They had their own quarter final business to attend to that day, an FA Vase tie against Shropshire-based Whitchurch Alport.

Stones fans accounted for four of their record crowd of 2,656 that day and we were treated to a most enjoyable occasion

despite the plastic pitch.

It wasn't looking good for the Oystermen when they went 2-0 down with just 18 minutes on the clock and the visitors looking dominant. But they showed their resilience in first fighting back to level things before capping off a great day for the club with a last-minute winner from Harvey Smith (not the show jumper, for those old enough to remember the v-sign flicker).

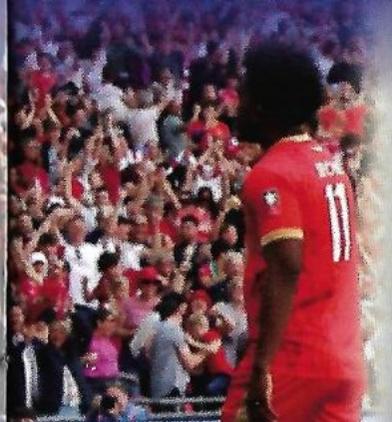
A post-match trip to the fabulous Tankerton Arms and Ossie's fish and chips completed a fabulous day!

I also went to Wembley in May to see first Whitstable Town and then Aldershot triumph

ll journey

Right: Harvey Smith salutes his leveller for Whitstable in the FA Vase Final and (below) his shot arrows into the Whyteleafe net

PICTURES: JON TAFFEL



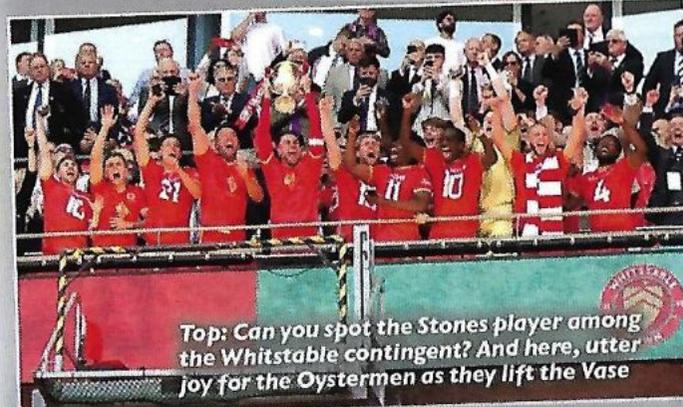
## lost for 17 ...it certainly the Vale today

on Non-League Finals Day - and it's certainly a thrill being pitchside with your camera at such a stadium.

The Oystermen defeated the favourites AFC Whyteleafe (containing three ex-Stones in Aaron Goode, Jamie Mascoll and Ryan Gondoh) by 2-1 that day, again coming from behind to gloriously lift the Vase.

Whitstable played ELEVEN matches to win that trophy, and with this season's FA Cup run they are now unbeaten in SEVENTEEN FA competition games - they last tasted defeat on August 3, 2024 against Sevenoaks in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round!

That's some record, so don't expect a pushover today despite the gap between the our leagues.



Top: Can you spot the Stones player among the Whitstable contingent? And here, utter joy for the Oystermen as they lift the Vase



Above: Is there a Banksy in the house? This illustration at the Belmont ground must be worth squillions  
Left: A battle of Whits as the home side try to belittle visitors Whitchurch Alport with this tiny name publicised on the club gates. It worked!



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## WHITSTABLE TOWN SATURDAY

### 11th OCTOBER 2025

# SUPPORTERS CLUB UPDATE

BY TERRY HISSEY

**Good afternoon to all and a warm welcome to the visiting supporters of Whitstable Town FC who are making history today by reaching the FA Cup final qualifying round for the first time. This was achieved beating Hungerford Town, but their journey actually started against Lingfield FC in the Extra Preliminary Round of early August.**

Current holders of the FA Vase and of the Southern Counties East Football League, they are the only surviving tier 9 (Level 5) club left in the competition. In my programme note for this fixture last season I said that for a select few, this Fourth Qualifying round will be their sixth FA Cup fixture. Putting that into perspective, it's the same amount of games that the winning team at Wembley Stadium next May will have played. So congratulations Whitstable Town on your achievement! The last time we played in the Preliminary Round was in the 2003-4 season against Brook House. I sincerely hope it's a round we don't play in again.

For the last five years I have held the post of Membership Secretary on the Executive Committee. Analysing the database by the issuing of membership numbers I have discovered that in early 2010 we had 110 Life members. Fast forward to 2025 and we now have over 360 so that's a good effort by successive and numerous Executive Committee members. But of course, the best advert for Supporters Club membership is the enrolled members themselves. Annual subscriptions are £10 and Life is £40, so do spread the word! This post brings me in touch with many supporters near and far. Recently I had an email from Eastern Europe:

"My name is Goran Javorac and I'm writing to you from Belgrade, Serbia.

Two of my friends and I had the pleasure of attending your final game of the last season against Halifax, and we were absolutely blown away by the atmosphere, the friendliness of everyone, and the spirit of the Stones. It's safe to say that Wealdstone



gained a few new fans from Belgrade that day! We'd love to take our support a step further and become lifetime members of the Supporters Club". They duly joined and wrote again: "It's honestly a special feeling to hear we're the only members from the former Yugoslavia. We'll proudly carry the Stones banner here in Belgrade. If, by any chance, more fans from the region join in the future, from the Balkans or surrounding countries, we'd be more than happy to help organise a kind of Wealdstone Balkan supporters group. It would be great to build a small network of Stones fans across this part of Europe". So it seems we are going global!

When I took over the post there was a number of members for whom the Supporters Club had lost contact. However, thanks to the assistance of a few fans and social media appeals a majority of these were traced. I experienced some difficulty in tracing three members due to lack of leads or any information. So I am pleased to say that thanks to some detective work from Tony Booth, fellow Committee member, Pete Tymon, Tom Lattimore and Marilyn Bernard have all now 'rejoined' the Supporters Club. Tracing Pete I was able to confirm the passing of Christine Fletcher, the widow of Eric who run the successful Vice-Presidents Association in the Lower Mead days. May they both Rest in Peace. An audit of all our members will soon commence, so please respond promptly when you receive my email.

If you see me today pre-match then please buy a 50-50 ticket. Sales have been so well this season we are having to get more printed and the cash prizes are up on this time last year.

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Terry

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- P Yellow card
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<b>AUGUST</b>	9 TRURO CITY	ENL	2-0	1,572	170	6	Bouldewijn, Hutchinson
	12 WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.	NLC	2-1	215	TBD	6	Hassan, Tshikuna
	16 FC HALIFAX TOWN	ENL	2-1	1,134	115	4	Adarkwa, Cook
	19 Woking	ENL	2-1	1,942	269	1	Kretzschmar (p), Tshikuna
	23 CARLISLE UNITED	ENL	0-1	2,025	551	6	
	25 Boston United	ENL	1-2	2,077	135	7	Obiero
	30 ROCSDALE	ENL	1-3	1,365	280	8	Massey
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	2 SOUTHEND UNITED	ENL	3-2	2,309	1,007	6	Bouldewijn, Adarkwa 2 (1 pen)
	6 Scunthorpe United	ENL	0-0	4,460	57	8	Bouldewijn
	13 GATESHEAD	ENL	2-2	1,109	50	9	Hutchinson, Kretzschmar
	16 LEICESTER CITY	NLC	2-1	226	TBD	9	Hassan, Kretzschmar
	20 Morecambe	ENL	3-4	2,256	150	11	Kretzschmar, Obiero, Massey
	24 Tamworth	ENL	1-1	845	50	12	Tshikuna
	27 EASTLEIGH	ENL	0-0	1,204	92	12	
<b>OCTOBER</b>	1 Brackley Town	ENL	2-0	837	157	11	Bouldewijn, Obiero
	4 ALTRINCHAM	ENL	1-1	1,217	58	10	McAvoy
	11 WHITSTABLE TOWN	FAC4Q					
	18 York City	ENL					
	21 NOTTINGHAM FOREST	NLC					
	25 SUTTON UNITED	ENL					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1 FA Cup 1st Round Proper	FAC1					
	4 Yeovil Town	ENL					
	8 BRAINTREE TOWN	ENL					
	15 Hartlepool United	ENL					
	22 FOREST GREEN ROVERS	ENL					
	25 WEST BROMWICH ALBION	NLC					
	29 Solihull Moors	ENL					
<b>DECEMBER</b>	6 Truro City	ENL					
	13 FA Trophy 3rd Round	FAT3					
	20 FC Halifax Town	ENL					
	26 BOREHAM WOOD	ENL					
	30 Aldershot Town	ENL					
<b>JANUARY</b>	3 Carlisle United	ENL					
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	24 Gateshead	ENL					
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<b>FEBRUARY</b>	7 Eastleigh	ENL					
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	24 BRACKLEY TOWN	ENL					
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<b>MARCH</b>	7 Braintree Town	ENL					
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	25 YEOVIL TOWN	ENL					
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<b>APRIL</b>	3 Boreham Wood	ENL					
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Pictures from our draw with Altrincham last weekend courtesy of @RonnieRaffle

Date in Red = MIDWEEK fixture

### PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

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19th July	MK Dons	H	W	2-0	Tiensia, Georgiou	(Att: 325)
23rd July	Charlton Athletic	H	L	0-3		(Att: 675)
26th July	St. Albans City	A	L	0-1		(Att: TBA)
29th July	QPR Under 21s	H	W	6-2	Adarkwa (4), Trialist, Other Trialist	(Att: 615)
2nd August	Slough Town	H	W	2-1	Woodman, Tshikuna	(Att: 410)

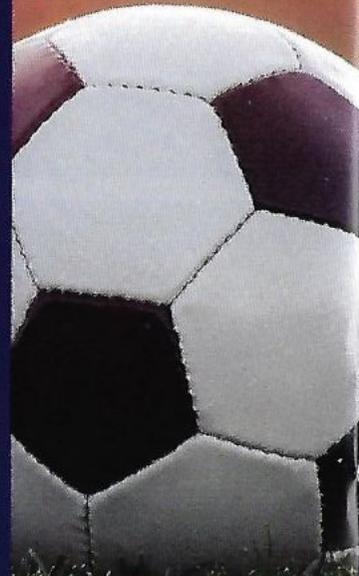
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# The WFC champions

**PART 2:  
SL DIVISION ONE  
(SOUTH) 1973-74**

**IN THE next five editions of the programme we'll jump into our time machine to turn the spotlight on the more recent League Champion teams in Wealdstone FC history... but after reading about the 1952 Athenian League winners in our last programme, MICK FISHMAN details our magnificent 73-74 side that kick-started the Stones' emergence as a real power in non-League football...**

**T**his was the team that Sid Prosser built. In March 1972, towards the end of an underwhelming first professional season in the Southern League Division One North manager Alan Humphries was replaced by the highly-renowned Sid Prosser (below) who had transformed first Finchley and then St Albans City into amateur powerhouses. Sid used the 1972/73 season to build on what he had inherited and in came defenders Eric Burgess and Chris Kinnear, midfielders Alick Brown and Paul Fairclough and striker supreme, George Duck.

The team achieved a creditable upper middle finish - but then came the improvements he had promised. Full back/midfielder John Watson from West Ham, midfielders Jim Godfrey from Barnet and Barry Barnes from West Ham all signed plus, most importantly, ex-Crystal Palace stalwart John McCormick. John was by then 37 years of age, a genuine Glaswegian hard man and a top-class defender. Of equal



**Most appearances (goals in brackets):**  
 Kinnear 56 (2)  
 Duck 54 (62)  
 McCormick 53 (1)  
 Byrne 53 (18)  
 Roy McKenzie 52  
 Henderson 51 (17)  
 Fulton 49 (1)  
 Fairclough 44 (6)  
 Eric Burgess 44 (1)  
 Dyson 40 (4)  
 John Watson 39  
 Jim Godfrey 36 (3)  
 Presland 35 (4)  
 Alick Brown 13  
 Bristow 9  
 Barnes 4 (1)

## SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIV 1 SOUTH, 1973-74

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WEALDSTONE	38	26	7	5	75	35	59
Bath City	38	20	8	10	65	34	48
Waterlooville	38	16	15	7	55	38	47
Minehead	38	16	15	7	69	52	47
Bideford	38	17	12	9	61	51	46
Pool Town	38	18	9	11	67	47	45
Bexley Utd	38	18	7	13	50	42	43
Hastings Utd	38	16	9	13	45	36	41
Basingstoke Town	38	14	11	13	55	44	39
Gravesend & Northfleet	38	13	13	12	58	52	39
Bognor Regis Town	38	13	12	13	48	54	38
Ashford Town	38	14	8	16	41	42	36
Ramegate	38	13	9	16	46	44	35
Dorchester Town	38	10	13	15	40	48	33
Canterbury City	38	9	12	17	37	46	30
Trowbridge Town	38	8	14	16	44	61	30
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Andover	38	11	3	24	38	70	25
Crawley Town	38	6	9	23	35	79	21

## The title that spawned a whole generation of fans: the original mighty Stones

impact was the capture of Bletchley's John Henderson at the peak of his powers. "Dickie" Henderson could operate as an exciting winger or clever midfield general and played a crucial role in setting up numerous goals for Bill Byrne and the prolific Duck. Finally, left back/midfielder Ray Fulton was signed from Leyton Orient.

This team forged by Prosser settled into a wonderfully effective

outfit. Rock solid in defence with Burgess and McCormick a formidable barrier, behind which was the added security of Chris Kinnear who had settled into a sweeper's role with great maturity. Eddie Presland and John Watson were the raiding full backs. In midfield you had the embarrassment of riches from which to select - Henderson, Fulton, the evergreen ex-Spurs double winner Terry Dyson, Godfrey and Fairclough. Up front was the magical partnership of Byrne and

Duck - and Wealdstone fielded only 18 players during that season, five of whom played only very minor roles. In practical terms the lion's share of the season was carried by just 13 players!

The team started in the manner that continued throughout the season, winning almost every match in which they competed. By the end of 1973 they had played 16 league games, winning 11, drawing 2 and losing just 3.

At the turn of the year Stones were in 3rd place, two points behind leaders Basingstoke and one behind Waterlooville, but with four games in hand over both... but then came a body blow when gaffer Prosser decided to leave for top Southern Premier League side Chelmsford City on 1st April, directly after his contract with Wealdstone expired. There was no doubt that this Wealdstone team, dominating the Southern League Division One South and likely to end up champions was the creation entirely of Prosser and supporters wondered what the reaction of the players might be at his departure. Chelmsford were at that time a Football League club in waiting and Sid seemed the perfect choice to lead them on to achieving that goal.

Senior player Eddie Presland was announced as Prosser's replacement to see the team over the finishing line and the second half of the season saw us lose just

twice more in the league. Ramsgate completing an unlikely double over the Stones by winning 1-0 at Lower Mead while the other loss was to Bath City 2-0 at Twerton Park. Following the appointment of ex-Crystal Palace manager Bert Head, Bath had put together a side far too powerful for the division and ended up promoted as runners up to Wealdstone - though 11 points behind.

Those of us privileged to be around would have seen in action Wealdstone's greatest-ever goalscorer, George Duck. That season the elegant George notched an astonishing 62 goals in 60 competitive matches. A club record that is never likely to be beaten.

The Championship was sealed with a tremendous 2-0 win at Gravesend & Northfleet on Easter Monday which was Wealdstone's fifth match in 10 days (all five won), with four of them away from home. To illustrate Stones' dominance, it is worth mentioning that there were still five matches remaining to play when the title was secured and crowds of over 2,500 saw the final few games at Lower Mead against Dorchester and Basingstoke (both won 2-0), Bexley (3-0) and Trowbridge (3-3). A whole generation of new, teenage fans were forged in the Elmslie End (above) and the febrile atmosphere made us supporters for life. Once experienced, never forgotten.

## Duck: "I was angry when Sid Prosser left... he was the reason I'd signed"

"I THOUGHT we'd win something as soon as Sid persuaded me to sign for the Stones" says the now 73-year-old George Duck, who had given up on the game after he had left Spurs of his own volition.

"I was only 20 but happy kicking around with my mates... but Sid was persistent, even after I'd told him

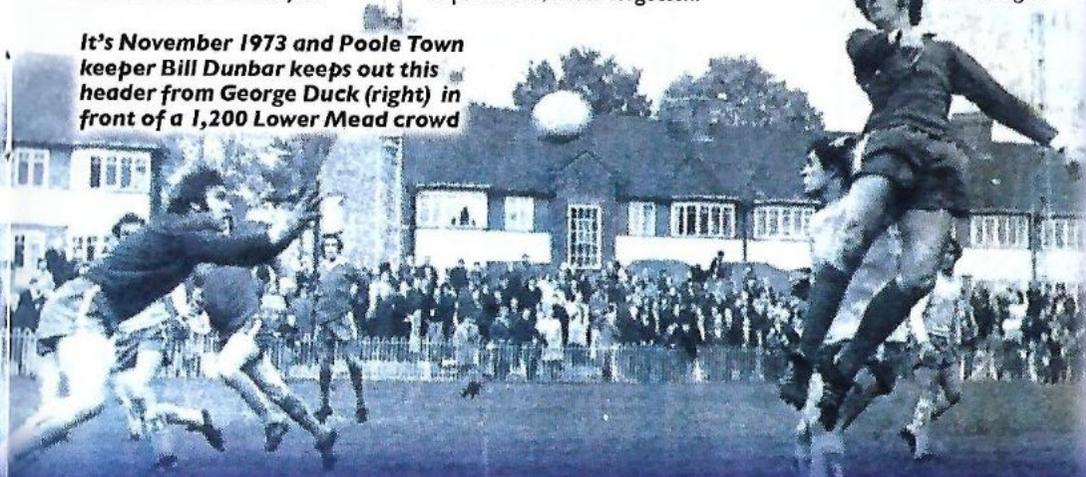


where to go. But once I had tasted the banter and the camaraderie at Wealdstone - and the quirky Lower Mead - I absolutely loved it there.

"Sid had a three year plan to win promotion - building the club up and signing some great players like Willie Watson, Ginge Fulton, Dickie Henderson and Johnny McCormick - and he actually exceeded that.

"I was angry, though, when he left for Chelmsford. He had sold the club to me and now he was leaving... but as it turned out it was the biggest mistake of his life. Sid was never heard of again but I'm so grateful to him for persuading me to sign".

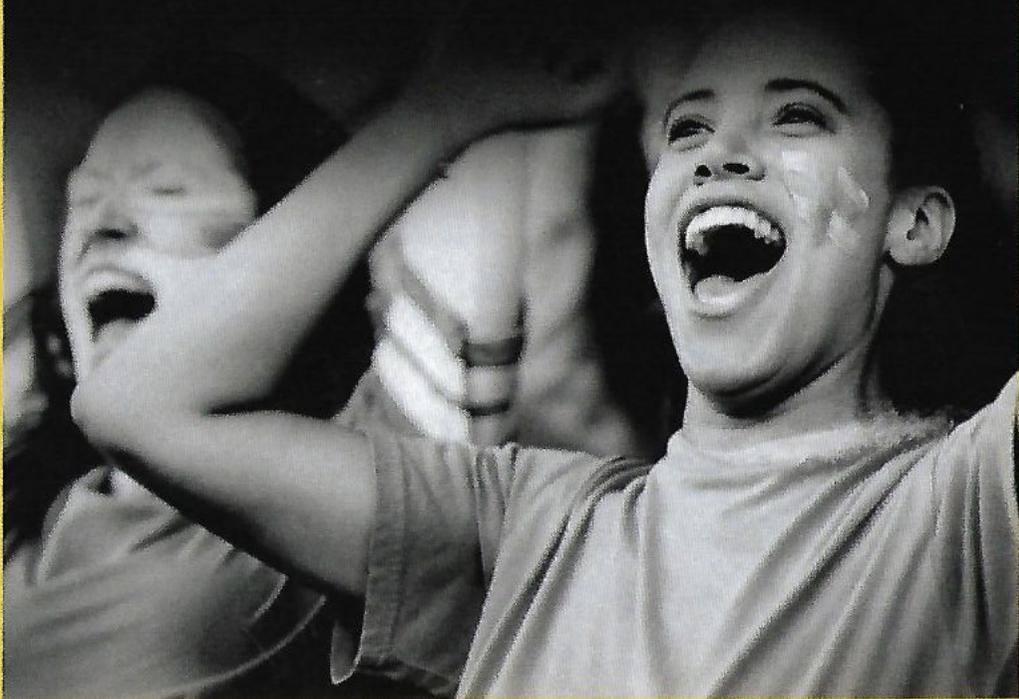
**It's November 1973 and Poole Town keeper Bill Dunbar keeps out this header from George Duck (right) in front of a 1,200 Lower Mead crowd**





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**Gabi RACUT**  
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Gary Smith



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**Libby SALMON**  
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## FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opposition	Type	KO/Res
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Sun 7	Fusion	L	A 0-6
Sun 14	Rose	L	A 5-2
Sun 21	London Football School	L	H 2.15pm
Sun 28	Frenford & MSA	L	A 2.15pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Sun 12	Balham	Cup	H 3pm
Sun 26	Wandsworth Borough	Cup	A 11am
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Sun 2	London Football School	Cup	A 1pm
Sun 9	Edgware & Kingsbury	Cup	H 2.15pm



Head of Women's Football, Gabi Racut, scored a magnificent four for Wealdstone in their recent fixture versus Roses.



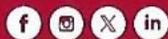
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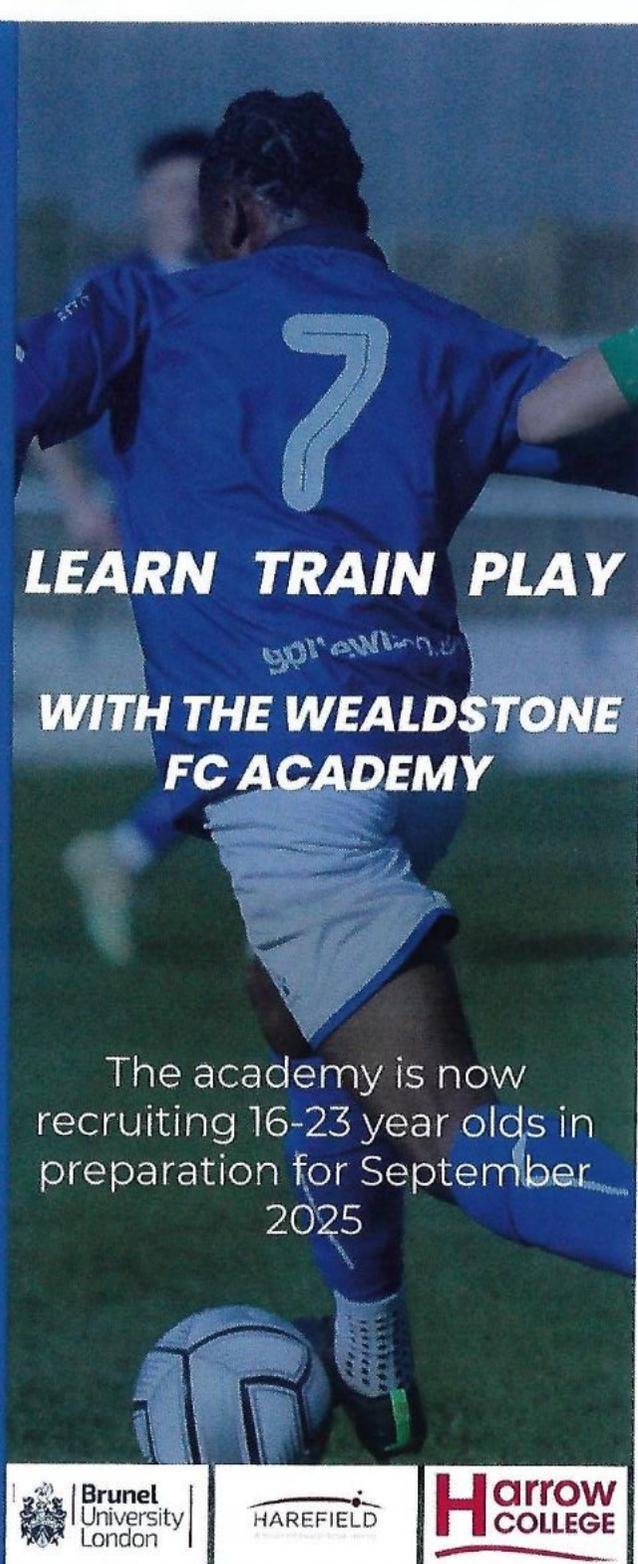
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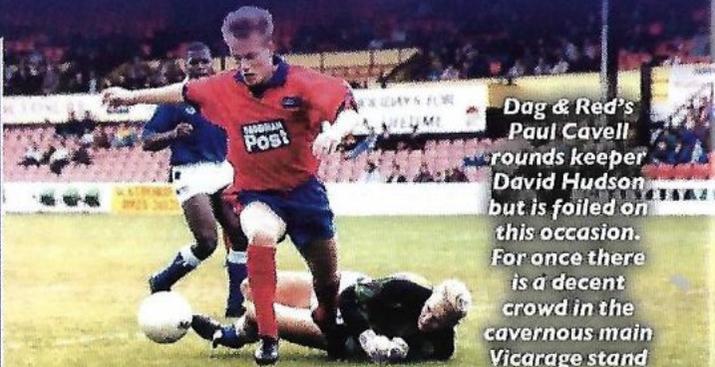
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rewind:  
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BY TIM PARKS



Dag & Red's Paul Cavell rounds keeper David Hudson but is fouled on this occasion. For once there is a decent crowd in the cavernous main Vicarage stand

**Saturday October 11 1992, FA Cup 3rd Qual Round: Wealdstone 1 Dagenham & Redbridge 6 THE STONES' two-year ground share with Watford in the early 90s was disastrous. It was ill-thought-out. Inexplicable. Catastrophic.**

It almost cost the club its very existence and yet, on the occasion of this FA Cup tie 33 years ago, it almost, very briefly, made sense.

Would it have worked if that bonkers agreement happened today? Well, we would now have prospective and sustainable crowds of several thousand watching National League football at Vicarage Road. The Carlises, Southends and York Cities - and potential investors - would feel at home in that environment even if our traditional fans would kick against the lost homeliness of The Vale.

But it will never happen. Ironically, the very size, scale and splendour of Vicarage Road that make it an attractive proposition now was absent in 1991 and only kickstarted, of course, by the Stones' unwitting £1.5m donation to the Watford coffers that allowed Jack Petchey & Co to build the giant Vicarage Road end stand. But play there we did, for two seasons, as

the result of Stones Chairman Alan Clifton's vanity project and rushed sale of Lower Mead. The Vicarage, circa 1991 was a vast, soulless and dilapidated bowl and it desperately needed a decent crowd to generate anywhere near the atmosphere of our beloved former home, Lower Mead.

With relegation in our first season there, there was precious little chance of that - until the FA Cup run of autumn 1992. Our Southern League Southern Division outfit had battled past Tiptree United, Witham, and then Wivenhoe (after a replay) before being drawn at home to the latest incarnation of the East London conglomeration now known as Dagenham and Redbridge.

Only the previous summer, Isthmian Leaguers Dagenham had joined forces with Conference side Redbridge Forest, the vastly wealthy result of a whole raft of mergers of famous non League sides who had sold their grounds: Leytonstone, Ilford and Walthamstow Avenue.

Dag & Red were in the top four of the Conference while Brian Hall's Stones were on a nine games unbeaten run in the Southern League South Division. A crowd of 847 created, at last, a decent atmosphere for a David v Goliath cup tie, but sadly (see left) Stones weren't quite as up to it as the Daggars' expensively-acquired strike force put us to the sword.

It was a very brief taste of what Alan Clifton was hoping for when he signed that preposterous deal with Jack Petchey. Watford got a big new stand out of the deal. We got to play 40 games on the turf and then sent on our way like naive, gullible, penniless school-boys. Not that it ranks.

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● By the way, what a strange headline in the Harrow Observer: Did the supporters really flock to see us flounder? And it was the 3rd Qual Round, not the 4th.

crossbar and Blackford tucked away the rebound. After Shanahan suffered a back injury the Stones defence collapsed and Dagenham scored three goals in the last nine minutes. Cavell headed in from a Blackford cross in the 81st minute and four minutes later Broom waltzed through the Stones' defence to score. In injury time Georgion sent Cavell free and his shot past a helpless Hudson completed his hat-trick and a miserable day for the home side.

## Supporters flock to see Stones flounder

1992

Wealdstone 1 Dagenham and Redbridge 6

WEALDSTONE'S fine run and to an abrupt halt as Dagenham and Redbridge hit them for six in the fourth qualifying round of the FA cup on Sunday, writes Graham Smith. The biggest attendance since the club moved to Vicarage Road last season - a crowd of 823 which included Wimbledon hard-man Vinnie Jones saw a result which was rewarding if flattering for the auxhall Conference side. The visitors took the lead in the 17th minute, Paul Cavell booting past David Hudson

Dave Venables was unlucky four minutes later when his header went inches over from a Dermot Drummy cross. Stones equalised in the 32nd minute when Broom brought down Colin Tate in the penalty area and Tate got up and scored from the spot. Two minutes later Dagenham restored their lead as Nuttells' free header beat Hudson following an Owers free-kick. Stones pressed for the equaliser but in the 77th minute Dagenham went 3-1 up when Cavell headed against the

# Ken's Saturday of woe

Wealdstone 2, Oxford City 4

WOEFUL was the word at Lower Mead on Saturday.

Wealdstone's most inept performance for a long time sadly coincided with their first test in the competition that after the FA Cup was the one in which Ken Payne most wanted to do well.

But any dreams of a run in the FA Trophy this season were laid to rest by humble Isthmian Division One side Oxford City.

Bobby Moore's arrival to that club hasn't worked any miracles, but it didn't need one on the sort of form 'Stones displayed last week.

Apart from the opening 15 minutes, when they did actually look like an Alliance side taking on small fry, 'Stones created little.

Totally against the run of play Oxford took the lead in the 15th minute when Adams tore through a gap in the defence, and smoothly took the ball round Cranstone before planting the ball home.

Nigel Johnson pulled one back before half-time, but it was all downhill from then on for Stones.

Oxford's Les Whitton made it 2-1 with the second half barely warm, and a great 20 yard volley from the same player prepared Stones' coffin in the 74th minute.

Substitute Paul Robinson raised hopes of a comeback with a sharp piece of finishing five minutes later but Oxford's swift reply ended any argument.

With Stones committed to ever-fruitless attacks, Paul Lee and Brian Benjafield led a charge down the right that ended with Lee picking his spot with precision.

"Finishing is all about confidence, isn't it?" said Bobby Moore afterwards.

Stones had left that quality back at the dressing room.

1980



Wealdstone's Nigel Johnson (left) makes a fruitless challenge for a high ball during Saturday's match with Oxford

Saturday October 11 1992, FA Trophy 1st Qualifying Round: Wealdstone 2 Oxford City 4

**ANOTHER miserable cup exit, I'm afraid.** This time the Stones really were floundering in the autumn of the season we were relegated from the Alliance Premier League (today's National League).. and this embarrassing defeat by an Oxford side two

divisions below was atypical of that campaign. Two poor managers were in charge that day, though the opposition dugout had a man with a slightly higher profile than our suffering gaffer Ken Payne. England World Cup winner (and skipper) Bobby Moore was taking his first steps in management and proved to be supremely unsuitable, in the Bobby Charlton mould.

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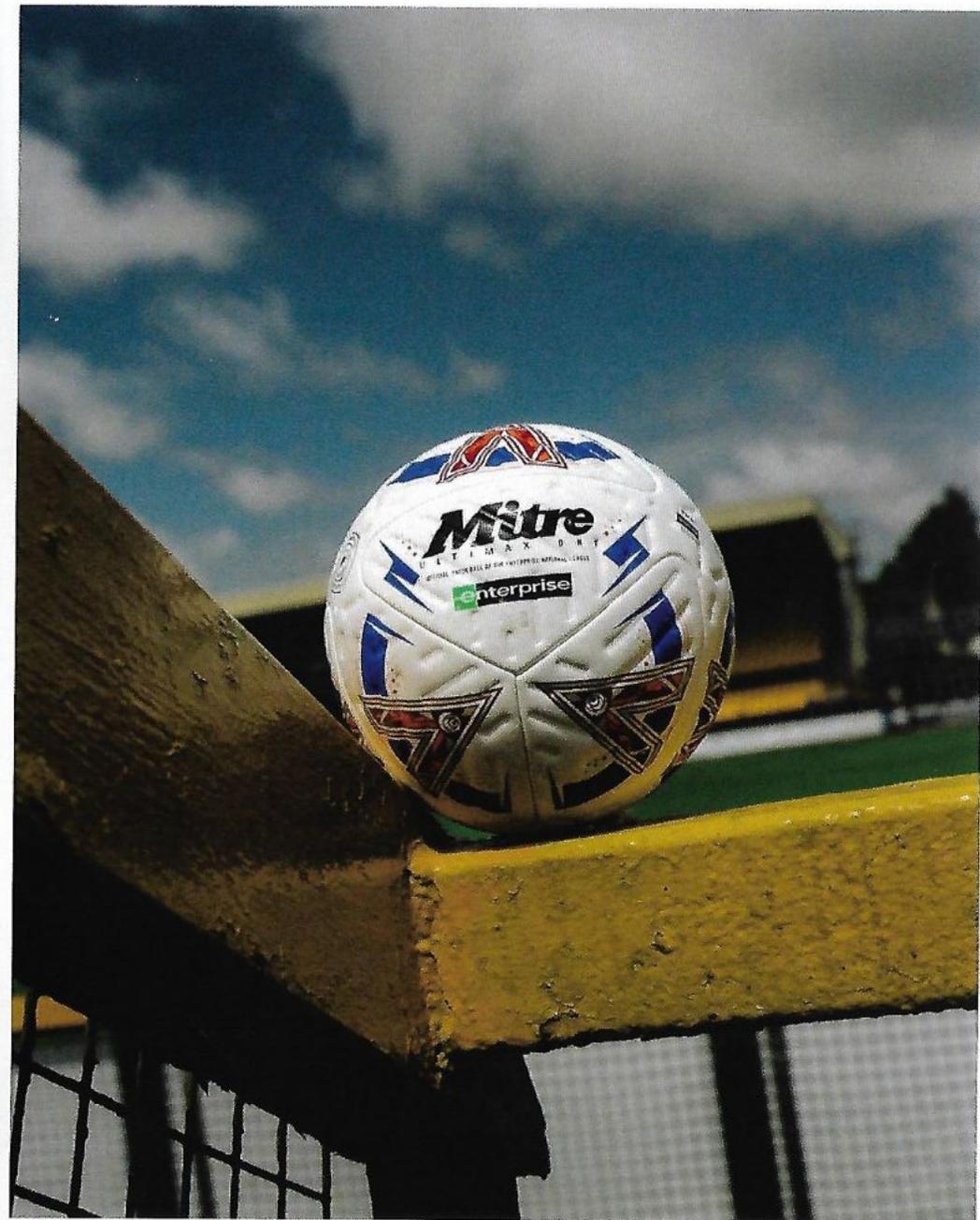


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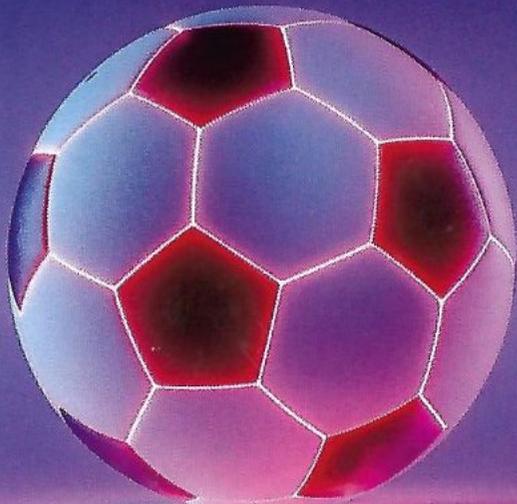
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# Stones' 100th year of FA Cup excitement



BY ROGER SLATER

## A century of drama... from Page Green FC to Whitstable Town

Today marks 100 years since FA Cup football began for Wealdstone in 1913 and let's hope the anniversary has the same impact as the 50th year milestone in 1975.

That was the year the Stones reached the First Round proper in the professional era for the first time, beating Woking, Burnham, Dagenham and Sussex County League Southwick en route to a dramatic 4-3 defeat at then-Third Division (now EFL One) Aldershot Town.

The eagle-eyed among you will have been asking the obvious question: If the Stones played their first FA Cup game in 1913, shouldn't we be celebrating the 112th year of competition today?

Well, no because the Cup was suspended for 10 years during hostilities for the First and Second World Wars... and as for the other two years (1930 and 1964) it seems that the club forgot to enter. I hope



It's April 1921 and our former star Valentine Gregory (the Wolves skipper) tosses up before the FA Cup final kick-off with Spurs skipper Arthur Grimsdell in the white shirt, and the blazered referee

the secretary was suitably embarrassed... imagine the outcry today!

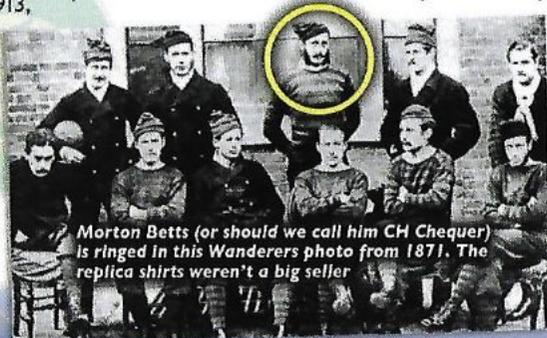
Going back to the very beginning for a moment, our club has a tenuous link to the very first year of the FA Cup, in the 1871-72 season. It was open to 50 clubs who were members of the Football Association but initially only 12 clubs entered including Harrow School - though they were among three that withdrew before the first-round draw had been made.

The entry then reduced to nine, though six further clubs were invited to take part. The draw was made with another local side, Har-

row Chequers, drawn to play away to Wanderers...but the match never took place. Chequers (a club famed for the Blue and White Quartered Shirts that gave them their name) then withdrew - though bizarrely, a few months later, it was Chequers' player Morton Betts who scored the only goal of the final for Wanderers against Royal Engineers.

Betts was playing under an assumed name: C H Chequer, which you probably couldn't get away with these days, and shouldn't have done even in those days come to think of it.

Thankfully, by the time of Wealdstone's first entry into the competition, it was under stronger rules and far better organisation. Our Extra Preliminary Round tie took place on 9th September 1913 at the 'Stones' (first) Belmont Road Ground



Morton Betts (or should we call him CH Chequer) is ringed in this Wanderers photo from 1871. The replica shirts weren't a big seller

against Page Green, who had been regular opponents in Middlesex League and Cup football. Stones were hot favourites to win and the prize was a tie with powerful Spartan League St Albans City - but it turned out to be Wealdstone's *Great Cup Disappointments #1*.

Page Green went on the beat St Albans 1-0 before their cup run was ended versus Barnet Alston. In 1914 we were drawn away at Barnet Alston in the Preliminary Round, but the tie was scratched (although the competition continued) when amateur clubs ceased playing at the outbreak of The Great 1914-18 War. It signalled a five-year hiatus for the Stones who returned to the competition hosting Cheshunt in a draw at the (second) Belmont Road Ground in September 1920.

But it wasn't until the following year - eight years later - that the club scored its first victory in the competition, winning at Luton Clarence after a draw at home.

This was another season Stones had another link to the final, as former player Valentine Gregory had become a star for Wolves. He was skipper in their 1-0 FA Cup Final defeat to Tottenham Hotspur!

For many years the Stones stumbled to defeat in the early qualifying rounds until a famous 7-7 draw at Dulwich in 1929 in the 4th Qualifying Round. Like Whitstable today, it was the furthest we had travelled in the Cup and despite trailing 0-3 after half an hour, we fought back to 4-4 until we had two players unable to carry on with injuries (no substitutes in those days) and fell behind 5-7. But the battling Stones clawed back to 7-7! Sadly there was no **Continued overpage >>>**

## JOHN SILLETT'S POINT OF VIEW



ON Wednesday night we suffered a result that I have always dreaded, as a player, then as a coach and finally as a manager. My playing career was spent with Football League clubs and on the occasions we met non-league opposition we came through the ties without any embarrassment. Then I became a coach and again I missed out on the type of humiliation that a team of full-time professionals suffer when beaten by non-league part-timers. But on Wednesday that day finally arrived when we were beaten by Southern League Wealdstone.

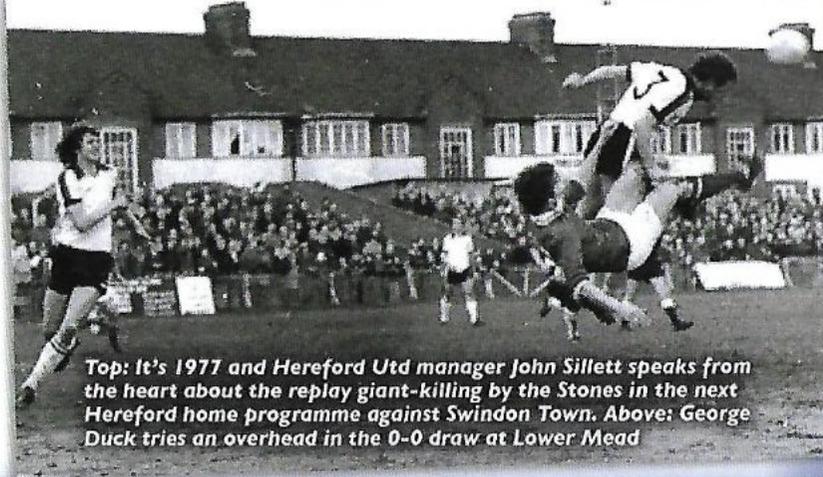
It was a nightmare for me. There is no other word I can think of to describe the experience. I have never been so dejected in my football career. I cried in my heart for the players, who seemed unable to realise the enormity of what was happening to them. I cried for the fans, who tried so hard to encourage the team. And I cried for the directors, who have done so much to make Hereford United what we are today.

Hereford United won their spurs as a great cup fighting team. We were hailed as the giantkillers on many occasions before being elected to the Football League. Now the tables have been turned and what happened to us on Wednesday night will leave a scar with me that can never be forgotten. Now I know how Gollath felt when he was slain by David.

Don't ask me for an explanation. The players are the only people who can provide the answer. They knew what to expect but failed to get the message. We should have beaten Wealdstone by four or five goals last Saturday and I impressed on the players that it would be a different game at Edgar Street. But when we scored in the first minute they thought that it was all over and that they were going to stroll to victory. It was not until we were trailing 3-1 that any real urgency came back into our game.

What happened on Wednesday is now in the past. I want to forget all about it and start building for the future. I want the players to put it out of their mind and I want you to get behind them and help to restore their confidence. I am certain that there is going to be a whiplash and there is no time like the present to show that Wednesday's result was completely out of character. If the players really take Wednesday's result to heart—and I hope they have, then I feel sorry for Swindon today. This is the time to make that whiplash really felt.

All the best, JOHN



Top: It's 1977 and Hereford Utd manager John Sillett speaks from the heart about the replay giant-killing by the Stones in the next Hereford home programme against Swindon Town. Above: George Duck tries an overhead in the 0-0 draw at Lower Mead

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fairytale in the replay... we lost 2-1, leading to **Wealdstone Great Cup Disappointment #2** as the winners were due to host Plymouth Argyle in the first round proper.

The year after failing to enter the competition saw Stones chalk up their record victory in the competition in **1931** when we beat Thame United 12-4 at Lower Mead in the Extra Preliminary Round. Centre-forward C E Bowyer scored six of the goals.

In **1939** a good squad had been assembled, but once again fate intervened when World War Two suspended the league. It was replaced for the duration by a wartime competition that Stones were not part of, yet there was some irony that **September 1945** saw our next tie in the Preliminary Round (six years and six days later) resulting in a victory over Pinner.

In **1949** Wealdstone surpassed their previous records in the competition. On September 17 they beat Hendon 4-0 in the Preliminary Round and 70 days later on November 26 they finally made it through to the First Round proper and a narrow defeat 0-1 at Third Division Port Vale. It was Stones' first-ever match against Football League opposition. On the way, they had also been featured on television as the matches away to Edgware Town in the third qualifying round and at home to Colchester United - then a Southern League club - in the fourth qual had been televised live on BBC, bringing the club to the attention of thousands, if not millions of viewers!

Through the 1950s and early 1960s results were mixed and prog-



First with the news: the BBC TV gantry at Lower Mead in 1949

ress beyond the early qualifying rounds distinctly rare and it wasn't until the **1965/66** Season that the competition got the pulses racing again. Stones were drawn at home to Southern League professionals Stevenage Borough in the 3rd Qual Round... and were losing 3-5 going into the last seven minutes. Stevenage had taken and lost the lead four times before Hughie Lindsay took matters into his own hands, scoring three times in those seven minutes. The final blow was an astonishing 35-yard freekick.

Wealdstone led for the first time in the 89th minute and secured a 6-5 win on a memorable day. How memorable? Ask Hughie. He's still very much a 'Stones regular' and will probably be reading this in the



The brilliant Danny Wiltshire saves from a dark-shirted Colchester forward in 1949

ground today...

A victory in the following round versus Oxford City saw 'Stones once again venturing away to League opposition, but sadly in front of a crowd of almost 12,000 Wealdstone lost 1-3 against Millwall at The Den.

Stones returned to the first-round proper in **1968** losing in a replay at St Albans when the victor's prize was a tie at home to Walsall. That was Wealdstone's **Great Cup Disappointments #3** but it wasn't until November **1975** that League opposition was once again encountered with that aforementioned trip to Aldershot. Our club had

'caught the bug': four wins in the qualifying rounds the following season saw the club face Reading at Elm Park but once again, a tight match went the way of the hosts 1-0. We had two sent off.

Would we ever reach Round Two or beat full-time opponents? That was soon to change as the 'golden era' in 'Stones FA Cup history unfolded. In **1977** 'Stones beat Maidstone United in the 4th Qual and were drawn at home to Hereford United. Under siege for 90 minutes, Stones somehow held their Div Three opponents to a draw, with a replay at Edgar Street scheduled for the Wednesday evening. Schoolteacher striker Pat Ferry couldn't get time off

for the replay, so he phoned in sick, drove across London and jumped on the players' coach together with goalkeeper Chris Lightfoot who taught at the same Essex school.

Just as well for the club - he scored twice in Wealdstone's first-ever victory against a Football League side, running out 3-2 winners in the replay. Ferry

went to school the next morning and was called to the Headmasters office. Excuse at the ready, he knocked on the door and went in. The Headmaster looked up and pulled a copy of *The Sun* from his desk, with the back page headline "Ferry, Ferry Good" for all to see. It took the wind out of Ferry's sails, but thankfully the head just looked up and smiled!

It earned Wealdstone another tie v Reading, this time at Lower Mead where the previous season's result was reversed: Keith Furphy and George Duck (penalty) scored in a 2-1 victory. Stones were on a roll!

Come Christmas and the New Year and - for the first and only time - Wealdstone were still in the FA Cup with a tie at top flight QPR set for January 7. Stones revelled in the attention and even wore a sponsored kit for the first time as Ariola Records provided training and match kit for the day.

Stones battled and harried their opponents and in truth were unlucky to lose 4-0, a scoreline that flattered the hosts. Rangers seemed to get far more of the decisions than they were due. It remains today the furthest the club have ever got in the competition.

Come **1979** and once again 'Stones were in the first round, this time facing another league side in Div Three Southend United at Lower Mead, but a single goal was enough to see the visitors triumph. This was becoming by far the best spell the club had ever had in the FA Competitions as in **1982** they once again reached the first round, this time losing out at Swindon Town by 2-0 - and in **1983** they eventually beat local rivals Enfield in a First Round second replay to earn the right to visit Layer Road, Colchester United. Another four-goal defeat ended the

run once again... and in **1985** another 1-0 defeat to Reading (via a penalty kick) saw a first-round exit to a Div Three side who were riding high, unbeaten in their division.

This was the only season that Stones have been exempt until the competition proper - reward for winning the non-League double in **1985**.

The following year a 3-0 victory at Dagenham earned a home tie with Swansea City. Stones were unlucky not to win a match that eventually finished 1-1 before postponements and an abandoned game in South Wales set up a much-anticipated replay ten days after the original tie. The delays seemed to impact Stones' performance though and the Whites ran out winners by four goals to one.

It signalled the end of an extraordinary run of relative success in the competition, reaching the first round or better eight times in eleven seasons. Wealdstone's **Great Cup Disappointments #4** is probably that it then took over 20 years before 'Stones returned to the competition proper in **2009** when Rotherham United were visitors to The Vale. Wealdstone were then in the Ryman League Premier Division, three levels below their visitors, and a comical goalkeeping



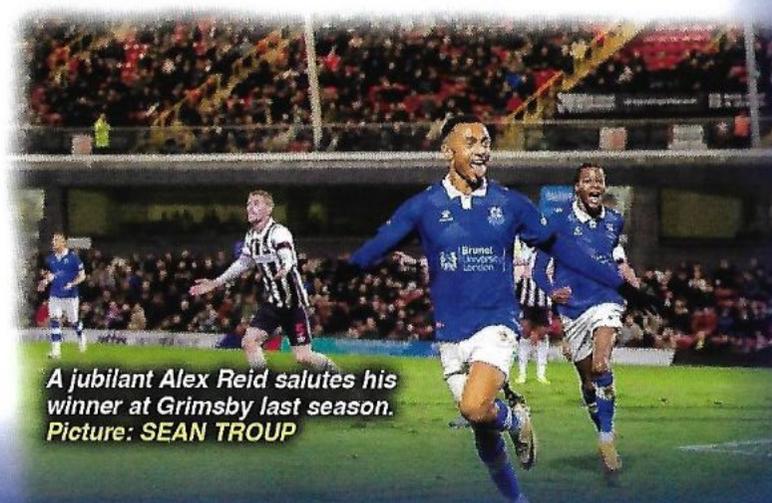
error put us behind. But Stones rallied well to bring the score back to 2-3 and had chances to equalise in a hugely uplifting second half. A great day!

Six more years were to pass before 'Stones qualified for the first round again in **2015** ... to play Colchester United again, at the Vale. Stones led 2-1 in the first half but the Essex side proved too good on the day, winning 6-2.

It was another nine years later, **2024** that Stones were handed an unappetising First Round tie at Grimsby Town - an EFL Two club who had been promoted from the National League a couple of years earlier.

Stones had nothing to lose after a long journey and perhaps a tie that neither side really wanted, even up to kick off. But by five o'clock it was a momentous day for Wealdstone (in a disappointing season) as we ran out winners by the only goal. Thanks, Alex Reid. It earned a tie at home to neighbours and former league rivals Wycombe Wanderers.

A full house and live on ITV (even with a daft 11.30am kick off time) made for a great atmosphere and a spirited performance in defeat, but the sweet 'cup taste' might just be back. **Can the side repeat the relative success of the late 70s and 80s? Ask me at about 5pm this afternoon.**



A jubilant Alex Reid salutes his winner at Grimsby last season. Picture: SEAN TROUP

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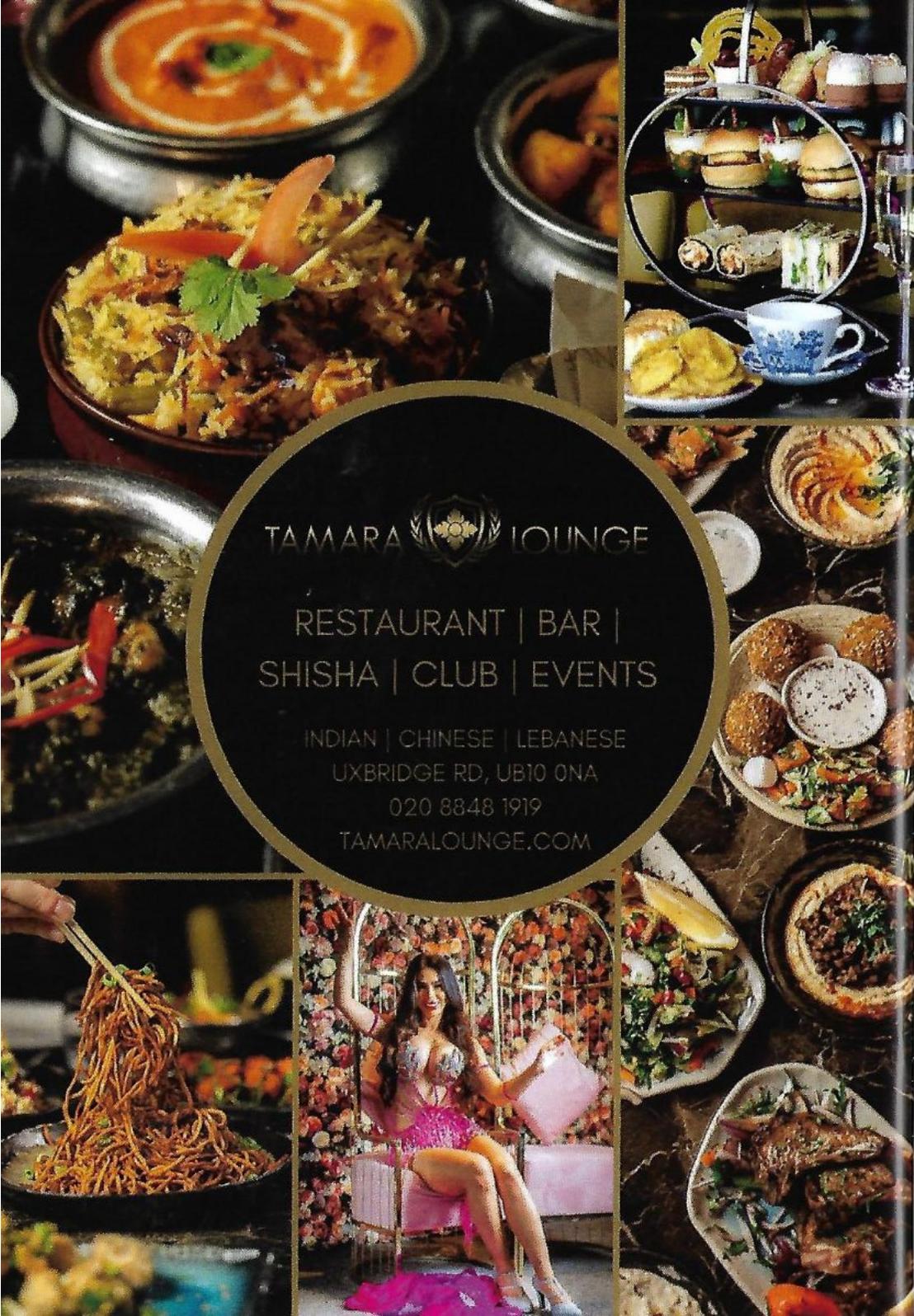
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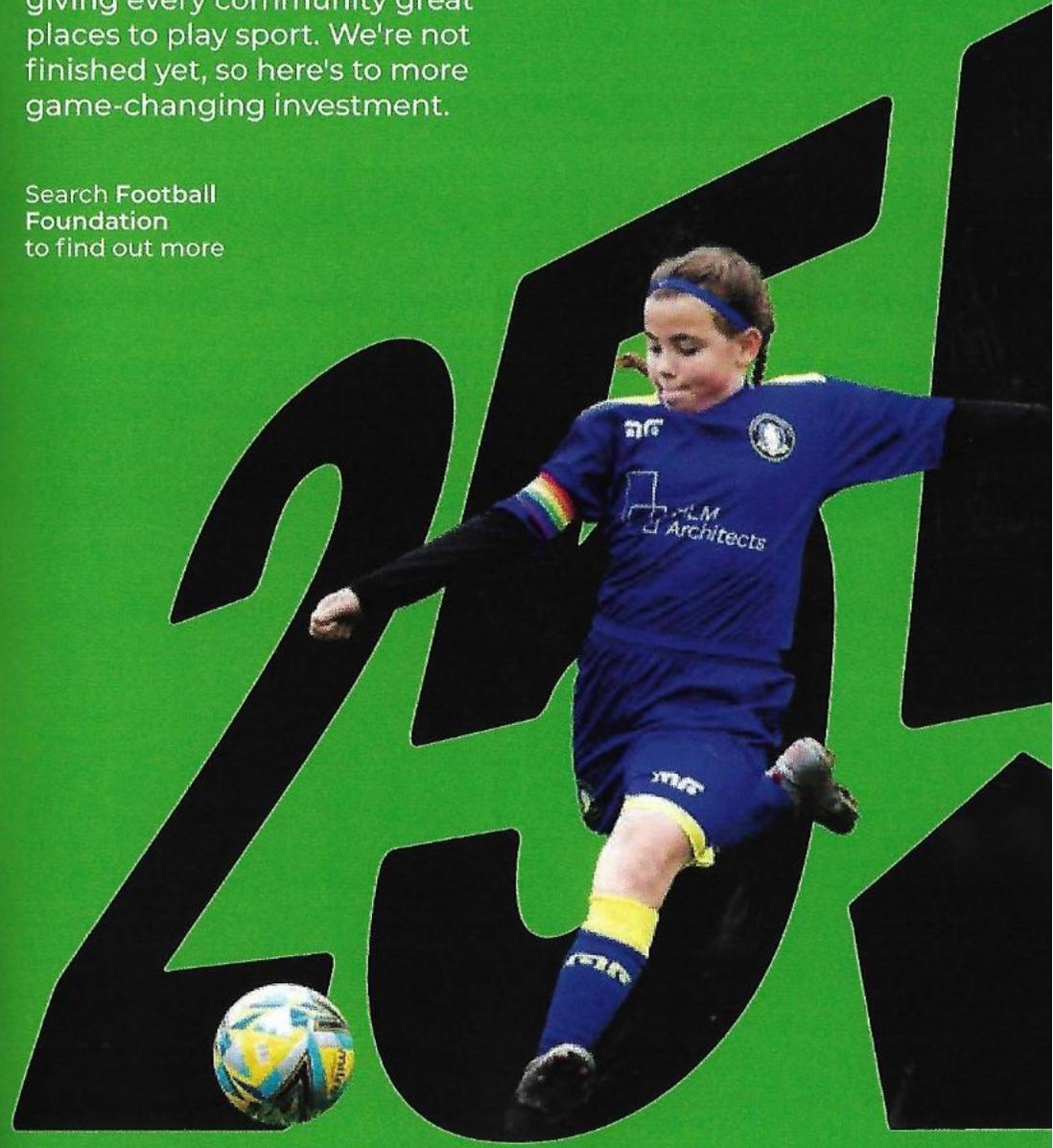
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- Carlisle United vs Boston United
- Dorking Wanderers vs Aldershot Town
- Eastbourne Borough vs Boreham Wood
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- Gainsborough vs Hartlepool United
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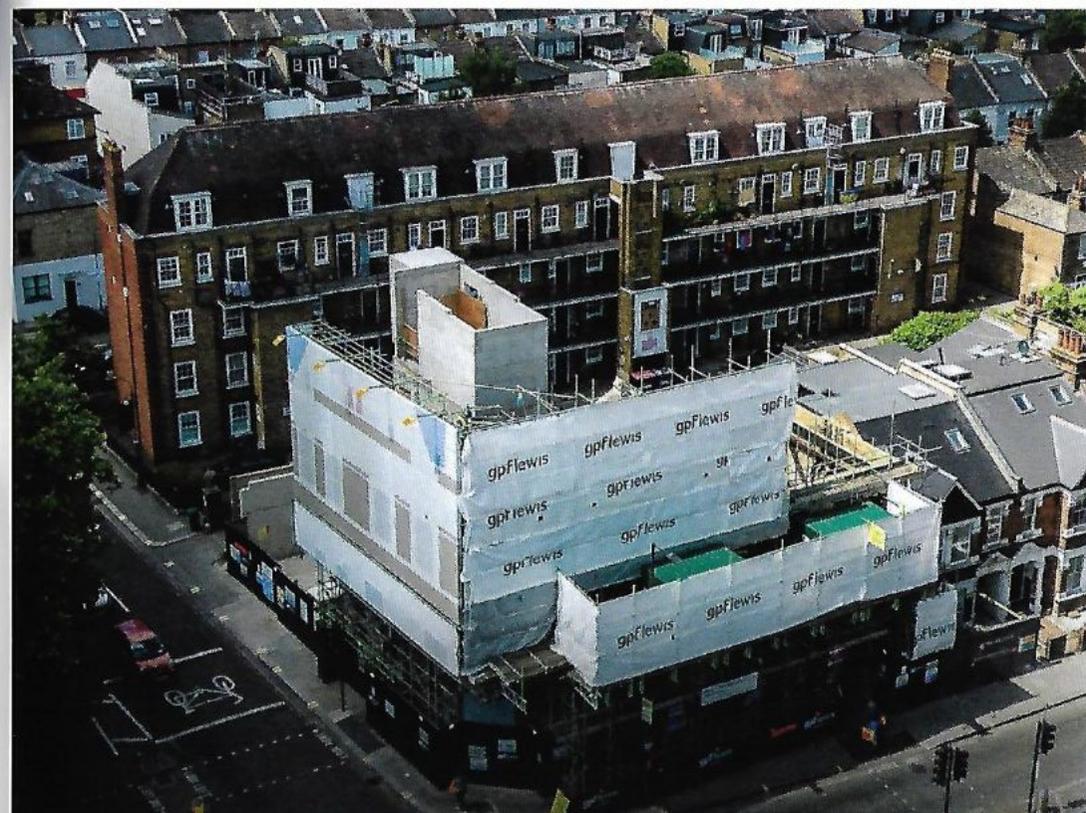
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5 Scunthorpe United	12	3	2	1	4	2	0	7	4	1	21	10	11	25	0-0	
6 Halifax Town	14	3	2	1	4	1	3	7	3	4	22	21	1	24	2-1	
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8 Southend United	13	3	3	1	3	1	2	6	4	3	20	11	9	22	3-2	
9 Tamworth	14	3	3	1	3	1	3	6	4	4	17	18	-1	22	1-1	
10 Wealdstone	14	3	3	2	2	1	3	5	4	5	20	18	2	19	----	----
11 Yeovil Town	14	3	1	3	3	0	4	6	1	7	17	20	-3	19		
12 Hartlepool United	14	2	4	1	2	2	3	4	6	4	13	10	3	18		
13 Eastleigh	13	3	1	2	2	2	3	5	3	5	15	15	0	18	0-0	
14 Gateshead	14	1	1	5	4	1	2	5	2	7	22	32	-10	17	2-2	
15 Boston United	13	2	1	3	2	3	2	4	4	5	14	17	-3	16	1-2	
16 Brackley Town	13	4	1	2	0	3	3	4	4	5	10	13	-3	16	2-0	
17 Solihull Moors	14	1	2	4	2	3	2	3	5	6	15	26	-11	14		
18 Woking	14	1	3	3	2	1	4	3	4	7	17	19	-2	13	2-1	
19 Aldershot Town	14	2	2	3	1	2	4	3	4	7	27	31	-4	13		
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21 Braintree Town	14	2	2	3	1	1	5	3	3	8	13	22	-9	12		
22 Sutton United	14	1	2	4	0	3	4	1	5	8	15	25	-10	8		
23 Truro City	14	2	1	4	0	1	6	2	2	10	13	24	-11	8	2-0	
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