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Stones to meet on Yeading move

WEALDSTONE FC members get the chance to air their views on the club's relocation to Yeading at a meeting on Thursday April 22.

Club chairman Paul Rumens and his board of directors will be on hand to answer any questions and all members and supporters are invited to attend.

The meeting will take place at the Wealdstone Social Club, Station Road, Harrow (opposite Tudors Nightclub), starting at 7.30pm. The meeting will be preceded the annual general meeting of the Wealdstone FC Supporters Club.

Wasps' cup dreams shattered
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Stones are pipped in seven goal thriller

Wealdstone 3
Buckingham 4

STONES lost by the odd goal in a high scoring game at Vicarage Road on Monday, **writes Graham Smith.**

Richard Lovegrove hit the crossbar in the 11th minute, but it was the visitors who took the lead two minutes later when Pearson pushed the ball to Blencowe whose left foot shot beat Wilkerson.

13 minutes later Dermot Drummy hit a 20 yard free kick round Buckingham's defensive wall to equalise but ex-Stone Ian Bowyer almost restored the visitors' lead with a header which was just over in the 31st minute.

In the second half Colin Tate shot just wide from a Drummy free kick before Stones went ahead in the 52nd minute when Dave Venables won a tackle and ran 20 yards before hitting a good shot past Warnecki.

However, a minute later Buckingham were level with a soft goal. Sherlock's centre beat the Wealdstone defence and trickled over the line at the far post. After 70 minutes Smy put the visitors ahead with a shot through Lovegrove's legs and past Wilkerson.

Stones pressed hard for an equaliser with Lovegrove and Sean Adamson going close before their pressure paid off in the 85th minute when a great run from Sean Pearson ended with his cross being met by Johnson Hippolyte who managed to score as he fell to the ground.

But Stones joy didn't last long, for a minute later the home defence was caught asleep as Sherlock headed home Buckingham's winner to complete a disappointing Easter for Wealdstone.

Wealdstone: Wilkerson, Peiffer, Pearson, Lovegrove, Bladder, Cordice, Drummy, Hippolyte, Hedge, Venables (Adamson), Tate. Other sub: Gayle.

Borough battle to keep Borg

By John Comfort

AMIDST rumours that their manager is set for pastures new, Harrow Borough have offered George Borg a contract in an effort to ensure that he stays at Earlsmead.

Under Borg's guidance, a club that has fought successive battles against relegation for the past three years has been miraculously turned around and, in their best season since the Isthmian League Championship was clinched in 1984, he has led them to cup glory with their win over Wembley in Monday's Middlesex Senior Cup Final.

Following similar resuscitation jobs at Barking, Chelmsford and Chesham, it is not unduly surprising that Borg's Midas touch has attracted the attention of other clubs with managerial vacancies to fill - but Borough are more than a little anxious to see that their manager is not lured away.

Said club chairman, Martin Murphy: "We have heard all the rumours that George is going to this club and that club. When you have a successful manager other clubs are always going to be after him. But the last thing we want is to lose George and we will be doing all we can to keep him.

"He has done an exceptional job in building up a good team. We'd have to start all over again if he left. That's not what we want."

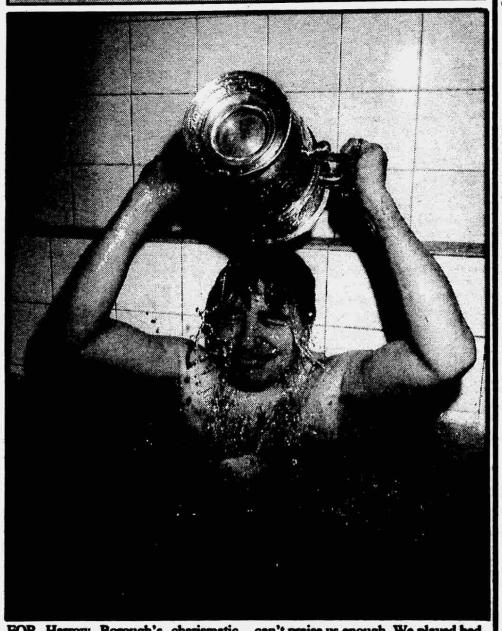
Borg discussed his position with the chairman and the board of directors on Saturday.

He said afterwards: "A lot of good things came out of it. Harrow Borough is an up and coming club. With the right funding to keep everyone here there is no reason why we can't look forward to an even better season."

Borg and the board will be meeting again this week.

"We've got to iron a few things out regarding the future and what they aim to achieve at Harrow Borough and hopefully, if everything is right, it will be all systems go," said Borg.

George in hot water again



FOR Harrow Borough's charismatic boss George Borg, being in hot water is perhaps not an unusual situation.

But on Monday at Enfield there was good reason for George being up to his neck in it - he was celebrating after Borough had beaten local rivals Wembley 1-0 to win the Middlesex Senior Cup for only the second time.

A cracking 65th minute goal from Martin St Hilaire was enough to give Borough the trophy in what was otherwise a poor game.

"It was a very disappointing match but if any goal deserved to win a final, that one did," said Borg. "I can't praise us enough. We played badly but we still won."

Wembley manager Alan Dafforn was not surprisingly disappointed after what was Wembley's second successive Senior Cup Final defeat.

"I was pleased with the way we played and we acquitted ourselves well but things didn't come off," he said. "We missed our chances and then bosh, they go up the other end and score. But that's football and I'd rather be here and be involved than not be here at all. And we'll be back."

Picture by Gareth Beard

Borough beat Wembley to win Middlesex Cup

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Town pay for missed chances

Kingsbury Town 1
Northwood 1

KINGSBURY were left to rue a hatful of missed chances after a disputed late penalty gave visitors Northwood a fortunate point on Tuesday, **writes John Comfort.**

In a first half which Kingsbury shaded, a double save by Northwood keeper Kevin Beckles denied first Niall O'Rourke and then Ian Brown-Peterside, while Steve Surridge had a header cleared off the line.

Northwood replied with a fine shot from Tim Vincent that cannoned back off the crossbar but just before half time Brown-Peterside was again thwarted by Beckles and O'Rourke put a free header over the bar.

Kingsbury took the lead two minutes into the second half when Ray Mangan fired home after the Northwood defence had failed to clear a corner. But Town were unable to build on their advantage with O'Rourke squandering two good chances to make the game safe.

Then with 10 minutes to go a long ball into the home area tempted Mark Gower from his goal to punch clear and when the challenging Martin Randall went down the referee harshly awarded a penalty from which Vincent levelled the scores.

A well contested game was soured in injury time when Northwood had Danny Buckley stretchered off with a suspected broken leg.

Kingsbury: Gower, Smyth, Walsh, Hide, Mangan, Theodorou, Surridge, O'Rourke, Holmes, Ivers, Brown-Peterside. Subs: Simpson, Whytock.

Lions look to shrug off final defeat

WEMBLEY look to put the disappointment of their Middlesex Senior Cup Final defeat behind them when they return to league action at Walton on Saturday.

Lee Endersby and Paul Shirt are in contention for places after missing the final through being cup tied. Tony Headlam and Gary Morse should be fit following injuries sustained against Harrow.

Striker David Gipp, who recently returned to the club after being released earlier in the season, could be in line for a place in **Harrow Borough's** side to visit relegation threatened Staines Town.

Borough will know who their Middlesex Charity Cup semi-final opponents are on Tuesday after Yeading meet Chelsea at the Warren.

If Chelsea win, the semi final at Borough could be next Thursday. If Yeading win it will be on Tuesday April 27.

Wealdstone keeper Rob Tenkorang hopes to be fit for Saturday's match at Fareham after missing the last two games with a knee injury.

Edgware Town have a tough home game against promotion chasing Berkhamsted on Saturday. Manager Brian Rider is likely to rely on the same squad that unluckily lost to league leaders Ruislip Manor on Easter Monday.

Paul Bhatia is still struggling with an injury and will probably miss **Kingsbury's** match at home to Horsham.

Paul Gower was preferred in goal to Keith Small for the midweek game with Northwood and a sound performance then suggests he will retain his place.

Rayners Lane have another difficult game away to second in the table Cirencester.

But with several players returning who were unavailable for the Easter games, they will be in confident mood after their good result at Abingdon.

Latest league tables

OMDORA LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Chesham Utd	37	27	7	3	95	32	88
St Albans City	38	25	7	6	92	48	82
Carshalton Ath	39	21	9	9	91	51	72
Enfield	38	22	6	10	87	47	72
Sutton Utd	38	21	7	10	79	49	70
Stevenage Boro	38	17	7	14	59	54	58
Hayes	37	15	12	10	61	51	57
Grays Ath	38	15	9	14	54	58	57
Aylesbury Utd	38	17	4	17	66	71	55
Harrow Boro	37	13	13	11	62	65	52
Hendon	37	11	16	10	48	47	49
Dulwich Hamlet	38	12	13	13	50	57	49
Basingstoke T	37	11	15	11	44	40	48
Kingstonian	37	13	8	16	54	54	47
Marlow	39	12	9	17	69	64	45
Bromley	38	11	10	17	47	66	43
Wokingham T	37	10	10	17	51	74	40
Yeading	39	9	11	19	55	65	38
Staines T	38	9	11	19	55	74	38
Wivenhoe T	38	11	5	22	39	75	38
Windsor & E	36	7	6	25	37	84	27
Bognor Regis	37	4	6	25	38	93	20

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Hitchin	37	23	7	7	82	25	76
Dorking	34	20	6	8	63	33	66
Molesey	34	18	11	5	68	32	65
Bishops Stortf	37	18	9	10	57	38	63
Purfleet	36	16	12	8	56	37	60
Billericay	36	18	6	12	64	50	60
Tooting & Mitch	37	15	12	10	59	42	57
Abingdon Town	33	13	11	9	52	41	50
Boreham Wood	36	12	14	12	44	40	50
Wembley	34	12	12	10	39	39	48
Walton & Hersh	36	12	12	14	55	54	48
Uxbridge	37	11	12	14	48	55	45
Leyton	35	10	12	13	46	49	42
Maidenhead	37	9	16	12	42	49	41
Heybridge Sw	36	11	8	17	44	59	41
Croydon	37	11	6	18	51	72	41
Whyteleafe	35	10	9	16	59	65	39
Chalfont St P	37	9	7	14	44	63	35
Barking	36	9	7	20	39	79	34
Lewes	36	8	9	19	31	69	33
Aveley	36	7	6	23	40	83	27

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Ruislip Manor	36	23	11	5	72	32	80
Worthing	36	24	6	6	90	45	78
Hemel Hemp	38	19	12	7	76	47	69
Berkhamsted	36	20	8	10	64	53	68
Chertsey Town	36	20	6	13	78	51	66
Met Police	37	20	5	12	78	46	65
Saffron Walden	36	17	8	13	59	44	59
Newbury Town	36	14	16	9	51	47	58
Malden Vale	36	16	9	13	64	52	57
Hampton	36	15	11	12	55	49	56
Edgware Town	39	16	10	14	62	70	58
Egham Town	39	16	8	15	57	66	56
Leatherhead	39	13	11	15	61	57	50
Banstead Ath	34	12	12	10	54	37	48
Tilbury	37	12	7	18	62	91	43
Ware	39	10	11	18	61	69	41
Hungerford	38	11	8	19	35	77	41
Witham	38	8	15	15	46	58	39
Barton Rovers	36	9	10	17	32	54	37
Rainham Town	39	7	10	22	49	76	31
Hendon Utd	36	8	7	23	33	64	31
Southall	37	4	7	26	34	99	19

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Aldershot Town	35	25	8	2	81	33	83
Collier Row	34	20	10	4	63	26	70
Thame Utd	33	19	9	5	74	31	66
Leighton Town	35	18	10	7	80	44	64
Cove	35	19	6	8	63	38	64
Northwood	38	17	11	8	74	57	62
East Thurrock	36	16	7	13	63	53	55
Flackwell Hth	36	15	6	15	79	69	51
Royston Town	35	14	8	13	53	42	50
Kingsbury T	34	13	9	13	56	60	48
Hertford Town	35	13	9	13	58	59	48
Horsham	36	12	7	17	62	54	43
Hornchurch	36	10	12	14	48	50	42
Tring Town	34	10	10	14	62	68	40
Epsom & Ewell	35	9	11	15	47	60	38
Camberley T	36	8	7	21	37	66	31
Bracknell Town	35	6	12	17	46	67	30
Petersfield Utd	36	5	12	19	36	81	30
Clapton	36	7	7	21	38	69	27
Feltham & Hounsl	33	5	4	24	39	99	19

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE
Southern Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Sittingbourne	39	24	11	4	82	39	83
Gravesend	40	24	3	13	89	59	75
Salisbury	37	23	6	8	76	49	75
Havant	38	21	5	10	71	44	68
Witney	34	20	7	7	64	31	67
Sudbury Town	38	18	11	10	61	49	65
Basingstoke	39	18	6	14	65	59	60
Ashford Town	37	17	6	12	61	61	59
Margate	39	18	5	16	62	59	59
Welling Utd	39	17	6	16	68	63	57
Erith & Bel	39	17	5	17	64	61	56
Poole Town	39	15	7	17	56	55	52
Baldock	39	13	9	17	58	62	50
Buckingham	35	14	8	13	58	54	47
Burnham	38	13	7	18	49	72	46
Fareham T	39	12	8	19	61	62	44
Canterbury	37	12	8	17	49	66	44
Newport IOW	35	9	14	12	39	46	41
Fisher Ath	37	8	8	21	35	85	32
Andover	39	7	8	24	38	89	29
Dunstable	38	5	10	23	38	86	25
Bury Town	38	6	5	27	36	108	23

Fixtures

Saturday April 17

Diadora League Premier Division: Staines Town v Harrow Borough.

Diadora League Division One: Walton & Hersham v Wembley.

Diadora League Division Two: Edgware Town v Berkhamsted (White Lion ground, 3pm).

Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Horsham (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

Beazer Homes League Southern Division: Fareham v Wealdstone.

Hellenic League: Cirencester v Rayners Lane.

Tuesday April 20

Diadora League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Sutton Utd (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

Leaders have unlucky Edgware doubled up

Edgware Town 0 Ruislip Manor 1

EDGWARE were unfortunate not to take a point from the league leaders on Monday - the second time this season that Manor have secured a lucky win over Brian Rider's side.

On a sticky pitch that made good football difficult it was a dour game. In the first half Edgware had their chances with Eugene Flynn glancing a header just wide and Lee Harvey rushing a shot when well placed and being off target.

After the break John Mangan was unlucky for Edgware with a header that was blocked on the line but Manor hit back and should have gone ahead when Pedro Herbert robbed Seamus Finnerty but then put his shot wide.

With 12 minutes to go Manor broke the deadlock. Skyers crossed from the right for Herbert to hit a shot on the run which cannoned off Henstock and flew into the net.

Edgware were unlucky not to level straight from the restart when from a Sheridan cross Scott McGleish lobbed keeper Simmons only for the ball to come back off the crossbar and although the home side pressed in the remaining minutes, the equaliser they deserved eluded them.

Edgware: Hourihan, Brennan, Ferry, Finnerty, Mangan, McGleish, Flynn, Dyson, Sheridan, Harvey (Coleman), Thompson. Other sub: Morris.

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