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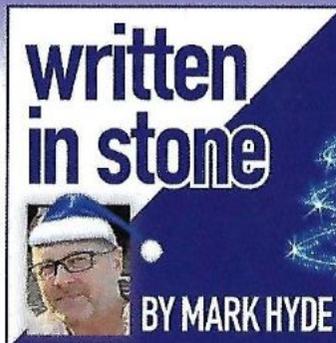


A Merry Christmas from the Wealdstone family..and here's to a brilliant 2026!

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DADDY'S GIRL
Stones skipper Jack Cook and delightful daughter Betty after the win over Cheshunt
Pic: JON TAFFEL





Friday December 26th 2025

V Boreham Wood

Seasons greetings and welcome back to Grosvenor Vale for our final fixture of 2025. I hope you are all full of festive cheer and ready for this Boxing Day extravaganza against near neighbours Boreham Wood from Borehamwood (someone please explain the gap to me).

It's always strange producing a programme at this time of year due to early deadlines. There are just under two weeks to go as I type these notes, so please accept some vaguery and possibly slightly dated content.

It's been an incredible start to the season and we can very much look forward to 2026 as a club on the rise.

As I type, the draw for the 4th round of the FA Trophy has just been made and Wealdstone face familiar opposition in the form of National League South Dagenham & Redbridge, here at the Vale on 10th January, so make a note in your diary.

In other news the club is now offering 'Half-Season tickets'. With Sam Cox's team playing an attractive style of football and sitting in the top half of the Enterprise National League right now, a Half-Season Ticket purchase means you'll get a great deal on the remaining dozen home league fixtures of Season 2025/26 here at the Vale.

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The festive season is a time for connection, togetherness and joy but for many, it can also be a time of loneliness and isolation.

We pride ourselves on being a tight knit family of supporters here at Wealdstone and understand that for many their weekly football 'fix' can be an escape from the hardship and stress of everyday life. Take a look around you this afternoon and speak to someone you wouldn't normally. It really could make a massive difference to a fellow supporter.

Also please remember that you are not alone. If you want to talk our Heads Up! group supporting Men's mental health aided by the Wealdstone Foundation meet here at the Vale every Wednesday evening. Heads Up! is a passionate initiative aimed at allowing men over 18 years old to come together in a safe space. They understand that talking about mental health can be challenging, and their goal is to help men express their struggles and support each other.

Lastly, on behalf of everybody connected to the club, we wish you our supporters, our loyal and hard working volunteers, the players, the management team and our board of directors a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and we look forward to welcoming you all back to Grosvenor Vale on the 10th of January 2026.

Up the Stones

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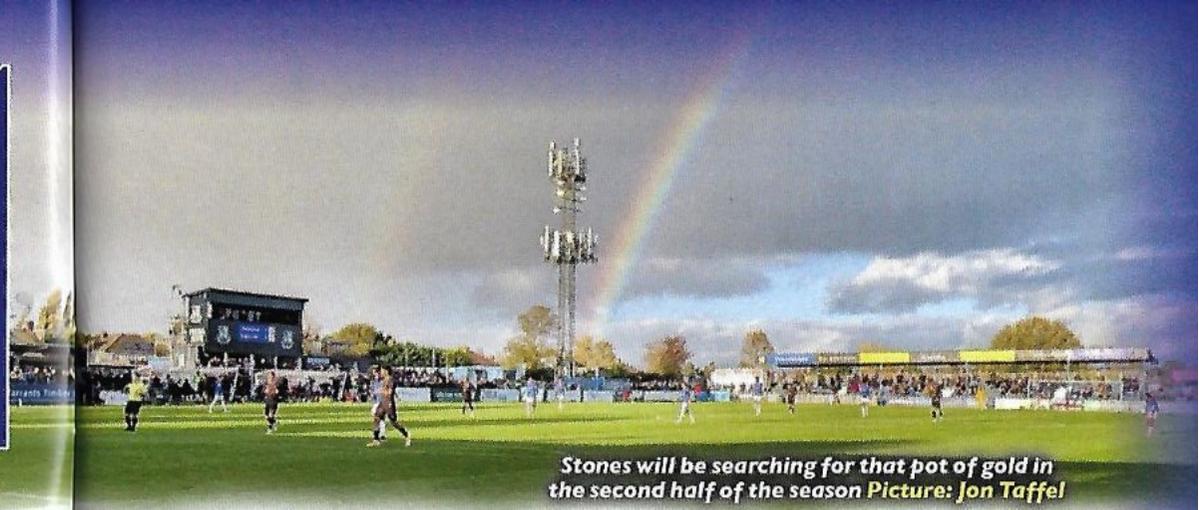
By
SAM COX

The defeat at Truro was a real low point ...but I see a hard-working group who care deeply about this club. There's a lot of football to play!

GOOD afternoon all and welcome back to the Vale. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Day shared with your family and loved ones.

As we head into a tough run of games over the New Year period it's a good time to reflect, as we reach the halfway point of the season. It's fair to say the campaign has had its challenges. Consistency is something we've all been searching for, and in general performances have been consistent.

Cox's clobber has made him the most talked-about manager in the National League.... in a good way! Pic: Jon Taffel



Stones will be searching for that pot of gold in the second half of the season Picture: Jon Taffel

Last week however, against Truro, was one of the rare occasions this season where we disappointed. We found it hard to reach the heights of quality we've shown in and out of possession this season and ultimately underwhelmed with a below-par performance. It was a frustration shared by everyone in the dressing room and on the touchline.

We all felt it was an opportunity missed to close that gap in the table on the top seven - the margins at this level are incredibly fine, and a lapse in application against any side in the National League can quickly turn into a difficult situation.

That said, we still stand in a positive league position. There have been some really pleasing things in the first half of the season. I've seen a group of players who care deeply about this football club and who continue to work tirelessly on the training ground. The commitment, attitude, and togetherness within the squad has never wavered.

Despite the loss against Grimsby, just to reach the 2nd round of the FA Cup was a great journey we all went on.... and we still have the FA Trophy to look forward to as we await a tough tie against Dagenham and Redbridge at the Vale. After relegation last season, they are a side who are really picking up form and now go nine games unbeaten in the National League South. SWE know the challenges we'll face in that game.

I believe we've shown to be competitive in the majority of fixtures this season, and that is reflected in the league table. Prior to writing these notes we stand four points off the play-off positions despite having the lowest budget in the division. We've developed an identity and style which the players have bought into, and we try to play an attractive brand

which the fans can be proud of.

Our in-possession stats only stand behind York City and we are developing some really young hungry players that want to excel in their careers.

We're building something that's not just about surviving week to week, but about establishing standards and an identity that we can be proud of. That takes time, patience, and belief and it's something we're fully committed to.

Today we turn our attention to Boreham Wood. It's a local derby and one that always brings its own edge. I know this having previously been captain at both clubs.

Boreham Wood are well-organised, physical, and experienced at this level, and they are where they are in the league for a reason.

We know we'll need to be brave on the ball, strong without it, and ready to compete from the first whistle this afternoon.

Your support, as always, has been outstanding. Whether home or away, you continue to back the team, and it genuinely makes a difference. The atmosphere you create gives us energy and belief,

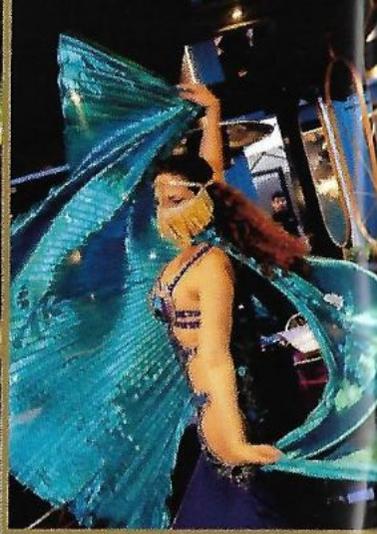
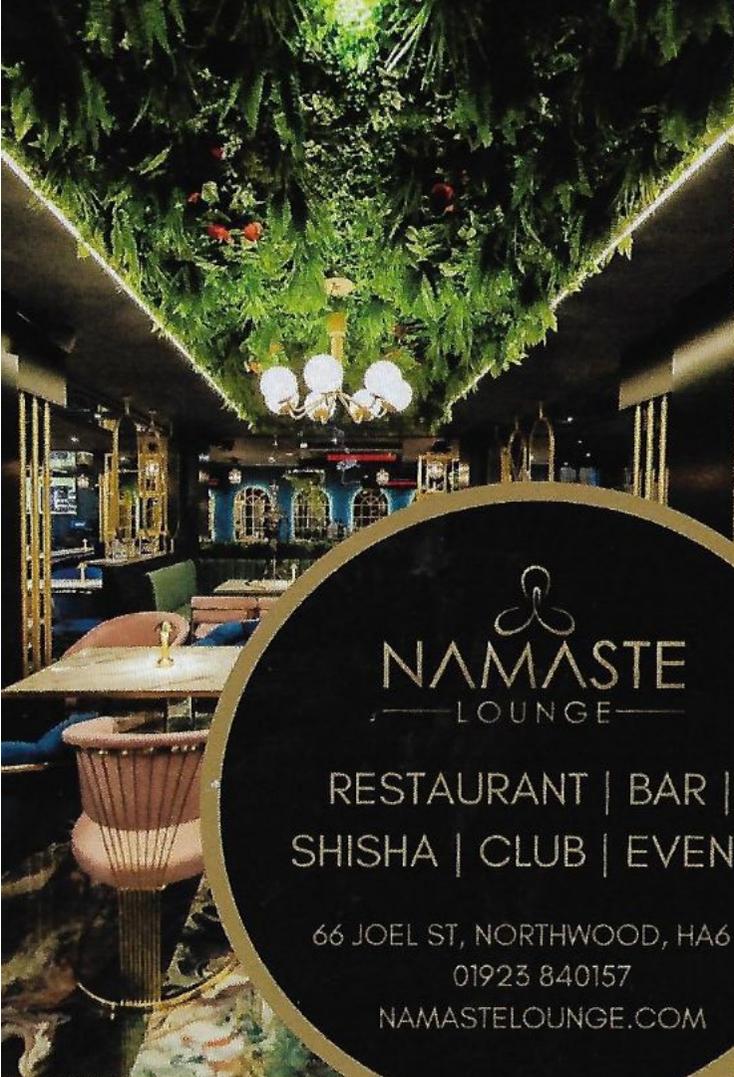
especially in those moments when the game is in the balance. I can assure you these players are aware of that support and look to repay it with performances that reflect the badge they wear.

There's still a long way to go this season, and plenty of football left to be played. Our focus is on improvement, points on the board, and continuing to push up the table.

So stick with us, keep believing, and keep making the Vale a place that opponents know is a tough place to come. Thank you once again and hope you all have a good afternoon and a happy new year, **God bless and Up the Stones!**

- Sam

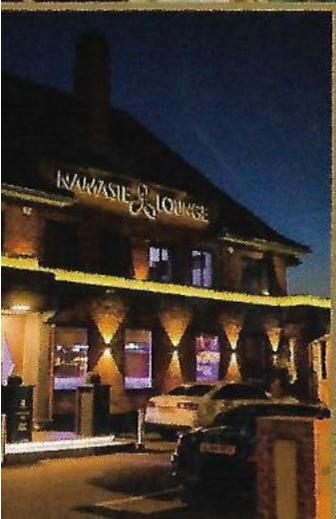




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You have to feel a bit sorry for Danny Hunter.

The Boreham Wood owner and chairman is at the Vale today with his club a surprise package in the National League title chase - following promotion in the summer - and seen as an interesting outside bet to make it to the Football League in 2026.

Wood seem to have it all: Serious investment from owner Danny (below), who doesn't try to hide his £multi-million largesse in his weekly programme columns; great recruitment with a 20-man squad that is the envy of most of the National League; clever management from Luke Garrard, the gaffer brought back to the club by Hunter after the embarrassment of relegation 18 months ago; and great infrastructure at Meadow Park with a purpose-built North Stand to house the home fans, supporters bars and catering and grand ideas to mirror that big, covered terrace at the other end of the stadium.

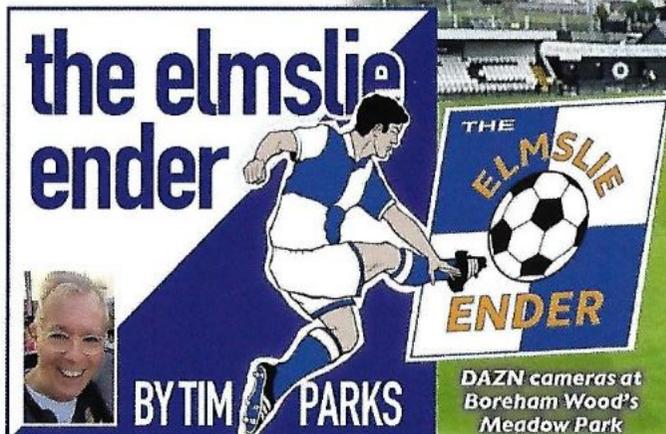
But the underlying apathy from the people of Boreham Wood continues to undermine every move the chairman makes to spark some passion and loyalty from the fans.

The club's current FA Cup run, with a Third Round battle against Burton Albion on the horizon on January 10, will no doubt bring the punters out of the woodwork. Their box-new black and white scarves (last worn for that terrific FA Cup run of 2021-22 when Wood were finally beaten in the 5th Round at Everton) will be recovered from the back of the bedroom drawer.

Surely, with Wood embroiled in a scrap for the play-offs and maybe even automatic promotion, the good folk of Elmslie and its surrounds will forsake watching Arsenal on the telly and finally notice the miracle on their doorstep?

I wouldn't bet on it. This pervasive frustration is doubtless behind the recent diatribe from Danny Hunter at the unthinking - if not engineered - fixture re-arrangement by broadcasters DAZN, who call the tune with the National League.

It's gone largely unnoticed that DAZN have a six-



Wood chairman Danny is the first to break the NL silence as clubs 'stuffed by DAZN fixture changes'

year contract with the NL (expiring in summer 2031) and it allows them to impose draconian dates and kick-off times on the clubs.

As a travelling fan, this is hugely awkward. Take the Stones' trip to FC Halifax Town last Sunday afternoon. This game should actually have been played in mid-August, which was good news for the 200 or so Stones supporters who were eagerly looking forward to a balmy summer stopover in that lovely town. Rooms were booked, trains paid for and time booked off work.

Then Halifax declared that their Shay pitch was unfit for play after a botched re-turfing in July, and the game was switched to the Vale. Despite most of the costs being refunded, the fans

thought: Never mind, a December 20 pre-Xmas trip to Yorkshire for the switched return game was still pretty good.

Rooms were booked, trains paid for and time booked off work.

Then DAZN thought it would be a clever market-

ing ploy to brand the matches that weekend as "The 12 Games of Christmas" and with much jollity announced that Halifax v Wealdstone would be played on Sunday December 21 at 4pm. 4pm!

Bad enough having to switch accommodation and trains, but a late afternoon kick-off made it bloody awkward to get back to London at a vaguely sensible hour, if at all.

It's easy to level accusations of profiteering at DAZN. I'm sure quite a few streams were sold to fans desperate to see their team without the pain of a 200-mile winter trek to Yorkshire. Ditto the Carlisle fans who had the choice of a two-day trip to Southend for a recent 5.30 Saturday kick-off.

And how many Truro fans thought about the trip to York City last Saturday before realising it was now a 5.30 kick-off? The same time that Southend fans were slated to kick-off at Tamworth? DAZN aren't stupid and this all stinks a little bit.

And this is the backdrop to Danny Hunter's fury. He sounded off in his club's programme after the announcement of the raft of December 21 fixtures included Boreham Wood v Carlisle United at 4pm.

The core element of Wood's home crowds - despite sitting happily in the play-offs and with entertainers like Abdul Abdulmalik, the free-scoring Matt Rush and Zac Brunt, Erico Sousa and Regan Booty in the side - numbers about 8-900. The anticipated 500 travelling Carlisle fans were a large part of the club's financial equation. Now a good majority will stay behind and watch on DAZN.

"This streaming company knows the regular away fan is street smart and knows that late weekend kick-offs will give them transport issues. As such, DAZN knows it would then make sense for

most away fans to stay at home and buy themselves a stream seat for just £10 or, in some cases, watch the game using an illegal Fire Stick" said Hunter in his programme column.

"I find it extremely concerning, frustrating and disrespectful toward all National League clubs and its supporters across the board."

He also railed about the quality provided to viewers. Lacklustre coverage, ball tracking cameras that don't work, poor quality cameras and biased commentary.

"Trust me, DAZN's production content and value must be more consistent in football, or you will not last. DAZN in football has a very big problem, in my opinion, with their unprofessional and inconsistent production value, which is seen in poor camera work, poor sound levels, and poor and often biased commentary. In truth, they are overseeing a sloppy, poor, and expensive streaming service" said Danny, who had a career in the film industry.

"I think Carlisle Utd and Southend Utd fans have, on investigation, been well and truly stiffed by this streaming company, especially with their pre-Christmas weekend and January late fixture changes.

"The stupidity is laughable - we know these games are being stolen through Fire Stick piracy, which, on top of these 'live' 5:30pm broadcasts are seriously affecting home gate receipts and away support. The National League should listen to the experienced businessmen amongst their member clubs, as we do in the main know how to run our football clubs."

He says that the National League Board excluded its member clubs from voting on something as fundamentally important as a broadcast deal. It was certainly shrouded in secrecy and its impact on the NL clubs it purports to serve should be subject to real scrutiny - it is far from transparent in many areas.

● All that said, you cannot blame DAZN for the anaemic defeat on the road at bottom-of-the-table Truro a fortnight ago - a game played just before this print deadline. I joined about 100 at the Vale to watch the live stream but hats off to the 50 or so hardy souls who spent £100s travelling by planes, trains and automobiles to Cornwall for a midweek contest that some had labelled "unloseable". But lose it we did.

It was hard to stomach our endless sideways and backwards football and the excellent 2,000+ home crowd were able to celebrate a rare victory - their first, in fact, since October. We've seen all this before of course; football is remarkable for its propensity to turn things on its head and let's hope we managed to take something from the potentially-much-more-difficult trip to FC Halifax Town last Sunday.

● DAGENHAM and Redbridge, huh? Once again a cup draw (FA Trophy 4th Round) has pitted us against familiar opposition... but a home tie against a team from one rung lower looks good to me. Bring it on!



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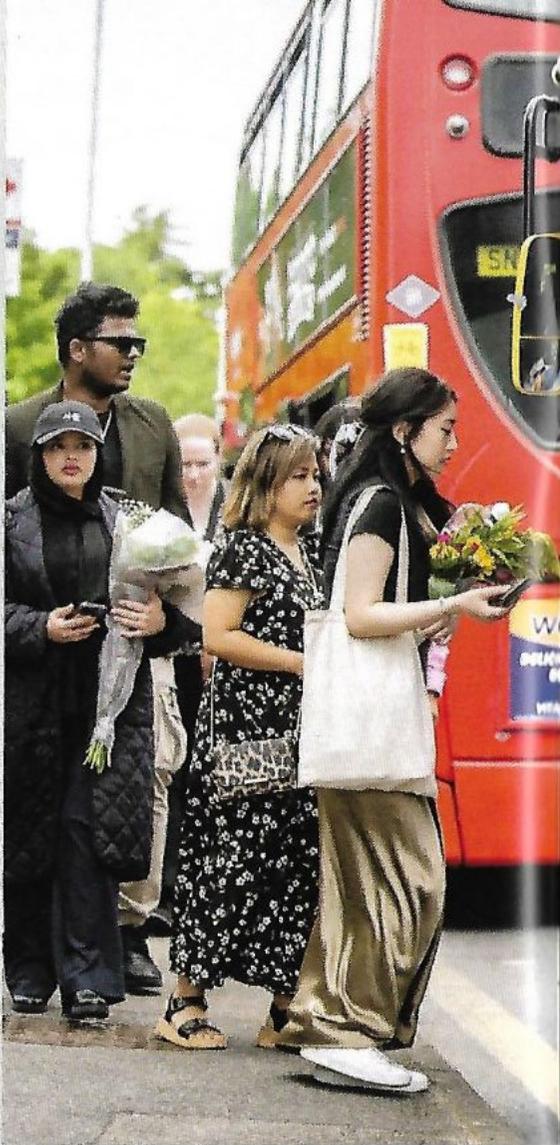
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the stones interview

It's Terrell Agyemang

THE TRUE mark of Terrel Agyemang's ability is the fact that Sam Cox put him straight into the side for the Southend FA Cup game within two weeks of signing on loan from Morecambe... and he's remained an ever present in midfield despite the wealth of talent we have in that position.

"Yes, I'm feeling really good at the moment, fitness wise, and in my own head, and I'm really enjoying my football. This is where I want to be" said the 23 year-old midfielder.

"I've had my loan extended for another month and I'm 100% committed to this club... I was released on loan by Morecambe after they literally didn't want to play me".

"So you're in a Mo Salah position?" I asked.

"Yes exactly! They don't want me, and the few games I played there were out of position at right back. I've been at Morecambe since the summer and I hadn't even sorted out anywhere proper to stay... I was living in hotels, sometimes them paying, sometimes me, and I'm just hoping that something can be sorted out between us now".

Terrell, of Ghanaian descent, is the younger brother of Montel Agyemang who the Stones fanbase may vaguely remember as signing for the club from East Thurrock in the summer of 2018... although, as one of 15 signings on a memorably busy day in May 2018, he didn't actually get to play in a competitive game for our club.

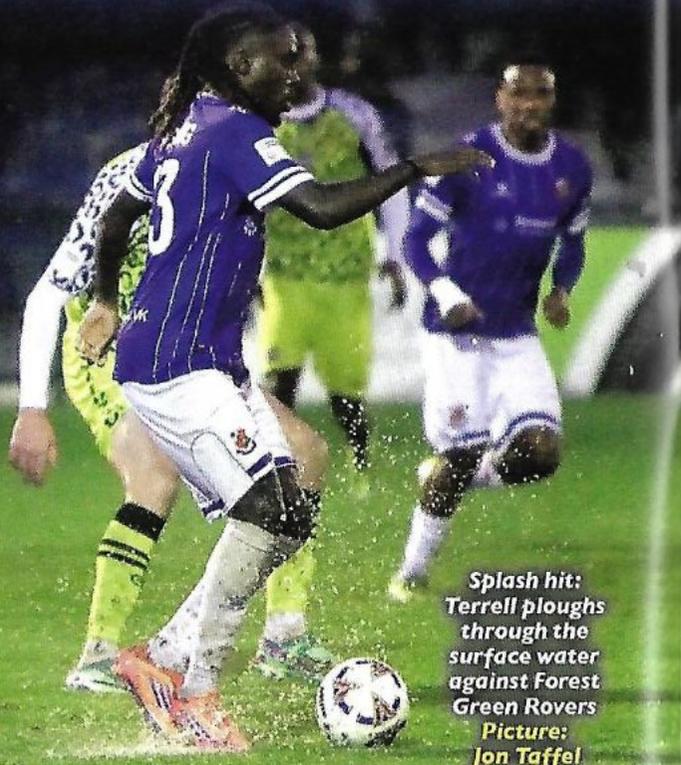
The 29-year-old is now turning out for high-flying Horsham in the National League South. We might well be facing him and the Sussex club next season!

Talented Terrell's stuck in a 'Mo Salah situation' with Morecambe....but a slightly lower profile!

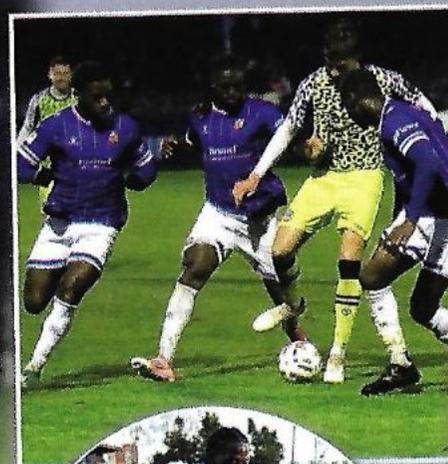
"It was really the gaffer's relationship with my brother that led to me coming to Wealdstone" said Terrell. "He played with Coxy and when the gaffer heard my situation, he asked me to come down and play.

"I came on at York for my Stones debut but I didn't make the squad the next week against Sutton... but I was in the team for the Southend United FA Cup game and really enjoyed playing in midfield alongside Dylan Kadji. It ended in a famous win. I wish we could've played as well in the next round at Grimsby but we just fell short, we really didn't turn up on the day and now we've just got to put that behind us".

The six-footer was brought up in Southwark, South London and was soon on the radar of Manchester

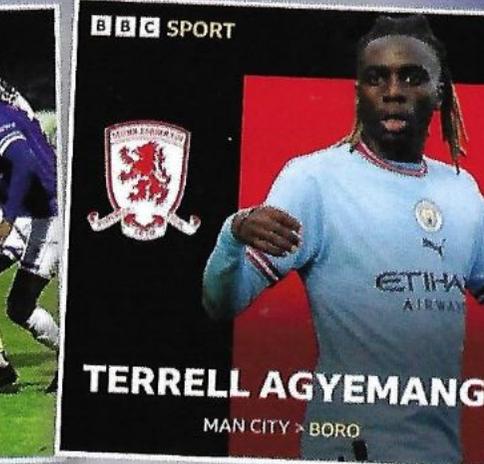
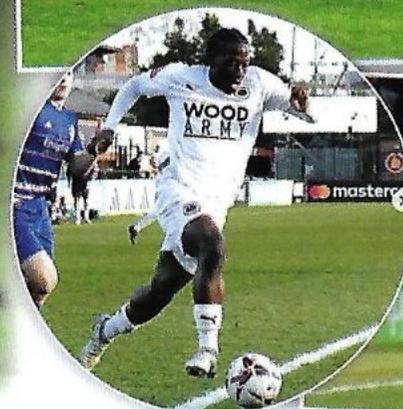


Splash hit: Terrell ploughs through the surface water against Forest Green Rovers
Picture: Jon Taffel



Right: Stones hunt in a pack against Forest Green: Nathan Tshikuna, Terrell and Enzo.

Far right: Terrell moves from City to Middlebrough
Below right: Danger man Abdul Abulmalik
Below far right: Terrell in action with Man City's PL 2 team



TERRELL AGYEMANG
MAN CITY > BORO



City. But he chose to join the Charlton Athletic academy... only to end up back at City when the Addicks released him.

The upshot was Terrell playing in the light blues' Premier League 2 title-winning side three years ago alongside players like Oscar Bobb and Carlos Borges of FC Brugge. The fact that Bobb was the only one who really made it through to the City first team tells you everything you need to know about the big clubs' faith in, and attitude to, their own Academy players.

"My best memory at City though was a 3-0 win over Everton in the Premier League 2 when I had a very good game in midfield. I felt that I was going places".

But it was Middlesbrough who then picked up the youngster from City on a two-year contract that was remarkable only for two loan spells at Airdrieonians in the Scottish League and then our National League rivals Hartlepool, playing a dozen games for each club.

"The disappointing thing was that I was always

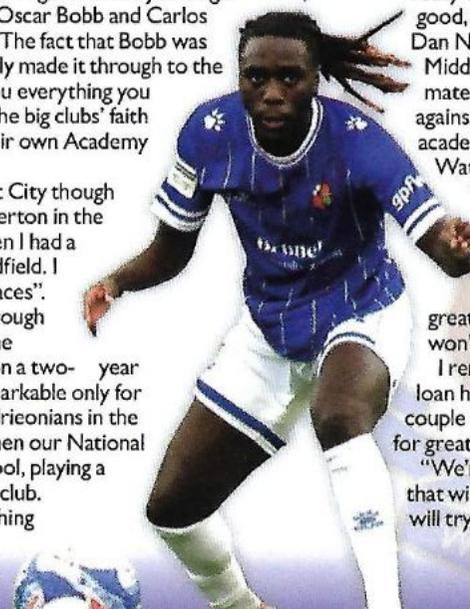
carrying a hip injury through those years" explained Terrelle.

"It was a silent battle against the pain but now that's all behind me and I feel in a really good place. I'm really enjoying my football and it's a really good, tight group of players here. I know Dan Nkrumah from our time together at Middlesbrough, Fela Olomola (who is mates with my brother) while I've played against Dom Hutchinson during my academy time at Charlton while he was at Watford.

"As for today... well, it will be interesting playing against Abdul Abulmalik who was in the same friendship group as me, growing up in South London. He's such a great player, so tricky and talented and he won't be out of the EFL for long".

I reminded Terrell that Abdul was on loan here at the Vale from Millwall a couple of years ago, and seemed destined for great things even then.

"We're gonna have fun marking him but that will be down to Dom!... Although I will try and get across to help out!"



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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW BOREHAM WOOD THE WOOD



Boreham Wood Football Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary at the end of the 2017/18 season, having been formed in 1948 following the amalgamation of Boreham Rovers and Royal Retournez. The anniversary was celebrated in spectacular style with an appearance at Wembley and also beating a Football League club for the first time ever in the FA Cup.

First though, back to our formative years and the club gradually progressed through the Mid-Herts, Parthenon, Spartan and Athenian Leagues. Under the Chairmanship of local man Bill O'Neill and the management of fellow local man Mickey Hunter; the club moved forward by winning back to back promotions at Athenian League level, before being elected to the Isthmian Football League in 1974/75, under the management of another local man Micky Lennon.

In 1976/77 the club won the Isthmian League Division Two Championship by sixteen points and then had a five-season spell in the Premier Division during the late seventies and early eighties. It then enjoyed another much more successful spell in the Premier Division during the nineties under the Chairmanship of Phil Wallace and the managerial expertise of Bob Makin.

That sadly ended in relegation at the end of the 1999/2000 season under the then new Chairman Danny Hunter who remains our Chairman to this day. However, the club did bounce back immediately from that disappointment and once again gained promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division, as Isthmian League Division One Champions, in 2000/01.

Following the Football Association restructuring of non-league football in 2004, Boreham Wood competed for the first time in the Southern Football League, playing in Division One East for two seasons. Winning the championship in 2005/06 the club was promoted again and returned to the Isthmian League Premier

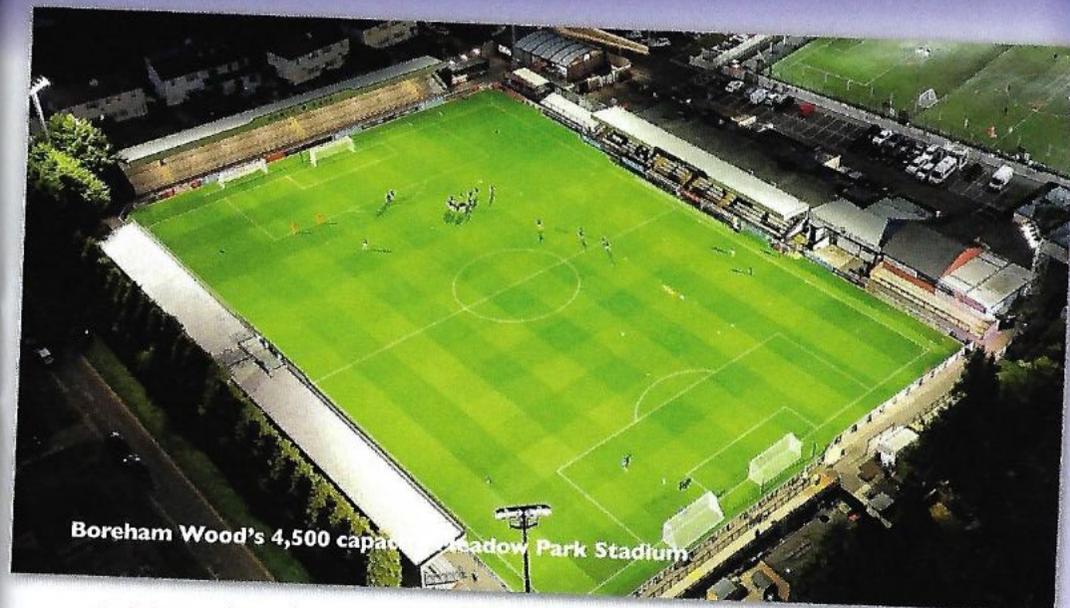
Division for the 2006/07 season. Alongside the championship success in the 2005/06 season the club went on an incredible run in the FA Trophy, reaching the Semi-Finals. We are very proud to say that, at present, we are still the lowest ranked team to have reached the last four of that prestigious tournament.

The 2009/10 season was also a highly memorable one for the club, as it saw us finish 4th in our Isthmian League Premier Division campaign and take part in a League Play-Off for the very first time. After defeating Aveley 1-0 away in the Semi-Final, the club went on to beat Kingstonian 2-0 at home in the Final and, under the shrewd management of Ian Allinson, we deservedly took our place in the Football Conference South.

A poor start to our inaugural 2010/11 Conference South league campaign saw us initially struggle to compete at that level and we sat bottom of the table around the Christmas period. However, with clear leadership and further investment from our experienced Chairman, our manager Ian Allinson, our dressing room and our supporters all came together. We rallied and recovered well to finish in a very respectable 14th place.

The 2011/12 season saw us build on our efforts from the first campaign and we achieved an excellent 8th place. The following season, 2012/13, saw the club start very well, only to finish poorly and from occupying a solid Play-Off place in early March finished in a disappointing 9th place. However, the undoubted story of that season, was our glorious FA Cup run and First Round proper appearance that ended in a 2-0 defeat against a very good Brentford side at Meadow Park.

The 2013/14 season ended in cup success, with a Herts Senior Cup triumph defeating local rivals Bishops Stortford on penalties in the final. Another poor start in our league campaign, however, meant the club had a long relegation battle on its hands for the majority of the season but a strong finish saw us end up in 13th place. Another cup run saw us again reach the First Round proper of the FA Cup, and that culminated in us holding Football League One side Carlisle United to a 0-0 draw at Meadow Park. The replay ended in heartbreak, though, as we led 1-0, only to miss a



Boreham Wood's 4,500 capacity Meadow Park Stadium

penalty before two late goals saw us bow out of the competition 2-1.

In 2013, we got the go ahead to build a brand new 870-seater West Stand. The project was finally completed in May 2014 at a cost of around three quarters of a million pounds. The stand was officially opened by Mr Arsene Wenger in front of a bumper crowd of 3,400, in a specially arranged friendly against an Arsenal First Team on Saturday 19th July 2014.

The 2014/15 season was, at the time, the most successful in Boreham Wood Football Club's history. After leading the Conference South for the majority of the season, a controversial defeat at eventual League Champions Bromley cost us the title and so we took our place in the end of season Play-Offs.

After playing magnificently to beat Havant & Waterlooville 2-0 away from home, and then drawing 2-2 at home in a two-legged Semi-Final, we faced the then big spending and strongly fancied Whitehawk Football Club at Meadow Park in front of a partisan 2,200 crowd.

A Lee Angol set piece put us ahead early in the second half before a late Whitehawk penalty levelled proceedings. However, a Junior Morias goal in the first minute of extra time proved to be the winner. Who could believe it, little Boreham Wood with the lowest average attendance in the league had deservedly achieved promotion to the top tier of Non-League football for the very first time in our then 67-year history!

The 2015/16 season was undoubtedly a historic season for the Wood with us competing at the top table of non-league football for the very first time in the newly named National League. It was, though, no fairy-tale opening season at that level against much

stronger opposition. In fact, it proved a very difficult one just to survive and, apart from our opening day 3-1 win against Halifax, and the odd big win against the likes of Tranmere Rovers, we struggled to compete with the bigger clubs.

By the October we had lost our very successful long-standing manager Ian Allinson to his increased work commitments. We had replaced him with Allinson's experienced, but young, assistant manager Luke Garrard and we continued to struggle and adjust to football at that level and faced a relegation battle that took us to the very last game of the season when we finally secured our place in the National League Premier.

During that 2017/18 season the club finally realised two ambitions, the first of which was to beat a Football League club in the FA Cup. That happened on Saturday, November 4 2017 with a 2-1 victory over famous FA Cup winners Blackpool. A great run of league form ended with an amazing 4th place finish in the National League. In the eliminator round we beat AFC Fylde 2-1. We then faced Sutton United away and a 3-2 win. A place in the Football League was at stake but it was not to be, losing 2-1 to Tranmere Rovers.

In the 2022-23 season Boreham Wood finished sixth in the National League; in the subsequent promotion play-offs, they defeated Barnet 2-1 in the quarter-finals, before losing 3-2 after extra time to Notts County in the semi-finals. The following season they finished fourth-from-bottom of the National League and were relegated to the National League South. However, in 2024-25 they secured an immediate return to the National League, finishing fifth in the league before going on to defeat Maidstone United 1-0 in the play-off final.

Wood to watch



1. NATHAN ASHMORE Goalkeeper

Nathan Ashmore began his career within Portsmouth's youth team. After successful spells at Havant & Waterlooville and Gosport Borough, he caught the eye of Ebbsfleet United, where he earned consecutive player of the season awards. In 2019, Ashmore joined Boreham Wood on loan initially, later securing a permanent move.

2. CAMERON COXE Defence

A product of Cardiff City's youth academy, Cameron earned his first professional contract with the Bluebirds in 2017. Coxe found a new home at Solihull Moors in 2020, followed by a loan spell at Colchester United, where he later signed a permanent deal in January 2022. In October 2022, Coxe joined Boreham Wood on a short term loan before his temporary stay at Meadow Park was made permanent in December 2022.

5. CHRIS BUSH Defence

A product of Brentford's youth academy, Bush had various loan spells away from Griffin Park with Salisbury City, Woking, AFC Wimbledon and Thurrock, before joining newly promoted League Two side AFC Wimbledon permanently in June 2011. After just a single season with the Wombles, Bush struggled to nail down a long term home, spending single seasons with the likes of Gateshead, Hereford United, Welling United, Lincoln City and Chelmsford City between 2012 and 2017, before signing for Ebbsfleet United in 2017. After two seasons at Stonebridge Road, Bush moved to Kent neighbours Bromley, where he would spend three seasons with the Ravens, before Wood secured the experienced defender's signature on New Year's Eve in 2022. Bush was called up to the England C squad in March 2024.

10. ABDUL ABDULMALIK Forward

Abdul Abdulmalik arrived at Meadow Park in July 2024 following his departure from Championship side Millwall. A product of Millwall's academy, Abdul played a pivotal role in consecutive Premier League Professional Development League titles in both the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons. Abdul has also represented England at youth level. He tasted first-team football on loan at Wealdstone who he signed for in the summer of 2023 and was in and out the side at Grosvenor Vale. This promising spell was enough to catch the attention of Luke Garrard and the tricky wide man put pen to paper on a deal for the season ahead of 2024/25.

14. AARON HENRY Midfield

Aaron Henry started his career within the youth ranks at Charlton Athletic and the midfielder went on to make his first-team debut in a 2-0 FA Cup defeat to West Brom in January 2020. Nine months later, Henry signed a professional contract with the Addicks until 2023 which followed with loan stints at Wealdstone, Crawley Town and Rochdale. This proved valuable experience for the youngster who was a regular in both National League and Football League set-ups. Following Charlton's promotion to the Championship, Henry was released after five years within their first-team environment and the Wood picked up his services in the summer of 2025

15. Jeff King Defence

Jeff King kick-started his career in non-league with a plethora of sides including Altrincham, Prescot Cables, Nantwich Town, Kendal Town and Ashton United before sealing a move to Bolton Wanderers in 2016. Following a brief spell in the Scottish Premiership with St Mirren, King made a name for himself in the top tier of non-league with spells at FC Halifax Town and Chesterfield. A return to the Football League came in the summer of 2024 as he signed for League Two outfit Swindon Town before returning to non-league with York City only a few months later. King signed for the Wood on loan until January in the summer of 2025.

16. CALLUM REYNOLDS Defence (C)

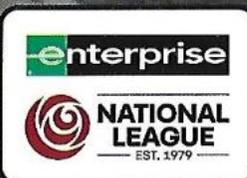
Callum kicked off his career within the youth ranks at Rushden & Diamonds before joining Portsmouth in 2007. After departing Fratton Park in 2010, he joined Basingstoke Town then Tamworth in 2011. Reynolds, however, struggled for minutes with the Lambs, leading to loans at Hinckley United, Corby Town, and eventually a permanent move to Meadow Park. A move to Aldershot Town would come next followed by spells with Barnet, Dagenham & Redbridge and most recently Bromley before his eventual return to Meadow Park in January 2025.

17. CHARLES CLAYDEN Midfield

Clayden's professional journey began with Leyton Orient, where he made his senior debut on the final day of the 2017/18 National League season. In 2019 he secured a move to Charlton Athletic. Although first-team chances at Charlton proved limited, Clayden continued to progress through a series of loan spells at Dulwich Hamlet, Wealdstone and Bromley. In March 2023, after several years on Charlton's books, Clayden opted for a permanent move in search of stability and regular football, rejoining Wealdstone. His time at Wealdstone allowed him to take on greater responsibility and further refine his game. His performances quickly drew attention, and less than a year later, in November 2023, Boreham Wood secured his services for an undisclosed fee.

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stones fan in the stand

Xander Ryan

THIS CHRISTMAS Fan in the Stand is a real pleasure as it features long-time fan Paul Ryan's boys Xander and Dominic. Despite their tender years (aged 12 and 9) the pair are devoted fans and especially of the away trips... seeing them on some dark, freezing railway platform early in the morning, or waiting for the return train yet endlessly cheerful, is part of the fabric of a Stones away-day. First up is the older sibling Alexander (Xander) with Dominic - and maybe his twin sister Ellie - appearing in the next edition...

Your name and age? Alexander (Xander) Ryan, age 12.
Whereabouts do you live Xander? Bushey.
Do your friends know you are a Wealdstone fan? What do they think?

My friends in primary school knew I was a Stones fan. We have taken a few of them to games and some of the others occasionally went to games with their families. One of the mums took a video of me running onto the pitch when we were safe at the end of the Halifax game last season. I have just started at St. Joan of Arc secondary school in Rickmansworth and a lot of my friends there are from the Ruislip area and are season ticket holders - so I see quite a few of them at games this season.

My dad is still the biggest Stones fan in the family... but it's a close thing!

Xander (right) with his younger brother at the Cheshunt game... it's Dominic's turn next!

When was your first Stones game? It was Carshalton Athletic away towards the end of the 2013-2014 season. I was three months old so don't remember anything about it! My first memory of a Stones game was probably going down to Truro by sleeper train at the end of the 2015-16 season. We saw Jefferson Louis and Scott Davies sitting on the platform on the way home and they said it was probably their last game.

I love the sleeper train. I remember taking it again a few seasons later. Truro were posting pictures of a water-logged pitch so Dad and I went to spend the day at St. Ives. We only realised that the game was on after we'd finished lunch, so had to rush back to the station for the two train trips to get to the ground before 3!

Who introduced you to the Stones? Dad. He has been a Stones fan since he was nine.
What was the first football match you remember seeing live? It was probably Billericay away in the FA Trophy Quarter Final, 2017-18 season, when we won 5-2 and Bradley Bubb scored a hat-trick on his debut.

Do you follow any other team? Only

Wealdstone and the Republic of Ireland.

What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen? Probably Barnet at home when Charlie Barker scored that 90+8mins diving header (when there were only seven minutes of injury time!) to win the game 3-2.

What level of football do you prefer? I prefer to watch our level (the National League) as, especially at our ground, we are close to the action and know the players on a personal level. One such example of

this is that on the last day of the season at Oldham: Max Kretzschmar came into the crowd and gave me his shirt. You wouldn't see Erling Haaland do that at the Etihad would you?

How big a part of your life is the game?

It's a massive part of my life. I've been to around 300 games in my life and I really enjoy the long away trips. We get to the town as early as possible to make the most of the day, which usually involves getting our first train at six in the morning or staying overnight. I also play for Everett Rovers U-12s in Division One of the West Herts Youth League.

How do you fit watching football in with your family/school life?

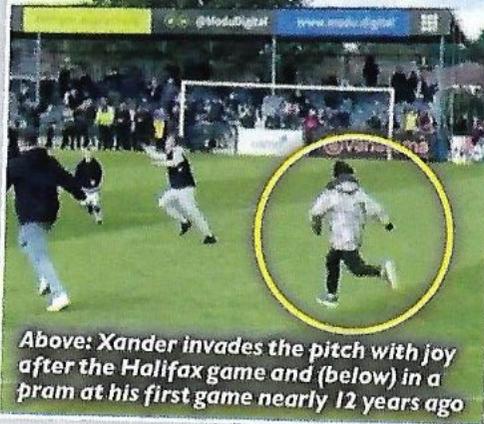
The only games I miss are the midweek away ones that I don't have time to get to after leaving school. I very rarely miss any other games and only if I have other commitments which, thankfully, isn't too often.

Do you follow the Stones on the live stream?

There are not many games that I can't get to but I watch those games on the stream. I prefer being at the game. There are a few of us at the end of the Bulla Stand extension who go to most games together and that makes it a more enjoyable experience than shouting at the television.

Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen, and why?

Jeff Monakana was the first player I really loved but I don't really remember him that much - I just get told stories by my dad telling me I didn't stop going on about him. I used to



Above: Xander invades the pitch with joy after the Halifax game and (below) in a pram at his first game nearly 12 years ago



I can't even see the goal from here Dad!

Where do you think the future of the club lies?

I think that when Nick Semaca takes over, we can hopefully build the new stadium and then we can start to look up the footballing pyramid... the sky is the limit.

Who's the most committed to watching Wealdstone in the Ryan family?

Dad, but only just (!)
Does your mum ever stop you from going to a game? No. I think she prefers it when Dad takes all or most of us to a game. I can't imagine why...

What's one game you wish you hadn't missed? Bath City at home in the promotion season from the National League South. It was Mum's birthday and we went away for the weekend to Felixstowe. No streaming in those days so we were reliant on WhatsApp messages from our little group, and Twitter. We couldn't believe the barrage of messages as we kept scoring goal after goal. Hopefully I'll get to watch a game like that at some other point in my life.

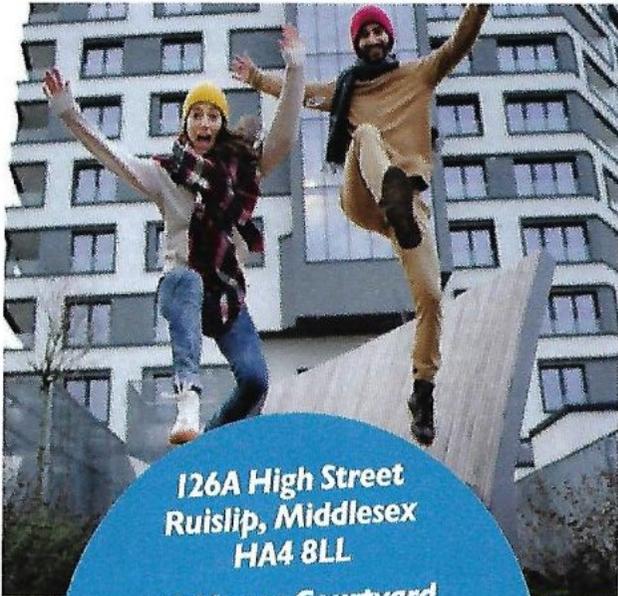
And finally, what would be the one Wealdstone-orientated gift that Santa could bring you this Christmas?

Definitely for the new stadium to be built.



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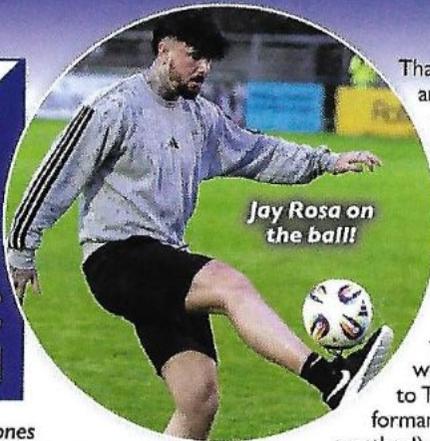
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Wealdstone Foundation news

BY ERIC NEGRARU



Jay Rosa on the ball!

Thanks to all teachers, coaches and supporters who helped make the tournament such a success. Here's to inspiring the next generation of footballers!

Jay Rosa performs at the Vale for Mental Health

AS part of our ongoing mental health awareness work, we were proud to welcome freestyler Jay Rosa to The Vale for a special performance (despite the shocking weather!) centred on wellbeing and positive messaging. His story and music

resonated deeply with our supporters and community participants, helping to spark meaningful conversation around mental health and the importance of seeking support.

'Heads Up' Mental Health Programme Continues to Grow

OUR Heads Up mental health programme has continued to expand, with more participants joining each week. The group experienced a proud moment recently when they formed the Guard of Honour at our home match against Forest Green Rovers, a powerful celebration of their progress, connection and confidence as a community.

Orchard Hill College Work Experience

WE continue to support inclusive opportunities through our partnership with Orchard Hill College, with one of their students completing ongoing work experience with the foundation. Their contribution has been fantastic, and providing a welcoming environment for young

people with additional needs remains a key priority. Find us on Instagram @wfc_foundationuk

Congratulations to young and old ...and Jay juggling out in the rain!



ERIC, the former Stones goalkeeper and Community Co-ordinator for the club's foundation (pictured left) writes that the past few months have been full of energy, growth and inspiring moments across many projects. Here's a look at what's been happening in the community...

National League Trust Under-11s Tournament

WE recently hosted an unforgettable National League Trust U-11 tournament, with seven schools from Hillingdon and Harrow battling it out in a brilliant showcase of passion, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Huge congratulations go to St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School of Ruislip (pictured below), who were crowned champions after a fantastic display throughout the competition. They now progress to the regional stage, with the finals set to take place at Wembley Stadium. A massive well done to every player who took part - the effort, enthusiasm and smiles across the day highlighted exactly why events like this matter.



Left: champions St Bernadettes and (above) Heads Up participants form a guard of honour in the rain at the Vale

SUPPORTERS CLUB UPDATE

BY MARK RANDALL

Good afternoon, welcome and a very happy Christmas to everyone in attendance at today's match against Boreham Wood. I hope you had a great Christmas Day spent with family and friends and if you weren't able to manage this, I hope you get a break at some point during the festive period.

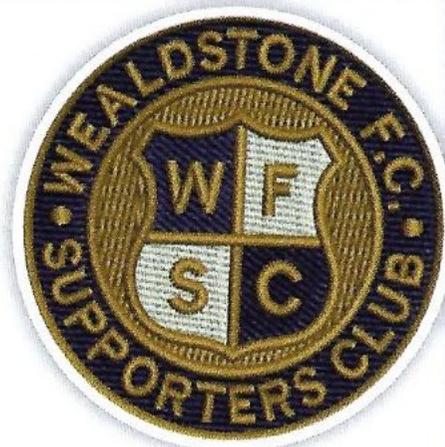
Both Wealdstone and Boreham Wood fans must have been exceedingly good last year as Santa delivered on multiple wishes that both sides would be playing National League football in 2025. This good behaviour must have continued as both teams are performing above expectations as we approach the turn of the year. Joking aside, it is great to see that the hard work from so many people is paying off.

I am writing these notes before our fixture against Halifax which is a rearrangement so that DAZN can offer their "12 games of Christmas" with us being the 4pm kick off, and ironically today's opponents face Carlisle United at the same time. Danny Hunter, the Boreham Wood chairman, wrote an article on how these games not only reduced match day revenue but didn't care about away fans. Whilst it was an overly long article (sorry Danny), I completely agree with him. The lack of respect for supporters at our level seems to diminish each year.

Having Truro travel to York for a 5.30pm kick off on a Saturday evening makes no sense at all, that's a 6 and a half hour drive!

I understand that DAZN want to get value for money as a sponsor but if you also consider that one of the league sponsors is a popular VPN (Virtual Private Network) provider which can allow you to watch the 3pm Saturday games then the conquest for more and more views only results in fewer supporters in the ground.

In business when you have competitors, you have two choices; you either do it better or you focus on the things that they can't do and do them brilliantly. We can't match the standard of the football, and we can't match the production quality of the major television providers. What we can offer though is something even better, football for all the family where you are a face and not a seat number. Being close to the action and getting to speak to the management and players after a game. At this level,



watching on a stream should be when you can't get to the match as opposed to a watching because it is easy or that the amended match time makes it impossible to get to.

Rant over and on to WFCSC club matters. Something that you won't find on any streaming service is our next music fundraiser which sees the return of Electromantics to the Vale on 21st February. If you like 80's Electronic and New Wave music, then I can personally vouch that you won't be disappointed. Tickets are priced at £20 in advance from James on 07979 795414 with a £2 surcharge for tickets purchased on the night (if there are any left).

Wednesday evenings in the social club are dedicated to men's mental health and the new 'Heads Up!' meeting takes place between 7-8pm. It has been wonderful to watch the great work that Ian Stapleton and Simon Hibbs are doing with more and more attendees each week. The meetings are open to all men over 18 so please come along. Share what you want or just be there to listen, it's up to you but you are not alone.

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Mark

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I really wish I'd been there

NO.1 BY MARTIN READ

40 years ago, the random cruelty of whoever answered the phone at Lower Mead. An agony never forgotten!

TODAY sees the first in a new series where your Programme Team addresses the awkward question of "Wish I was there"...those matches that we couldn't get to for whatever reason (even out of choice) and then the bitter regret at missing an unmissable game...First up is magazine editor Martin Read (right) who's been a Stones fan since January 1979



GAME 1
Wealdstone 0
Enfield 1, FA Trophy
Semi-Final, Second Leg,
Saturday 13th April 1985

Back in 1985 I worked shifts, Mondays to Fridays or Tuesdays to Saturdays. Guess who drew the short straw for the decisive second leg of the 84/85 FA Trophy semi-final? I'd made the previous week's first leg, of course, so knew we were

SEMI-FINAL ACTION



Since Stones head clear for Wealdstone in the second leg match by team-mates Dennis Bryant (left) and...



Bill Caslake throws the Enfield goal in the first leg. (pictures by Harrold Observer)

A couple of pictures from the FA Trophy semi-finals in April 1985, recalling the agony of hanging on to a 1-0 advantage for 90 minutes. Lucky Martin!

taking a 2-0 advantage into the game at Lower Mead. But back then, mobile phones? In your dreams. Best I could do was sneak into the office and use the one landline in the building to phone the one landline at the football club just after full time. I recall the call going unanswered a couple of times. But then: Eureka! someone picked up. "Can you tell me who won today?" "Yes, Enfield." "OK, so what was..."

Click. And that was it, the phone was put down on me and I was none the wiser until I got home. I genuinely thought we'd gone out. Enfield winning turned out to be technically accurate, of course, but it's fair to say the club's landline correspondent had somewhat 'buried the lead'. (Stones won 2-1 on aggregate to get to Wembley, to update our newer fans -Ed). And yes, you bet your life I immediately booked Saturday 11th May 1985 as holiday.

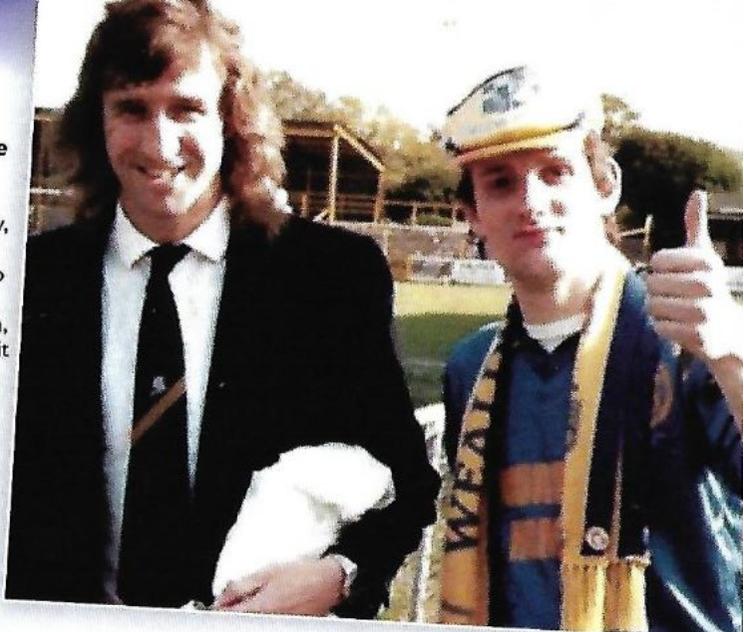
GAME 2
Northwood 1 Wealdstone 3.
Isthmian League Division Three
Saturday 3rd May 1997

I'd stayed up late for the general election two days earlier. Actually, I hadn't slept at all that Thursday night. Living in north London, a group of us had gone into the centre of the city as the political drama (Goldsmith, Portillo, 'A new day has dawned, has it not?') entirely changed the electoral map of the country. Stunning. Whatever bug I subsequently caught, lack of sleep probably hadn't helped. I felt awful for that entire weekend and couldn't thus make the big title decider at Chestnut Avenue. Thank goodness someone had the foresight to take some early-internet video of what was our first title win in 12 seasons and the last for a further 17.

But yeah, May 1997, what a reboot. A fresh-faced, smiley new man at the top engineering a win that would resonate throughout the subsequent years. Fresh policies, weak opposition; a sense that things could indeed only get better. But enough about Gordon Bartlett :)

GAME 3
Southport 1 Wealdstone 2,
FA Trophy 2nd Round Proper
Saturday 14th January 2017

'Back in the big time.' That's what it felt like when we drew ex-league opposition in the FA Trophy. Yes, we'd played Rotherham a few



Martin (right) is pictured with Stones legend Robin Wainwright in 1985, wearing half the contents of the club shop

years earlier in the FA Cup 1st Round, and yes this was our second season in the biggish-boy Conference South... but drawing Southport away, an officially 'up north' road trip, was so much more redolent of those halcyon days when Wealdstone had indeed sat at the top of the non-league pyramid. This game felt like a real shift in the club's direction. It was just possibly winnable too, if our luck held. A family birthday at a particularly cash-poor time of year led me

to not get on that train. And as I followed the game on pre-hate Twitter, I got to thinking that, you know what? We might just find ourselves more routinely amongst these big boys in the not too distant future. Ricky Wellard's winner and the wall of noise from the travelling Stones fans were both incredible. Of course we then got absolutely tanked 1-4 by Brackley in the next round (oh yep, I made that match alright) and the dream receded somewhat. Temporarily, thank goodness.



Joy and a wall of sound as Stones win at Southport (left) while (right) joy is unconfined at Northwood in '97 as Bryan Hammatt wraps up the famous win



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Meet Harrow's new European Champion

By Tim Parks

Mitchell's story of redemption echoes the WFC tale so show him your love at half time today!

WHO better than a European lightweight boxing champion to get the crowd up for today's knockout Boxing Day clash with Boreham Wood!

Mitchell Smith, born in Pinner and now living in North Harrow, has the kind of back story of adversity we love at Wealdstone, and the 33-year-old is proud to be linked to our famous old club.

He is the first to admit that he's not seen as many Stones games as he should, being brought up in Wealdstone, but he'll be on the pitch at half time today showing off his new WBO European champion's belt - and also bringing his seven-

year-old son Vinnie for his first experience of the Vale atmosphere.

Vinnie and Wealdstone has already got a bit of a ring about it!

Boxing fans will know all about Harrow's prodigious youngster but perhaps not about his

Mitchell salutes his WBO European lightweight success two months ago and (right) as a brilliant youngster with his belts

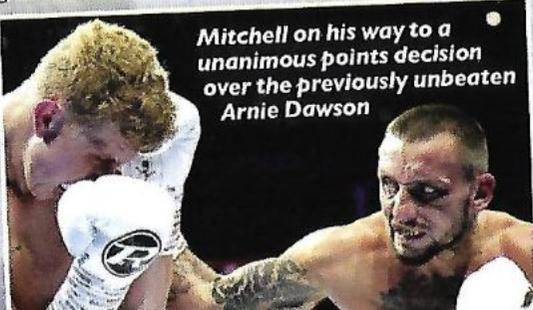
fall from grace in the intervening decade. Mitchell became a professional at the age of 18 after winning the elite senior ABA's title and a stellar career seemed a certain outcome.

His 2015 award for **Best Young Boxer of the Year**, following in the footsteps of men like Ricky Hatton, Barry McGuigan, Joe Calzaghe and Naseem Hamad, (pictured on the opposite) page is testimony to that.

But then the youngster - the product of a broken home - lost his way and spiralled into a world of drink and drugs. His natural fighting weight of 10 stone ballooned to 16 or even 17 stone during that tough

period. "I didn't have the right guidance in my mid 20s" he says simply, "but now I've overcome my demons and I promised my children - and their mother, my partner Lacey - that I'd fight my way back from that drunken mess to win a boxing title. It

Mitchell on his way to a unanimous points decision over the previously unbeaten Arnie Dawson



was incredibly tough for me, both mentally and physically, but I managed to do it."

Fighting out of the Intent Boxing Club, in St Albans, he fought his way back to fitness and then, last month overcame the unbeaten

Arnie Dawson at the O2 Arena to lift that European title.

Dawson, just 24, was hot favourite but Mitchell put him down with a right hander early in the 10-round contest and won a unanimous decision - though it was a very close fight.

"I'm an instinctive fighter - I don't box to a game plan and it's all about timing, balance, distance and timing. And determination. That fight has put me back into the top 14 in the world and theoretically my next fight could be for the WBO world title.

"But to land the right fight is difficult. To be honest, boxing has lost its way. With so many different disciplines these days, crossover boxing, misfit stuff and the Saudi Arabia shows, the traditional English boxing shows are being squeezed out. Promoters like Frank Warren are staging a show just once a month instead of one a week and the sport is suffering from a lack of exposure.

"The actual boxers seem the least important part of the jigsaw. Which is wrong considering the amount of hard graft we have to put in to compete at that level".

Mitchell lives with his five children Vinny, Sienna, Talula, Sadie and Harley and is a fierce advocate for the education he personally missed out on when he was expelled from Hatch End High School in Year 10 for fighting.

"But it's so difficult for kids now. So many suffer with their mental health under the pressure and anxiety that society has forced on the young generation.

MITCHELL SMITH NAMED BEST YOUNG BOXER OF THE YEAR BY BOXING WRITERS' CLUB

Harrow super-featherweight hotshot Mitchell Smith has been nominated the 2015 Best Young Boxer of the Year by the prestigious Boxing Writers' Club. The fast rising young star is the latest addition to an illustrious roll call of British greats who have previously won the award, including Terry Downes, Howard Winstone, Ken Buchanan, John Conteh, Barry McGuigan, Naseem Hamed, Joe Calzaghe, Ricky Hatton and more recently Billy Joe Saunders. Dynamite-punching Smith, 22, is one of the best young talents coming through on the domestic scene with an unbeaten record of 13 fights with seven knockouts and has so far claimed the Southern Area, English, WBO European and WBO Intercontinental titles, all televised on The Channel Of Champion, BoxNation. His last three fights have ended in back-to-back knockouts inside five rounds and he obliterated Dennis Tubieron in his last fight in July with one stunning punch to the ribs in the first round. Ranked at number eight in the world by the WBO, Smith is moving up the rankings fast and his next fight is at the Harrow Leisure Centre on Friday 30th October when he faces south London rival George Jupp in a defence of his WBO Intercontinental belt. "I'm absolutely thrilled to have been honoured with this award. The fact that so many knowledgeable boxing writers, who have the whole of the country to choose from, have chosen me, it means a great deal. Also, to have my name on a trophy alongside so many great fighters makes me very proud. I hope that I'm able to go on and prove myself worthy of their choice in years to come." Said Mitchell. Frank Warren is delighted with Smith's progress since turning professional under his guidance in 2012 and he is the 19th boxer promoted by the Hall of Fame Promoter to win the award. "I'm delighted that Mitchell has been awarded the Boxing Writers' Young Boxer of the Year of the award and he deserves it for all the hard work and exciting performances he has put on over the last twelve months, all of them on BoxNation. From the brutal one punch finish of Tubieron to the stunning four-punch knockout combination of Antonio Horvatic, Mitchell brings excitement whenever he fights. I'm expecting more big things from him in the next year and he'll be the one on everyone's lips, he's the next big star of British boxing." Said Warren. Smith will be presented the award at a glittering ceremony next month at the Savoy Hotel.

"My life was unconventional, and it was my dad John who is my hero...he got me into boxing and was my first coach."

Mitchell started off at Harrow ABC, at the Leisure Centre, before moving onto Bushey ABC under Danny Shinkwin and his brother Mick. Then it was onto Welwyn ABC where his career took off.

"My dream now would be a fight against Abdullah Mason, the American holder of the world lightweight title. But in the meantime, I want to get into watching local sport and Wealdstone is a great place to come and enjoy the community spirit."

Bizarrely, Mitch was born in a Pinner council flat right above where Gordon (Wealdstone Raider) Hill lived. "It was crazy when that *You Want Some?* video at Whitehawk made him famous. Gordon's got a heart of gold but you couldn't imagine someone more unassuming".

I became aware of Mitchell's connection with Harrow when he appeared on *Talksport* radio with Andy Goldstein and Gabby Agbonlahor to talk about his comeback win. To be out of the sport for 10 years, and return with such an emotional victory over such a talented opponent made even the most cynical commentators take notice.

But Mitchell has a better perspective on life now. "I don't want my son to get into boxing, I'd much rather he got into football as it's more enjoyable. Boxing can be fun but you can't compete for fun. You have to take it really seriously".



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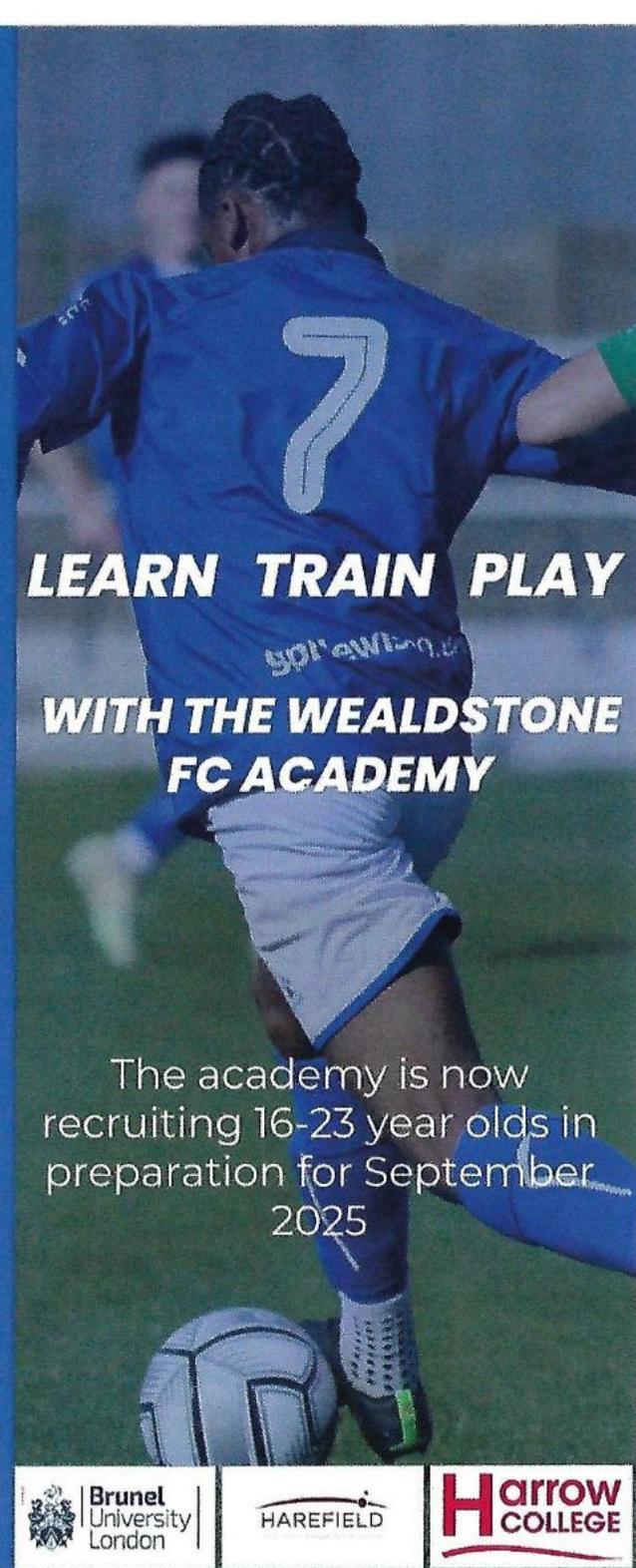
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Sun 14	Rose	L	A	5-2
Sun 21	London Football School	L	H	2-6
Sun 28	Frenford & MSA	L	A	2-0
OCTOBER				
Sun 12	Balham	Cup	H	2-0
Sun 26	Wandsworth Borough	Cup	A	2-6
NOVEMBER				
Sun 2	London Football School	Cup	A	2-1
Sun 9	Edgware & Kingsbury	Cup	H	7-1
Sun 16	Hilltop Women	CC	H	Walkover
Sun 30	Tower Hamlets	L	H	3-0
DECEMBER				
Sun 7	Grenfell Athletic	Cup	A	-
Sun 14	Edgware & Kingsbury	L	A	-
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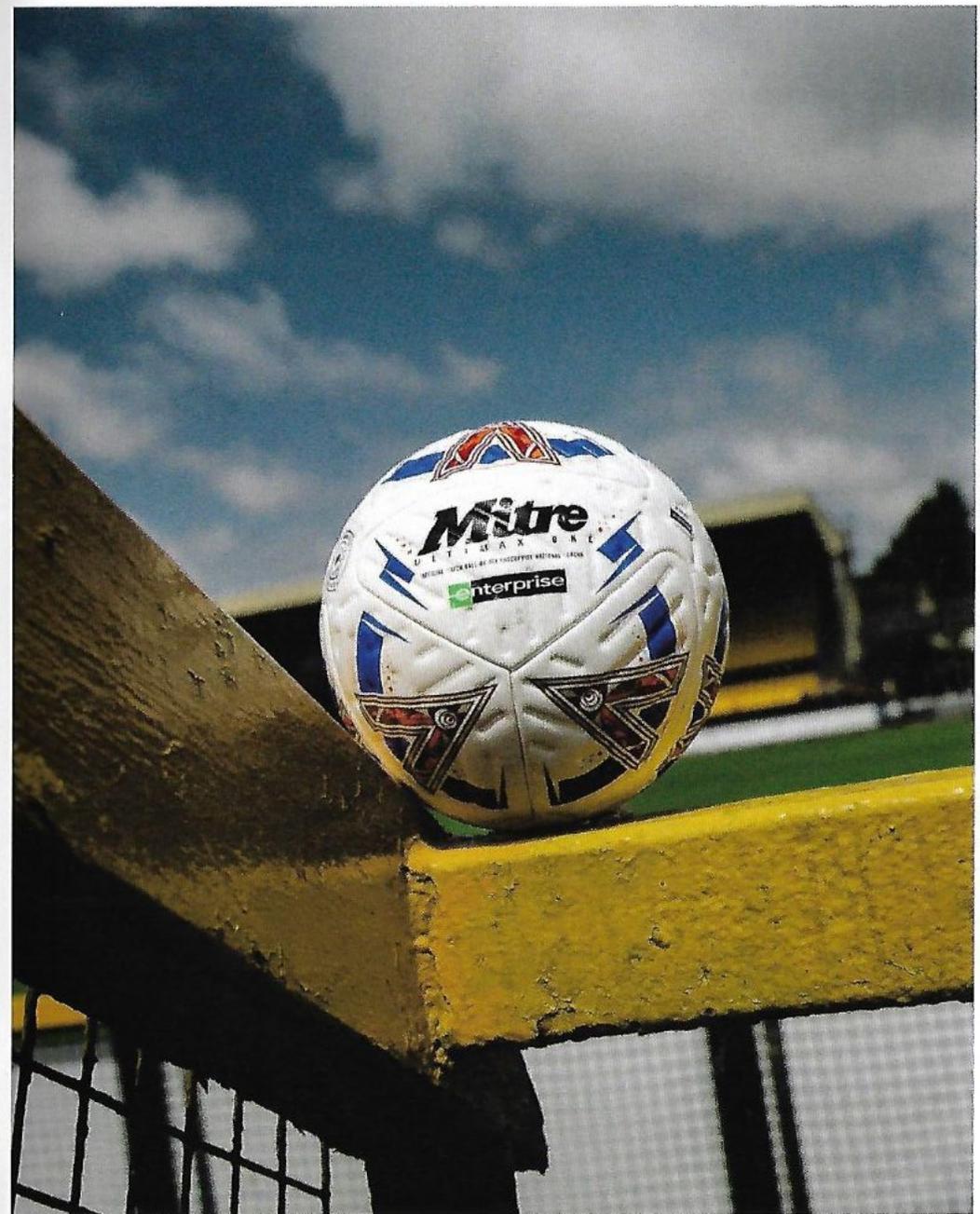


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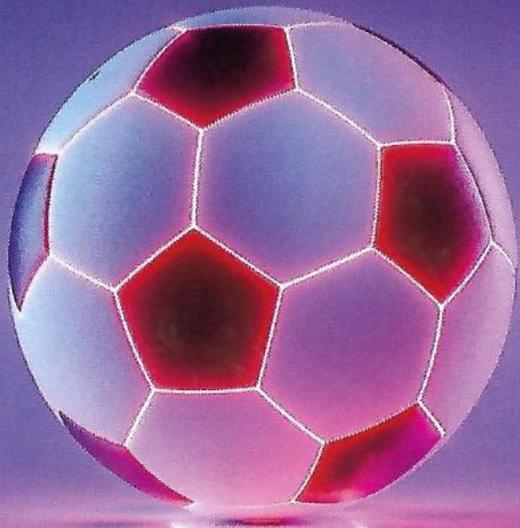
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Wood, we've met you before

BY TIM PARKS

Boreham Wood are headed for more FA Cup glory...so here are our own top memories!

Saturday October 16th 2004 FA Cup 3rd Qual: Wealdstone 5 Boreham Wd 1

2004 THE BEST

IT MIGHT seem a bit perverse, with today's visitors gearing up for a Third Round proper home tie with Burton Albion in a couple of weeks, to focus on our own past FA Cup ties with the Wood.

But these two classic games, five years apart, were just glorious! The first, reported (right) by Steve Paull, was played out to a backdrop of menace from the travelling Wood fans who were finally sent home, tails between their legs, by a combination of fearless stewarding by the late and loved Mim Goodman and a barrage of goals from the potent Stones strike force of Richard Jolly, Marvin Morgan and Ben Alexander. Jermaine Beckford had to sit out the game on the bench!

Wealdstone win through

by Steve Paull

Wealdstone 5 Boreham Wood 1

TO QUOTE the dog from a certain insurance company advertisement - 'oh yes!' Another superb performance and another FA Cup victory for battling Wealdstone who, again, came from behind to win.

Boreham Wood, who came onto the White Lion Ground with a confident swagger, left it as a dejected rabble after clinical finishing destroyed their cup aspirations.

In a scrappy, yet passionate, first 30 minutes honours were even and goalscoring chances at either end were non-existent. Then, Lochhead curled a free-kick around the defensive wall and past Andy Carter's despairing dive to give the visitors the lead and, suddenly, there was a match on.

Wealdstone upped the pace of their game immediately, and were level within five minutes, Marvin Morgan's determination winning the ball in a tussle with Moran and, when it was laid back, Richard Jolly smashed it home from eight yards.

Morgan's curling effort soon after was acrobatically pushed away by former Stones keeper Noel Imber, but only straight onto the head of Gary Burrell leaving the score 2-1.

Morgan had been on the receiving

end of racial abuse from a section of the travelling Wood fans, but got his revenge with the third goal 10 minutes after the turnaround.

Brian Jones's pass was cut out by Lochhead, but fell ideally for the striker to crack it past Imber.

Wood did rally briefly at this point, and Moran headed a good chance over Carter's bar, but this was to be their only worthwhile opportunity in what must have been a desperately-disappointing 45 minutes for their management team.

The fourth goal was the pick of the bunch. Burrell's mighty tackle won possession deep in his own half. He fed Gary McKeown, whose exquisite pass put Morgan away scampering down the left. When the cross came in Jolly arrived late at the far post to steer the ball home. Superb.

That only left Ben Alexander to replace Morgan and help himself to the fifth goal almost immediately after coming on. In an entirely-individual effort, he dispossessed Townley on the edge of his own area, did a couple of sidesteps to evade tackles and cracked the ball past Imber from 20 yards.

To repeat my comment after the last round 'why can't Wealdstone play like this every week?'

Wealdstone: A Carter, Shaw, Carvell, Ryan, Wolf, M Carter, Jones (Williams, 87), McKeown (Michnowicz, 79), Morgan (Alexander, 63), Jolly, Burrell.



Ben Alexander celebrates the fourth goal with Tommy Williams (left)

Ruthless Stones through to next round of FA Cup

WEALDSTONE: Blue Square Premier opposition next in line

FOOTBALL

by Tim Edwards
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FA CUP SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND

Boreham Wood 2
Wealdstone 4

WEALDSTONE booked an FA Cup third qualifying round tie with Conference South outfit Lewes at Grosvenor Vale on Saturday week after tearing apart Ryman Premier rivals Boreham Wood.

Ryan Ashe and a Lee Chappell brace put them in control at half time before the Meadow Park side scored either side of Alan Massey's killer fourth goal.

It was an assured performance from a side oozing confidence but manager Gordon Bartlett insisted the scoreline flattered his team.

"They are a decent side and forced Sean (Thomas) into a good save early on before hitting the woodwork," he said.

"We just happened to take our opportunities while they didn't. To go into the break 3-0 I don't think was a true reflection of the balance of the game.

"They had won five of their last six games which makes the result even more satisfying."

Stones now have Lewes in their sights and Bartlett is adamant his side can give anyone a run for their money at the moment.

"They are from a higher league but if we go into the game with the right attitude and play to our strengths then we'll have a chance," he added.

Ashe fired the Stones ahead early on from Kieron Forbes' slide rule pass before Thomas made a wonderful save as the hosts stormed back.

With just ten minutes on the watch the Stones doubled their lead when Chappell took Massey's pass



UP FOR THE CUP: Alan Massey rifles home and (inset) Stones fans celebrate

Photos by Steve Foster/Wealdstone FC

in his stride before unleashing a fierce drive past Tucker.

Sean Sonner fired a warning shot just past Thomas's far post but Stones always looked dangerous on the break with Marvin McCoy and Forbes linking up well.

The Stones effectively put the result beyond doubt on the stroke of half time.

After Forbes was illegally

stopped in his tracks, stand-in skipper Chappell arrowed his free-kick into the top left corner of the goal.

Chris O'Leary should have made it 4-0 with a free header early in the second period but directed the ball over the bar before the tireless Chris Ellerbeck was replaced by Ken Daring after 55 minutes.

Dean Green reduced the arrears for the Wood but Stones regained

their three-goal advantage on 72 minutes when Massey blasted home at the far post after the hosts failed to deal with Ashe's corner.

Ross Lafayette came on for Greg Ngoyi before Ryan Kirby scored a late consolation for Boreham Wood. **Wealdstone:** Thomas, McCoy, Chappell, Fitzgerald, Massey, Ashe, Forbes, O'Leary, Ellerbeck, Ngoyi, E'Beyer.

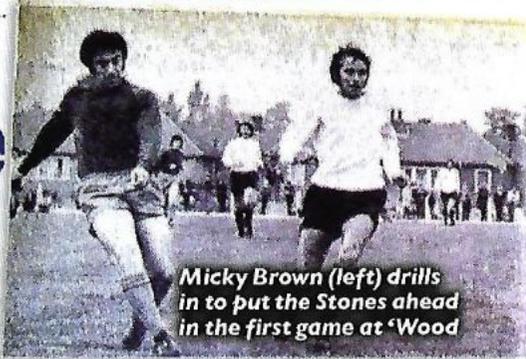
2009 ALSO THE BEST!

Saturday Sept 26 2009, FA Cup 2nd Qual Round: Boreham Wood 2 Wealdstone 4 FIVE YEARS later, with the Stones in their second season at the Vale, Gordon Bartlett's side went to Broughing Road (as it was then known) and KO'd high-fly-

ing Wood in the 2nd Qualifying Round. It was the season we went on to beat Lewes and then Aylesbury before falling 3-2 to League One Rotherham in the First Round Proper. Fantastic times!
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Wood, we've met you before **continued**

...but 54 years ago the boot was on the other foot: Stones were giant-killed



Micky Brown (left) drills in to put the Stones ahead in the first game at 'Wood'

Tuesday October 12th 1971, FA Cup 2nd Qual Rd replay: Wealdstone 0 Boreham Wood 2

THE first time the Stones took on Boreham Wood in the (semi) professional era was in our very first season of Southern League football... and it was an unmitigated disaster!

Perhaps people around the club were still remembering the 7-1 thrashing we handed out to our Hertfordshire neighbours at Lower Mead a dozen years earlier, in the second round of the London Senior Cup. For when our name came out of the FA Cup hat against The Wood in the second qualifying round, to be played at their Broughing Road ground, there was no dismay from either the Stones - who were odds-on favourites against the Athenian League amateurs - or Boreham Wood, who were rubbing their hands with glee at the prospect of a 1,300-plus crowd. And then another thousand-plus in the replay.

This was 55 years ago when I was barely a teenager, but I well remember wondering if I could cycle to this distant footballing outpost. I decided I couldn't, and was genuinely surprised to read the result (a 1-1 draw) in the small print of the Sunday

Moment of misery as Wealdstone's John Furie (right) sees his penalty kick go high and wide



Express results column the next morning. But then joy at the prospect of a seeing the replay under the lights at Lower Mead, and the doubtless repetition of the 7-1 result of a decade before.

My memories of that night are still pin-sharp. The humiliation of losing at home to inferior but more enthusiastic opponents was a recurring theme in the early

1970s (minnows Leighton Town in '70, Wood in '71, Chesham in '73) but this was the first I'd witnessed and the recollection of our midfielder John Furie thumping his penalty kick hopelessly high and wide still makes me angry. Yes, over 50 years on!

Not just because it was a turning point in the game but because the only true star in the Stones team - former Welsh international at Spurs double-winner Cliff Jones - should have been taking it but had flown off to play in a lucrative exhibition game in South Africa, in breach of contract. That row rumbled on in the wake of this embarrassing defeat. Jones was forgiven but only played a few more games until Southern League Prem 'giants' Cambridge City came in with a £200 bid and the winger was transferred. That doesn't equate to big money (probably worth around

£3,000 today) but I think Jones had soured his name with manager Alan Humphries and it was no surprise.

SO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

WELL, the Stones had been expected to make a big impact on the Southern League, as Wimbledon and Barnet had done before us when transferring over from amateur football, but this first season in the First Division North was pretty grim. Humphries' quickly-assembled team of old has-beens and never-weres was broken up by new boss Sid Prosser in early 1972 and we recovered to finish in mid-table. The ex-St Albans manager signed a raft of new players over the next two years including icons like George Duck, Willie Watson, John McCormick and Bill Byrne - players who feature in most long-time fans' all-time

Heavens weep as fans despair

The night shame came to Lower Mead Stadium

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 0, Boreham Wood 2

WEALDSTONE crashed to one of their most humiliating defeats in their 71 year history on Tuesday evening as young, full of running Athenian League Premier Division side Boreham Wood sent them tumbling out of the F.A. Cup with a display that professionals rarely looked capable of matching.

The amateurs' victory was brilliantly organised in build-up and clinical in its execution. Their manager and coach, having watched and noted the defects in 'Stones' game last Saturday, completely changed their tactics for the occasion and were proved right.

In the first half of the game at Boreham Wood, the amateurs had spent an apprehensive first 50 minutes seeing dangers that never really existed and saying to themselves: "How can we possibly beat this professional set-up?"

A draw had freed their minds of that problem and where on Saturday they had spent the first half back pedalling, they were at 'Stones' from the first minute on Tuesday.

Having started at a fair gallop one must sadly record that they were able to maintain their pace until the end, whereas the majority of the Wealdstone professionals had dropped their heads long before that time and accepted a lost cause.

In a game played in pouring rain, Woods chased everything in sight while the majority of the home players wandered over the soaked surface like men without hope. And as the rain deluged even harder at the end, no doubt weeping tears of sympathy for 1,058 paying spectators, they finally retired in more than disorder.

Then came the final humiliation. John Furie, who had been at point-blank range from Varney, had turned a John Draper drive aside and Smith had sent a sizzling free-kick through Barr's hands only to see his shot rebound from an upright.

'Stones' could conjure up only spasmodic raids with Brown, the only really dangerous home forward, having one shot kicked from the line and another splendidly saved by

WIDE OPEN

They were wide open at the back; were harassed beyond belief by Wood's big striker Les Varney, whose enthusiasm finally got him hooked in the second half, and quite unable to deal with the supreme wing work of John Smith who played havoc with the home defence every time he got the ball.

To make matters worse, 'Stones' could not even take advantage of a penalty awarded - a little harshly I thought - when Townsend, in no position to force his way past three defenders, was thumped down in the box by a fourth.

John Furie took the kick and the best he could do was leave a tell-tale mark on the white background of the Harrow Observer advertisement high above the cinema-end goal.

Before then Barr had saved at point-blank range from Varney, had turned a John Draper drive aside and Smith had sent a sizzling free-kick through Barr's hands only to see his shot rebound from an upright.

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OFF THE BAR

Smith's in-swing, perfectly flighted, was powerfully met by Micky Jackson whose header went in off the bar.

'Stones' pulled off Watson, pushed on Cooper as sub and although they might complain they deserved a penalty for a blatant handling offence, they

were by now clearly reading the writing on the wall.

The result was finally beyond all doubt four minutes from time when a splendid free kick from McLean was sweetly moved on by Smith for Beasant to shoot through the narrow gap from an acute angle - a fitting goal to give Boreham Wood a victory they thoroughly deserved.

Wealdstone: Barr; T. Malon, Furie, Cockell, I. McPhed, Bailey, Watson, Hale; Townsend, Knight, Brown. Sub: Cooper.

Boreham Wood: P. Smith; McLean, R. Kierstenson, Coldney, J. Sneddon; Beasant, Mike Jackson, Draper; L. Varney, Mick Jackson, J. Smith. Sub: Chapman.

team - and we won promotion from Division One South in '74. The 'night shame' of Boreham Wood has been repeated over the years. But the first bitter taste is always the worst!

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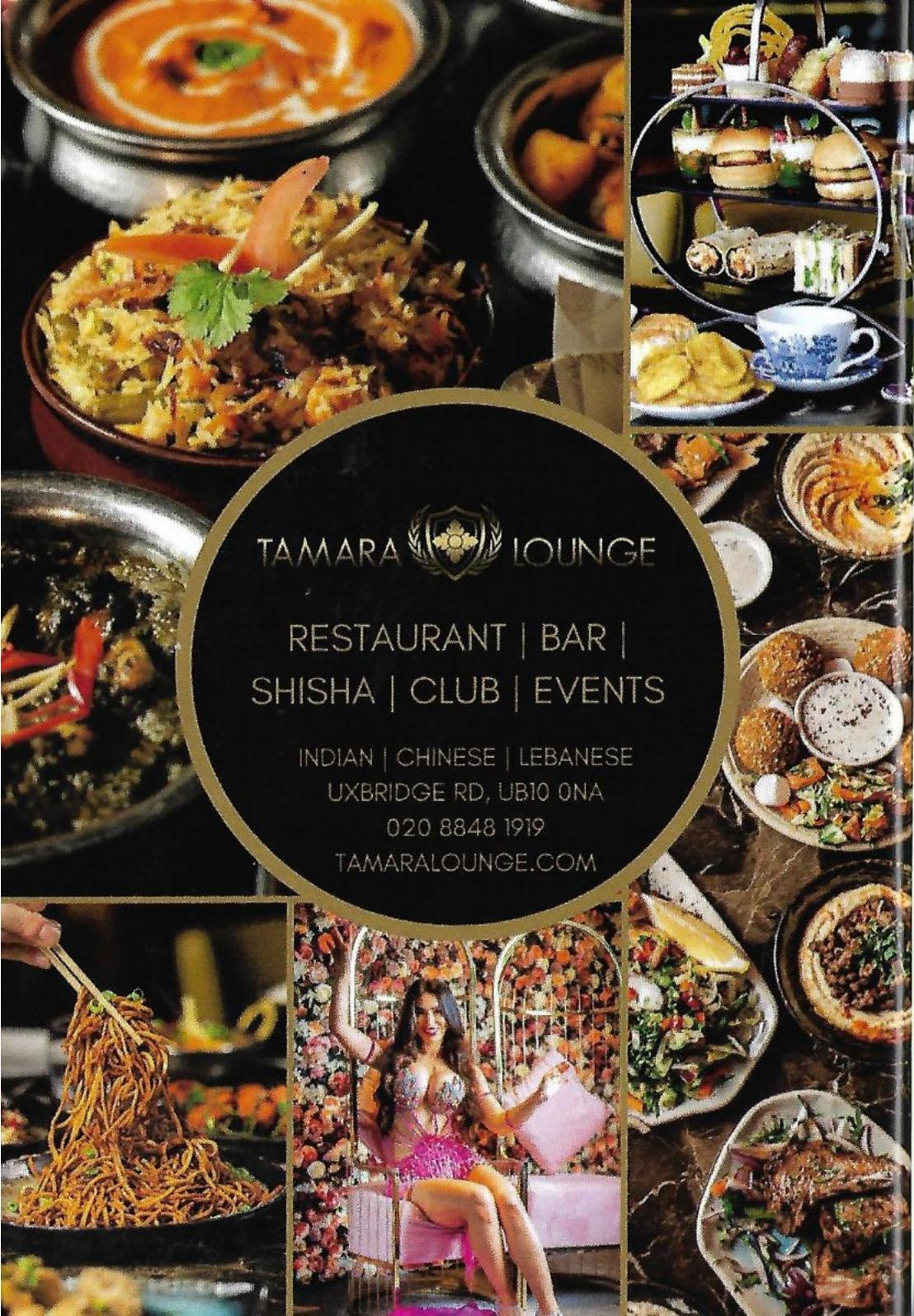
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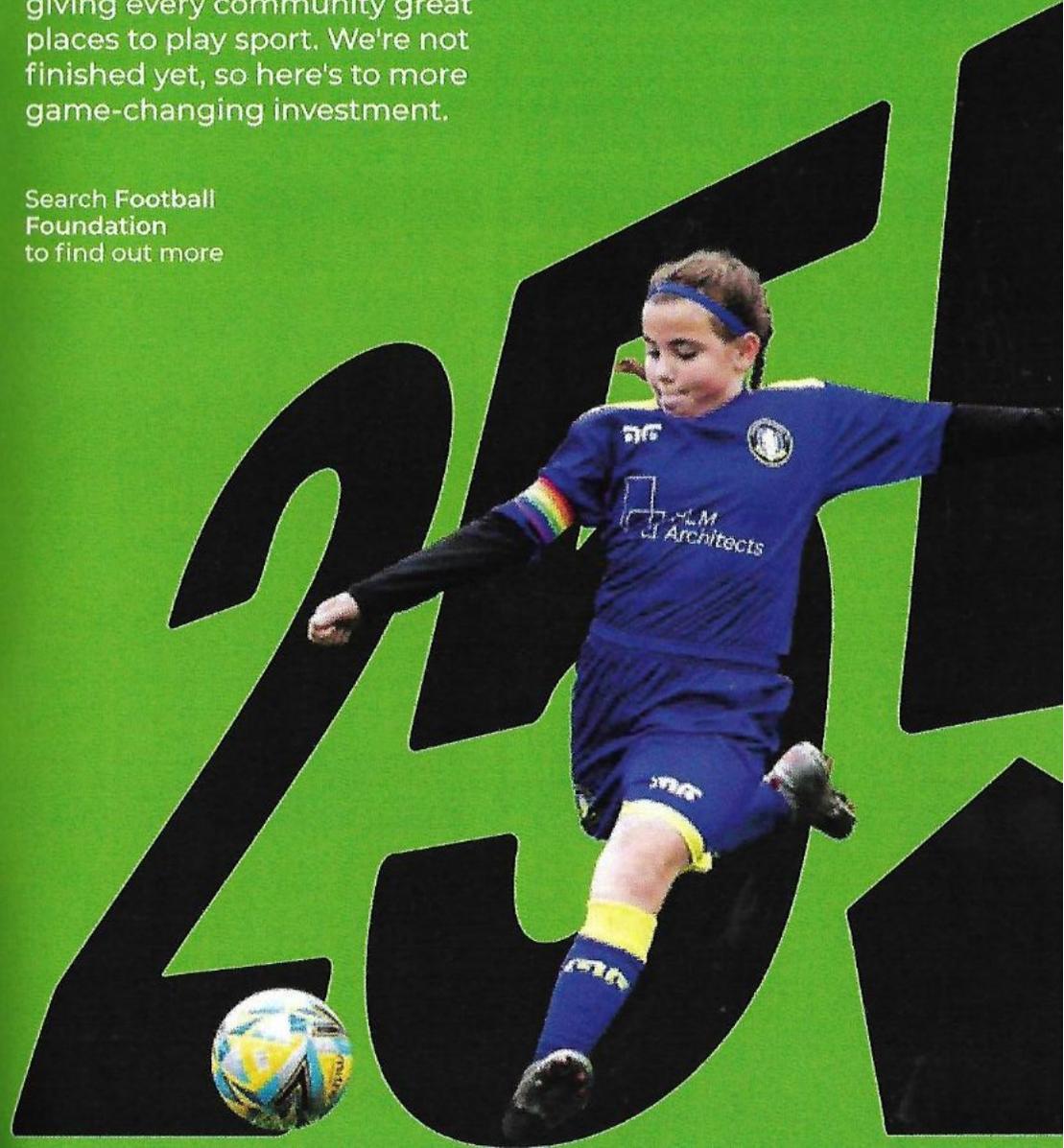
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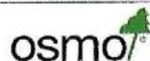
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Other National League Boxing Day action:

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 Gateshead v. Carlisle United
 Morecambe v. Rochdale
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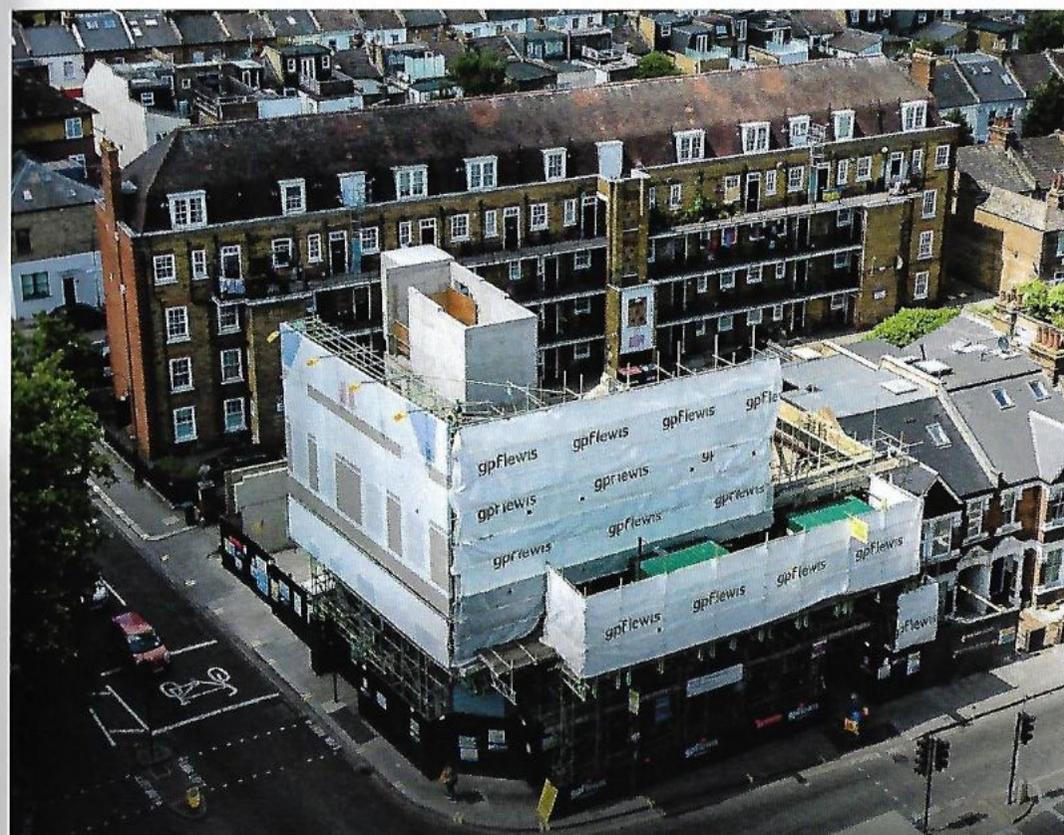
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Dagenham & Redbridge  Saturday 10th January 3:00pm FA Trophy 4th Round	Aldershot Town  Tuesday 30th December 7:45pm Enterprise National League
Woking  Saturday 17th January 3:00pm Enterprise National League	Carlisle United  Saturday 3rd January 3:00pm Enterprise National League
Tamworth  Tuesday 21st January 7:45pm Enterprise National League	Gateshead  Saturday 24th January 3:00pm Enterprise National League

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	HOME				AWAY				ALL GAMES				vs. Stones				
	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	
1 Rochdale	9	8	0	1	10	7	1	2	19	15	1	3	36	13	23	46	1-3
2 Forest Green Rovers	12	8	3	1	10	5	4	1	22	13	7	2	39	21	18	46	1-1
3 Carlisle United	12	7	3	2	10	7	1	2	22	14	4	4	40	25	15	46	0-1
4 York City	11	7	2	2	10	6	4	0	21	13	6	2	55	23	32	45	0-4
5 Boreham Wood	11	8	1	2	10	5	4	1	21	13	5	3	40	21	19	44	
6 Scunthorpe United	11	7	3	1	10	4	4	2	21	11	7	3	35	23	12	40	0-0
7 Southend United	10	5	3	2	10	5	2	3	20	10	5	5	32	16	16	35	3-2
8 Hartlepool United	12	4	6	2	10	4	3	3	22	8	9	5	26	18	8	33	1-1
9 Woking	11	2	6	3	11	6	1	4	22	8	7	7	30	24	6	31	2-1
10 FC Halifax Town	10	5	3	2	12	4	1	7	22	9	4	9	32	31	1	31	2-1
11 Wealdstone	11	5	4	2	11	3	3	5	22	8	7	7	30	29	1	31	----
12 Solihull Moors	11	4	3	4	11	3	4	4	22	7	7	8	28	33	-5	28	1-1
13 Tamworth	10	3	3	4	12	5	1	6	22	8	4	10	27	35	-8	28	1-1
14 Yeovil Town	11	4	2	5	11	4	1	6	22	8	3	11	22	29	-7	27	2-0
15 Altrincham	11	6	0	5	11	2	2	7	22	8	2	12	27	33	-6	26	1-1
16 Boston United	10	2	2	6	12	4	4	4	22	6	6	10	25	32	-7	24	1-2
17 Eastleigh	10	4	2	4	11	2	3	6	21	6	5	10	22	30	-8	23	0-0
18 Sutton United	11	4	3	4	10	1	4	5	21	5	7	9	33	39	-6	22	4-2
19 Brackley Town	10	4	2	4	11	1	3	7	21	5	5	11	15	27	-12	20	2-0
20 Braintree Town	11	4	3	4	11	1	2	8	22	5	5	12	17	31	-14	20	1-0
21 Gateshead	10	1	2	7	11	4	2	5	21	5	4	12	27	50	-23	19	2-2
22 Morecambe	11	3	2	6	11	1	3	7	22	4	5	13	28	52	-24	17	3-4
23 Aldershot Town	11	3	2	6	11	1	2	8	22	4	4	14	35	48	-13	16	
24 Truro City	11	4	1	6	11	0	2	9	22	4	3	15	22	40	-18	15	2-0 0-2



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