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BRAINTREE TOWN
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TODAY'S RESULT: WEALDSTONE BRAINTREE TOWN

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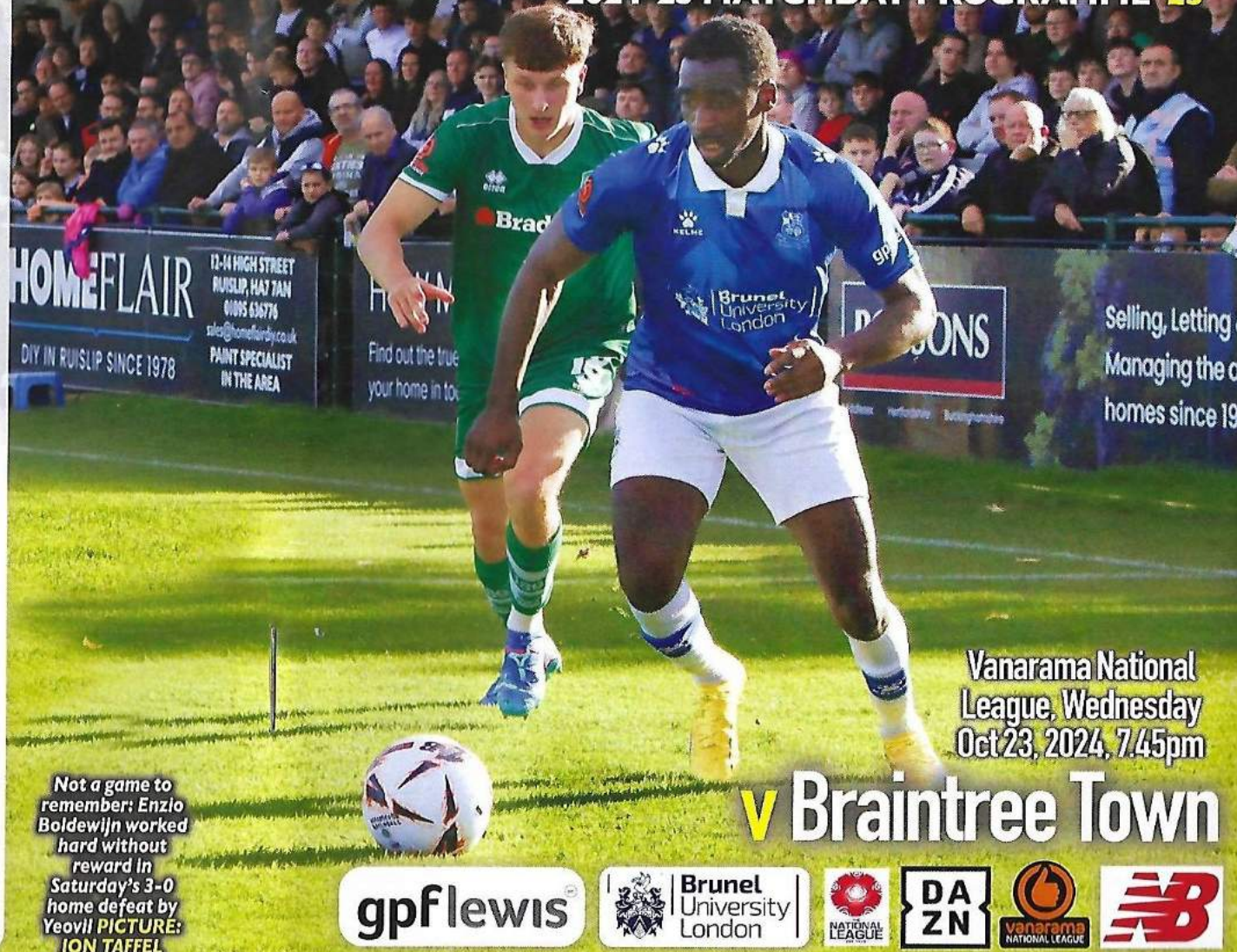
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BRAINTREE TOWN - WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2024



Good Evening and welcome to Grosvenor Vale, for our National League fixture against Braintree Town.

It's a bit of a novelty playing on a Wednesday evening but as you will have worked out, tonight's fixture has been chosen to be televised by DAZN.

Tonight has also been chosen by the club to raise funds and awareness for our very own **Wealdstone FC Foundation** with all tonight's gate receipts being donated to expand the programmes it runs in and for the local community.

Wealdstone FC has always been more than just a football club and by extension our trust is committed to transforming lives through it's initiatives. Full details on the **Wealdstone FC Foundation** can be found later in this programme and we thank you all for your support.

Since my notes on Saturday the Wealdstone Supporters Club have published confirmation that

Written in Stone

BY MARK HYDE

they intend to run a coach for supporters, to our FA Cup 1st round game away at Grimsby on November the 2nd details are as follows - **Adult £35 / U16 £15 / Adult & U16 £45**. This is exceptional value as always but needs your support. Bookings can be made at the club shop or at wfsc.demoed.co.uk

So straight back into the saddle following Saturday's home defeat to Yeovil as we hope to finally kick start our season.

Lets get behind the team and become that all important 12th man

Mark

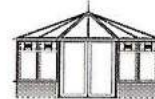
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I have been a local resident for over forty years and followed local football during that time, regularly attending Wealdstone matches since the move to Grosvenor Vale, in between my visits to Selhurst Park - I was born and brought up in south London and have been a Crystal Palace season ticket holder for many years. I continue to be impressed with the positive impact of the club (and supporters club) on the local area and community and enjoy seeing the Stones punching above their weight.

Hopefully, the future looks bright for the Stones, especially with the prospect of the new stadium.

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Wealdstone FC Board of Directors

IN THE WORDS OF THE GAFFER: MATT TAYLOR'S VIEW



Tonight is a great chance to put on a performance. Our fans deserve that'

WELCOME to the Vale tonight for the visit of Braintree. They have made a solid start back in the National League under Angelo Harrop but we have to see a reaction from our players after Saturday's defeat to Yeovil.

I want to see an aggressive performance to run and match the opposition and show real desire and workrate. I don't think we're lacking quality in the way we build our play - but we're still missing the target in the opposition box.

Looking back, we had more possession, more shots, more crosses... and we've lost the game 3-0. We made individual errors. The opposition didn't have to work hard enough to score. We prepped very well for the game and last Thursday's training session was probably the best so far.

But when we went 1-0 down players seemed to panic a little bit. You can't have nine shots in the second half and not hit the target once! There were elements of our game that were okay but really we've been pick-pocketed by their front players. We didn't show enough ruthlessness or enough quality where it mattered.

At 2-0 I genuinely thought we could get back into it, even at 3-0 we had four good chances to score.

The players don't understand the value of those moments that you get in games.

You look

back to a week ago and we took all those chances so it's not that we can't do it. We conceded three goals but I don't remember them cutting us open. It's not good enough to lose 3-0 at home. I'm acutely aware of that.

Being competitive doesn't win you games of football and the players must understand that.

Facing Braintree tonight is a great opportunity to get out there and put on a show for the supporters, a show they deserve. I understand how they feel and we will be doing all we can as players and staff to deliver that performance.

At full-time on Saturday we had an open and honest conversation as to why we've lost. What happens in the changing room should stay in the changing room but there have been some strong words in there.

I could make some excuses; I couldn't start Craig or Elliot today while Jack Wells-Morrison had been ill all week, but these are the sort of problems all other managers have. I'll always be up front, honest and open and the responsibility ultimately falls on me.

What we can't do is turn up here and feel sorry for ourselves. We are second from bottom of the National League and that is not good enough.

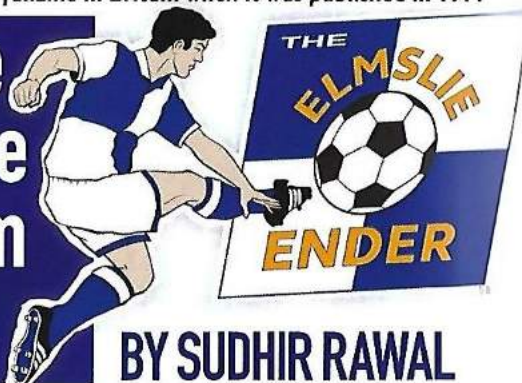
Please get behind us tonight because your support is vitally important to me, the players, everyone.

-Matt



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After manner of the Yeovil defeat, where do we go apart from a victory tonight?



BY SUDHIR RAWAL

OH BOY, it's not easy writing an article in a match day programme after a 3-0 home defeat when your record this season is one win in fourteen league games, including two goals in seven home games.

In my old fanzine world or even on Stones-Cast it would have been easy, but in a match day programme words have to be carefully chosen.

Let me start by saying that the reaction during matches from supporters has been muted, the crowd hasn't got on the back of the team, the infamous tunnel send offs haven't happened.... although social media over the last two weeks has certainly been heated.

Supporters are desperate for their team to do well. Crowds have surprisingly held up. We know we work within limitations and this season those limiting factors have been hugely stretched by a plethora of injuries that restricted the team we can put out. We all



know the management team's hands have been tied and we can't simply go out there and bring in more players to cover the injuries that we have had.

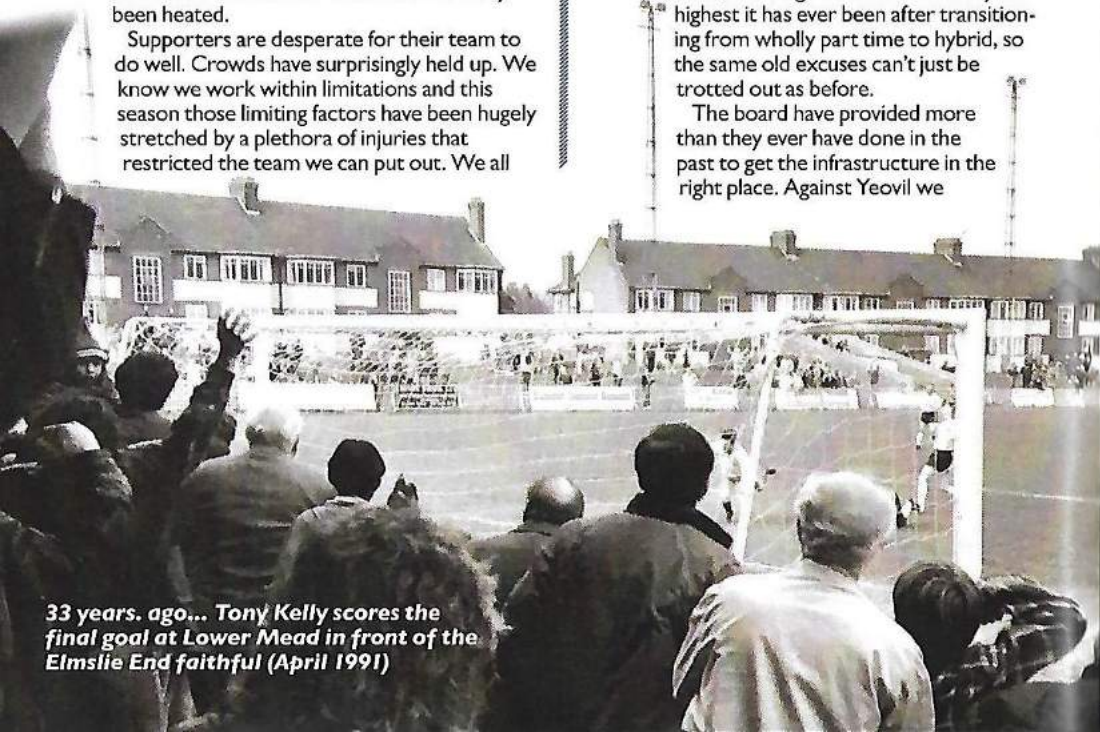
We also know that every season in this division should be treated as possibly being our last, so much is the difference in resources available to us compared to other teams. But we are nice and comfortable in this

division now. We can't contemplate a return to the National League South and also know that should we go down, it would be mightily tough to return.

That said, despite lower resources than other clubs, our wage bill now is certainly the highest it has ever been after transitioning from wholly part time to hybrid, so the same old excuses can't just be trotted out as before.

The board have provided more than they ever have done in the past to get the infrastructure in the right place. Against Yeovil we

33 years ago... Tony Kelly scores the final goal at Lower Mead in front of the Elmslie End faithful (April 1991)



When we played Grimsby last: Above, the mammoth Stones turnout applauds the team off the field at Blundell Park in January 2022 after a narrow 2-1 defeat. Left: Matt Buse's goal produces a shock 1-0 victory at the Vale the previous October. The Mariners went up through the play-offs. Pictures: Jon Taffel

Jarvis header that had me fuming at the defending. I retired to the beer garden, joined by many, while others streamed away from the ground with much of the half to go. So I can't talk much

about the rest of the game other than being told that Yeovil were in control and managed the game very well.

Braintree tonight and then Ebbsfleet on Saturday are now must-win games, otherwise the gap between us and safety could become a crevasse that can't be bridged.

After Ebbsfleet, we head for the first round of the FA Cup for the first time in nine years. Heady days before the draw was made. In the end, the draw was met with a huge 'meh'. Grimsby Town away, whilst a league 2 side (which only a half dozen

years ago would have sent us giddy with excitement) is now seen as somewhere we have been before only two years ago, a fairly grim trip to the North Lincolnshire coast, to a town where I am not sure I have seen more boarded up shops in a high street.

The saving grace being the £2 pint in the local hostleries in Cleethorpes.

It's a measure of how far we have come that Grimsby Town away in the FA Cup is seen as a chore rather than a pleasure.

Can we win? Of course we can: There is no reason why this team, this squad, shouldn't be doing so much better than it is at the moment.

*Milquetoast was definitely the word of the week, unleashed spectacularly on the Fans Forum and meaning a timid or feeble person. Use liberally.

started well and could have easily taken the lead and even been awarded a penalty and their keeper sent off. Our record of two goals in seven league matches was laid out bare though, as we did not take any of the chances that came our way.

The officials were inconsistent to say the least, but as the half wore on, Yeovil, whom many thought we would turn over in this season-defining run of games that ends with Ebbsfleet next week, were simply stronger, faster and fitter than us.

They dominated the middle of the park, while in comparison we were *milquetoast**.

They were solid at the back and their frontline caused us trouble all afternoon: They had a good mix of players and two of their better ones were 19 year-old loanees from Port Vale and Rotherham United, McGuckin and Plant, despite being from the lower leagues, certainly have a future in the game, adapting to the level that they are now playing at, including physicality and the pace.

Having gone in at half time one down, I was expecting a response. The response came from Yeovil. They had a perfectly good goal disallowed just after the restart, but we didn't learn from that, and soon doubled their lead with a terrific Aaron

'1-0 down at half time, I was really expecting a big response in the second half ... but the response came from Yeovil'

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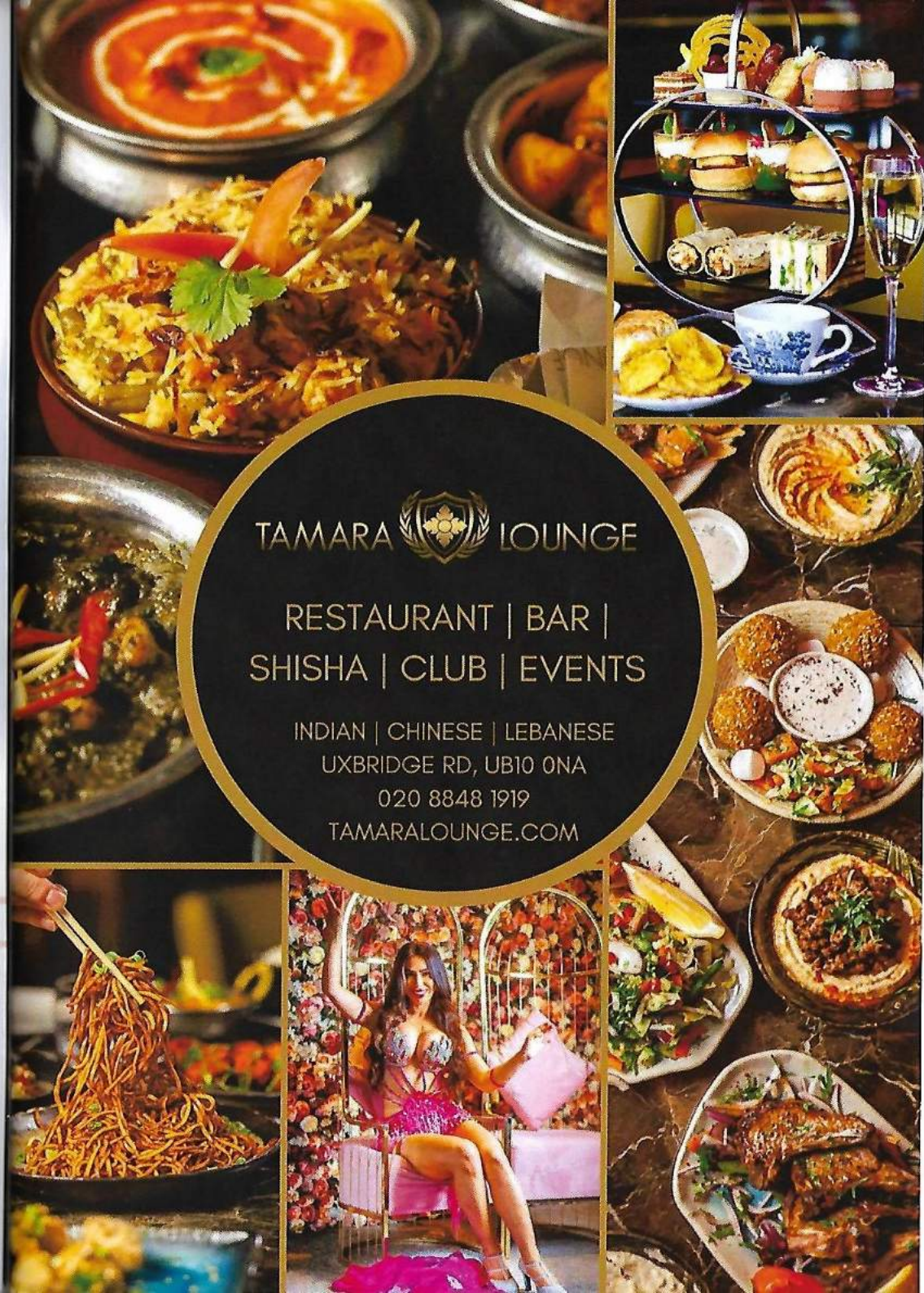


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'Cookie and I were driving down to the game at Yeovil a few years ago and as we came past Stonehenge at dusk I thought: You know, some people don't come this far on holiday'



Jon Stott pictured at the terrific Three Pigeons in Halifax. Even further than Yeovil!



PRAGUE FINAL 2023

Above: Jarrod Bowen celebrates his last-minute goal that won West Ham the Europa Conference Cup

The first game you remember seeing on TV? Honestly can't remember, probably FA cup game (only had 3 channels in those days) and my Dad would have been watching.
Do you follow any other team? Armchair West Ham fan.

What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen? Probably West Ham winning the Europa Conference League final against Fiorentina in Prague, 2023. Sorry Stones, but I've suffered many years as a Hammer.

And the best Wealdstone game? Beating Barnet 3 - 1 at their place and Gateshead away, when we went top of the league.... difficult to choose.

Who introduced you to the Stones? Paul Cooke, as mentioned.

What level of football do you prefer? National league, it's more about the game than the money. Also it is more accessible to anyone who just fancies going along to their local club.

How big a part of your life is the game? My wife says way too much, and for her to say that means it is now a large part of my life, so I got my son a season ticket so we can leave her to have a "quiet" Saturday occasionally.

How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life? In family life, very carefully.... in work life, much easier and even for midweek away games I can make up the time I need. I just remember that Cookie and I were driving to Yeovil for a Tuesday night game a couple of years ago and as we passed Stonehenge at dusk, I said you know what,

some people don't go this far on holiday. But we did it for a point on the road that night and both were at work the next day.

Where do/did you work? In Kempston, Bedfordshire, as a Workshop Manager.

Do you ever follow the Stones by the live stream? Have done a couple of times.

How does that compare to being back in the stadium? Not even close, there is always a great atmosphere in the stands.

Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? Really enjoyed watching Allarakhia over the last couple of years.

Could you name your best-ever Stones side? As I'm only a new boy, it's probably a team that could actually play together. In goal Wickens; back four Cook, Barker, Freckleton and Barrett. Midfield: Allarakhia, Kretschmar, Mundle-Smith and Charles. Up front Browne and Adarkwa.

What's the best away day you've experienced so far? Wrexham, drew 0-0. Only my second away trip but some great memories, great fun, great performance and met a few more of the 'long traveling' away crew.

Do you think Stones can aspire to playing in the EFL? Most definitely.

Where do you think the future of the club lies? New ground and the links to Brunel university, a strong beating heart from loyal supporters and the club seems to have a knack of attracting exciting new players either on loan or joining the club to further their career.

Your name and age? Jon Stott age 55
Whereabouts do you live Jon? Biggleswade, in Bedfordshire.

Have you always lived in that area? Yes

When was your first Stones game? It was Kings Lynn away in 2021... we won 1 - 0. The decision to go for a pee just before Charlie Cooper scored the only goal wasn't a great one as it took three or four games for me to see my first Stones goal. But well worth the wait!

How it that come about? It was my mate, Paul Cooke's birthday so he said "Do you fancy going to the football and having a few beers at the weekend?" What could possibly go wrong there? Paul is a Stones fan who also lives in Biggleswade, so we had a nice little train ride, a few beers and then I was bitten by a bug that is so addictive. A new family, friends and a bunch of like-minded nutters following the Stones all round the country. It was a great decision!

What were your first impressions of the club? Passionate, friendly, welcoming and a real family atmosphere.

What was the first football match you ever saw live? Biggleswade Town v Arsenal 2nd XI in pre-season many many years ago (late 1970s).

Left: Jon's mate Paul Cooke, who has already starred as a Fan in the Stand a couple of years ago (below)



SUPPORTER PROFILE: PAUL COOKE

The Fan in the Stand

There's only two Wealdstone Cookies: Meet Paul, a fan since those desperate 90s



Paul Cooke is a long-time supporter of Wealdstone FC. He has been a fan since the late 1990s, following the club through its struggles and its recent resurgence. Paul is a vocal supporter, often seen at matches wearing his team colors and cheering enthusiastically. He has been a key figure in the club's community, helping to build a strong fan base and contributing to the club's success in recent years. Paul's dedication and passion for the club are a testament to the loyalty of its supporters.



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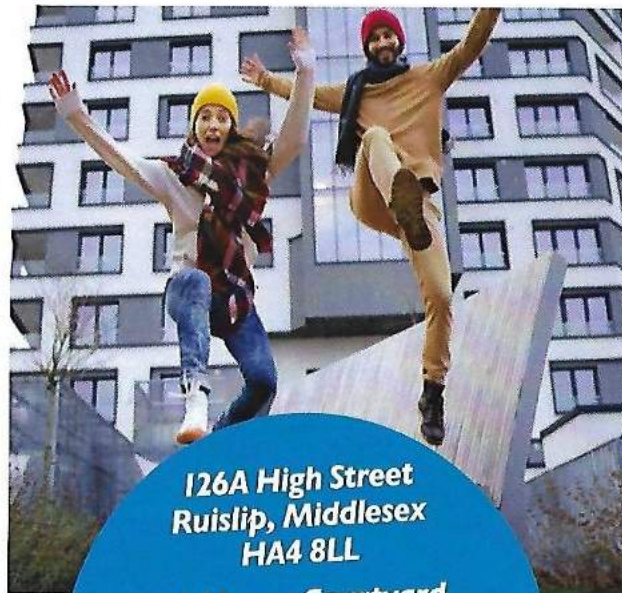


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Today's opposition in focus

The club was formed on 24 September 1898 as Manor Works, the works team of the Crittall Window Company, from which they gained their nickname Iron. The new club took over the fixtures of the recently defunct Braintree F.C. in the North Essex League, and also took on most of the former club's players. They left the league in 1900, but returned in 1901. They won the title in 1905–06, 1910–11 and 1911–12, also winning the Mid-Essex League in 1909–10 and 1910–11. In 1911 they also joined Division 2A of the Essex & Suffolk Border League, remaining in the league until 1928.

In 1921 they were renamed Crittall Athletic to be more closely identified with their parent company. After winning Division Two (Western) in 1922–23 and 1923–24, [5] they were promoted to the Senior Division of the Border League in 1925. In 1928 they joined the Spartan League, and in 1935 were founder members of the Eastern Counties League, although they also continued to play in the Border League. They won the Border League in 1935–36 and both the Border League and the Eastern Counties League in 1936–37, but then left the Eastern Counties League to join the newly established Essex County League. The new league folded after a single season (in which Crittall were runners-up) and the club returned to the



Eastern Counties League. After World War II the Eastern Counties League did not resume in 1945, so Crittall joined the Eastern Division of the London League instead. After finishing second in their first season, they were

promoted to the Premier Division. They were invited to rejoin the Eastern Counties League in 1947, but turned the offer down and remained in the London League, where they won the League Cup twice before returning to the Eastern Counties League in 1952. In 1954 they turned professional, but financial problems forced them to revert to amateur status and drop back down into the Border League at the end of the 1954–55 season.

In 1959–60 they won the league and League Cup double. They switched to the Greater London League in 1964, and then to the Metropolitan League in 1966. They were renamed Braintree & Crittall Athletic in 1968, and after winning the League Cup in 1969–70, the club returned to the Eastern Counties League again. In 1981 all links with Crittall were severed and the club was renamed Braintree F.C., before adopting their current name a year later. They won their second Eastern Counties League title in 1983–84 and retained it the following season. In 1986–87 they won the Essex Senior Trophy and the following season they won the League Cup.

In 1991 Braintree moved up to the Southern



Division of the Southern League. In 1996 the club asked the FA to switch leagues to reduce their travelling. After initially being refused, they were allowed to move to Division Three of the Isthmian League, although it was an effective drop of two divisions. They were promoted as runners-up in their first season, and repeated the feat the following season. After three seasons in Division One they were promoted to the Premier Division with a third-place finish in 2000–01. They won the Premier Division in 2005–06 to earn promotion to the Conference South. The season also saw them reach the first round of the FA Cup for the first time, eventually losing 4–1 at Shrewsbury Town.

Braintree qualified for the promotion play-offs in their first season in the Conference South, but lost 1–0 to Salisbury City in the final. They also reached the play-offs the following season, but lost to Eastbourne Borough in the semi-finals. In 2010–11 they finished as Conference South champions, earning promotion to the Conference Premier. The next four seasons saw the club reach the FA Cup for the first round, losing to Tranmere Rovers, Newport County, Chesterfield and Oxford United in successive seasons. In 2015–16 they finished third in the renamed National League, qualifying for the promotion play-offs. Despite winning the first leg at Grimsby Town 1–0, they lost the home leg 2–0 after extra time. In 2016–17 the club reached the second round of the FA Cup for the first time after beating Eastbourne Borough in the first round; they eventually lost 5–2 to Millwall in the second round. They were relegated from the National League at

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the end of the season after finishing in the bottom four.

The 2017–18 season saw Braintree finish sixth in the National League South. In the play-offs they defeated Hemel Hempstead Town and Dartford to reach the final, in which they beat Hampton & Richmond Borough 4–3 on penalties to earn promotion back to the National League. However, they were relegated to the National League South the following season after finishing second-from-bottom of the National League. In 2022–23 the club won the Essex Senior Cup, beating Concord Rangers 2–0 in the final. The following season saw them finish fifth in the National League South. In the subsequent play-offs they defeated Bath City 1–0 in the quarter-finals and Chelmsford City 3–2 in the semi-finals before beating Worthing 4–3 in the final to earn another promotion back to the National League.



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Football is for everyone, and our Walking Football initiative ensures that older fans and players can

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With **Tickets priced at just £5**, all proceeds from today's match will be donated to the Foundation, helping us continue to deliver these important programs.

Danny Kindell, Club Director responsible for the Strategy and Direction of the Community Foundation, says:

"This match, broadcast live on DAZN, is a significant moment for us. It not only showcases our efforts on the pitch but highlights the essential work the Foundation is doing in the community. Through this re-launch, we aim to deepen our impact and inspire even greater change."

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TODAY WE WELCOME FANS OF BRAINTREE TOWN TO GROSVENOR VALE

WFCSC update

BY TONY BOOTH



There truly is so such thing as a quiet season for Wealdstone FC. After the heroics in May secured another year in the National League, no one was under any illusions that things were going to get any easier this time round.

So following a start to the campaign laden with teams in the hunt for promotion, it looks to be another year where we need to rally together as a football club. Surviving in the National League requires quality, but it also requires a certain toughness. An ability to dig deep in the moments that matter most. These are the moments where fans and players push together to get over the line.

Already we've seen several times that this group of players have this fight in them. The first couple of months of this season has not just seen Wealdstone face some top-quality opposition, but also face the other elements that test clubs the most. Injuries, absences, suspensions.

It is in these moments perhaps, that we've seen the brightest points of the season. Fighting back from two goals down to salvage a point against Forest Green Rovers, digging in for a hard fought point away at Halifax Town. Results like this are not the result of luck or good fortune. They are the result of commitment, resilience, and passion.

That's not to say that it is especially easy to stomach the current reality of the league table. It is already clear that the battle to be won this season is the battle to remain in the National League. What this means is that we are going to have moments of frustration, of disappointment, and fundamentally of concern. As things stand, it's not unlikely that this is going to go down to the wire.

Which brings us to today's fixture against Braintree Town. As we extend the warmest of welcomes to Grosvenor Vale, we acknowledge too that this fixture carries weight for both sets of fans. The two clubs are currently separated by a handful of points, making this game one of the sport's so-called 'six-pointers'. When it comes to securing safety in the National

League, these are often the games where the difference is made.

So where does that leave us?

To me the answer is straightforward, it leaves us to simply do what we can, and do what Wealdstone fans do best. Getting behind the team.

It may feel early to be saying this, but that if that is what it takes, then that is what it takes. Simply showing up in any way that we can. Whether that be singing, cheering, travelling by planes, trains, and automobiles to push our team on. Letting Matty and the boys know that we are there with them every step of the way.

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SOME MEMORABLE GAMES BETWEEN STONES & THE IRON

AN extraordinary Stones performance brought this extraordinary result against our main challengers for the Isthmian Div Three title on a cold Tuesday night in February 1997.

The Best

For many Stones fans - even long in the tooth ones like me - this was the most fired-up and committed performance ever witnessed from a Wealdstone side.

Eighteen months earlier, our club had decided that the only way out of our financial mess was to leave the Southern League and take voluntary relegation two divisions lower to the Ryman (Isthmian) bottom rung. We hadn't bounced straight up into Div Two, as many had predicted, but just missed out and were thus in a division now strengthened by clubs like Braintree who had followed an identical path to our own.

Gordon Bartlett, in his second season in charge, was under real pressure to deliver promotion - and a 2-0 defeat at Braintree's Cressing Road ground just before Christmas (which punctured a Stones run of 12 successive wins) reintroduced negative thoughts that we would miss out again.

So we had a lot to prove when the Essex side visited the White Lion ground (where we were ground sharing with landlords Edgware Town)... but no one could have predicted the fire and brimstone that greeted the arrival of The Iron.

Our Press Officer at that time, Graham Sharpe, had been watching the Stones for about 40 years and immediately stuck this match in his top five games of all time. In his article reproduced opposite, he suggests that Braintree keeper



Not a picture from that glorious night but Chris Walton is pictured saluting a goal in front of The Kennel around that time

Wealdstone 6 Braintree 0 what a fabulous night that was at the White Lion!

Paul Catley (who had apparently baited the large contingent of Stones fans at Cressing Road) was largely responsible for the inspirational performance of skipper Fergus Moore and his men. **You could sense the mood of the players as soon as the game kicked off.** Braintree had done themselves no favours by bizarrely sacking their manager a day or two before the game - just after he'd won the Manager of the Month award, of course - and they were missing injured top scorer Wade Falana. But the Stones tore into them from the start and the vociferous 411 crowd (our biggest of the season so far) were under the 'Kennel' cover and baying for a goal. The

unbelievably one-sided first half was only 13 minutes old when Bryan Hammatt turned in a Simon Garner cross-shot for 1-0... and after a whole succession of missed chances and excellent goalkeeper (it has to be said) by the aforementioned Mr Catley, we finally went in 2-0 ahead when centre back Roy Marshall bulletted in a header from Steve Bircham's cross. Mick Vincent, in his Supporters Club notes the following week, pointed out that the Change of Hart regulars would have been more than happy with a draw at the start of the game. And certainly

He's alright, is Simon Garner. Well, I knew he would be as soon as I discovered that he had the same birthday as me - even if I've had it for a year or two longer! And then when we were playing at East Thurrock a couple of weeks back he confirmed that he had magical powers.

I was standing alongside the injured Lee Walker and Chris Walton. What had been a scrappy, battling game was heading towards a goalless draw. Garner looked over and saw the crippled pair and gestured to them, asking how long remained. They signalled back there was only a minute, or two, to go. Garner nodded, as if to say, right now's the time to get going. Almost immediately a long ball came over to him, he brought it down on his chest, showed an impressive turn of speed over a few yards to cut into the box and square the ball across to be converted for the only goal of the game. Then he wandered over on his way back to the kick-off, indicating that he'd done enough to justify his presence on the park.

Mind you, his influence since joining the club would be no surprise to anyone who has seen his entry in the prestigious Footballers Factfile, an annual official PFA publication by Barry J Hugman, which gives pen pictures of over 2,000 professionals.

Garner's entry reveals he was born 23-11-59 in Boston - presumably not the one famous for its tea-parties, that his height is 5'9" and weight 12 stone 11 pounds (perhaps a pound or two more at the moment!) Says his write-up, "In spite of his infrequent appearances in 95/96 - the manager was reluctant to rely on a player who could not last 90 minutes - he still had an almost mesmeric hold on the Wycombe supporters. Skilful, subtle, inventive, his forward play was a joy to watch and he is still one of the best brains in the game. He retains a first class attitude and strong desire to win and will continue to be an excellent influence on whichever team captures him on a free transfer."

By the way, full marks to Layne Patterson who first became aware of Garner's availability.

I have to make mention of the home Braintree game which I'm sure will be fully covered elsewhere. This game has gone straight into my 'top five' all-time Wealdstone games if only for the sublime enjoyment I, and everyone else who went to the away game, will have derived from the extreme discomfort and humiliation of their 'keeper who had game, and it could not have happened to a more deserving case.

The old 6-5 FA Cup victory over Stevenage back in 1965 will always be number one in my all-time list, but the Braintree slaughter is up there with the best. I also enjoyed their leading striker, to which I replied, "The words 'cares' and 'who' come to mind but to make any impression - Ed). There had apparently been some ructions in the Braintree camp a few days before that game which can't have helped them, but rarely have I seen a side taken apart so comprehensively.

Graham Sharpe's column in the Stones programme praises our star striker Simon Garner (left)



wanted the game to end at half time... but what a half of football we would have been denied!

Braintree tried to rally in the second half but Terry Hibbert fired in the third goal just five mins after the restart... and ten minutes later, Catley was at fault (oh joy!) when trying to hang onto a ferocious Fergus Moore drive and Garner pounced for 4-0. On 72 minutes, Garner, hav-

ing the time of his life - never mind his goal-studded Blackburn Rovers career - banged in No.5 from a Hammatt cross at the Hotel End. And by this time, with the ball ricocheting around their box, the Iron were just begging for the game to stop.

Finally, disappointingly, it did, but not before Tony Smith had rocketed in a sixth goal that left Catley on his knees. And strangely subdued.

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We've met before ... AND THE LOWER LEAGUE

'Three seasons in the Ryman's lower reaches created an unhealthy rivalry between the clubs'

WE didn't know it then, but we would be locked in a tussle with The Iron over the course of the next few seasons as both clubs finished in the Div 3 promotion places in 1996-7, the Div 2 promotion places in 1997-98 ...and then, of course, we should have gone up by dint of finishing third in Div One in 1998-9.

In amongst those seasons were some terrific clashes between the clubs, including a heroic 1-0 win at Cressing Road in March 1998 as we saved our faltering promotion push. Braintree had not lost at home all season and **Fergus Moore** recalled that 1-0 win - plus the famous 6-0 whitewash the previous season - in Roger Slater's Stones history book (pictured right).

The ground-grading fiasco that season saw us denied the chance to play Premier Division football. Braintree re-grouped and won promotion themselves to the Prem as our star faded at the

Another major highlight of that title-winning year was when we played our nearest rivals throughout that season, Braintree at home - we had lost to them in December so for the return match in February (I think) we were fired up for revenge. It was one of those matches where the 11 players who played, played at their peak and 10 times better. We were absolutely phenomenal and annihilated them 6-0. At half time, we had a two-goal lead, so the 3rd goal was going to be crucial. If my memory serves me correctly, it was Terry Hibbert who got the 3rd goal about 5 minutes into the 2nd half.

I was ecstatic and dived into the supporters who congregated at the far corner of Edgware's ground and seemed to get thrown to the back of the stand. The referee would have been in this rights to have booked me for over zealous celebrations, but I wouldn't have cared! From that moment on, and till the final whistle, I was in heaven. We scored another 3 goals before the end. We had totally overrun our nearest rivals on a truly memorable night. Any time we played Braintree after that, you could see fear in their eyes.

A lot of people would have thought we wouldn't achieve another promotion as the 2nd Div was a much harder league, but again we came up trumps, and the turning point without a doubt that season was in the last week of March, when we visited, you guessed it, Braintree!

We were going there on a dodgy run, we had the jitters again, culminating on the previous Saturday when we lost to lowly 10 man Barking. It was a game we were desperate to win. If we had lost, I don't think we would have got that promotion.

To make matters even harder, Braintree were on a 32 match unbeaten run that season and were carrying over something like a 20 match run from the previous season. What a task we had to perform. (Braintree, I think I recall, were already up, but we were fighting for 3rd place with the hard pressing Bedford Town.)

The match kicked off and we proceeded to play our best football of the season to earn a tremendous 1-0 victory, thanks to a first half goal by Dennis Greene.

Not only did we shatter Braintree's fine record, but it was a victory that set us up for an unbeaten surge that would lead us to Division 1. Again, the joy of such a great win led me into the terraces with our supporters but by the time I got there, the majority of fans were on the pitch, joining in the euphoric celebrations of the players.



Fergie in a tussle with Braintree in the mid-90s

turn of the millennium, and we didn't meet the Essex club until six years later. By then they were managed by George Borg and a formidable outfit.

They won the Ryman Prem that season to clinch a place in the Conference South, and I will remember the 3-2 at Northwood (where we were by then groundsharing) as Braintree took their three chances clinically and then kept the ball in the corner flag for most of the final 15 minutes as our young, inexperienced side were totally frustrated. I've never seen a team keep the ball so successfully for so long before or since!

RIVALRY TURNS INTO PROPER NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTLES



Dan Fitchett bends his shot past keeper Nathan McDonald to put Stones 2-0 up at The Vale
Picture: STEVE FOSTER

The only previous clash at the Vale sees Stones take the spoils

Saturday Dec 12 2017, NLS: Wealdstone 3 Braintree 1
THE ONLY previous Stones v Braintree National League clash at The Vale came seven years ago when Bobby Wilkinson's Stones were in a good run of form following the calamitous FA Cup exit at Burgess Hill Town.

We were mid-table but had lost just once in 12 games... while Braintree were second in the table, en route to promotion to the National League via the play-offs. Nevertheless, in front of a decent 860 crowd Stones blew the Iron away with a pair of first

half goals from Taofique Olowuwe and Dan Fitchett. 'Mr T' admitted to a huge slice of luck as Ryan Sellers' 25-yard blast deflected off the powerful defender and wrong-footed keeper Nathan McDonald. But then 'if you don't buy a ticket' etc etc!

The ex-Wimbledon striker Fitchett finished beautifully for 2-0 however, swerving his shot past the helpless McDonald and when the mercurial Danny Green swept in No.3 at the Bulla End after a half save from the keeper the points were ours. Joe Ellul pulled a goal back with a towering header

from a corner but Braintree never threatened a leveller in the remaining 25 minutes.

In the return game at Cressing Road in March, Stones seemed to have one eye on the FA Trophy semi-final at Brackley the following week as they trailed 2-0 at halftime. But Matty Whichelow rifled in from 25 yards before a Danny Green penalty in the dying minutes forced a 2-2 draw.

Braintree finished sixth and shocked the bigger clubs by winning the play-off final at Hampton and joining the 'big boys'. It only lasted a season.

Final Icis League Division 3 Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WEALDSTONE	32	24	3	5	72	24	75
Braintree Town	32	23	5	4	99	29	74
Northwood	32	18	10	4	60	31	66
Harlow Town	32	19	4	9	60	41	61
Aveley	32	17	6	9	64	39	57
East Thurrock United	32	16	6	10	58	40	54

Bracketed together: The Isthmian League basement tables saw The Stones and The Iron running neck-and-neck for three successive seasons, building an unhealthy rivalry

Final Icis League Division 2 Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canvey Island	42	30	8	4	116	41	98
Braintree Town	42	29	11	2	117	45	98
WEALDSTONE	42	24	11	7	81	46	83
Bedford Town	42	22	12	8	55	25	78
Metropolitan Police	42	21	8	13	80	65	71

Final Ryman League Division 1 Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canvey Island	42	28	6	8	76	41	90
Hitchin Town	42	25	10	7	75	38	85
WEALDSTONE	42	26	6	10	75	48	84
Braintree Town	42	20	10	12	75	48	70
Bognor Regis Town	42	20	8	14	63	44	68
Grays Athletic	42	18	11	13	53	44	63

Clubs heading in opposite directions the last time we met...

Saturday Aug 10 2019, National Lge South: Braintree 0 Wealdstone 4
FOLLOWING relegation from the National League, Braintree had a horrendous time back in the NLS and all the portents were there as Dean Brennan's team roared to an impressive 4-0 win on the second Saturday of the season. A deflected own goal from Ollie Saunders started the spree, with Jacob Mendy Mendy, Danny Green and Billy Clifford completing the rout.

This was the first of 11 straight wins for the Stones after a midweek setback at Dulwich...

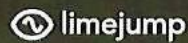
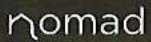
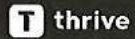
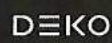
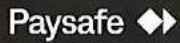
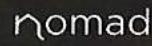


but while we charged to the title (eventually decided on points per game after the Covid interruption in March), Braintree finished second from bottom and were only saved by the League's decision to not relegate any of its member clubs. The return game would have come at The Vale just one week after the last match we played - before COVID interrupted - at Chippenham... and five years later it's still (to me, anyway) a source of frustration that our players were unable to enjoy the title celebrations they so richly deserved.



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AUGUST	17	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	VNL 0-1	1,825	517	19	
AUGUST	20	SUTTON UNITED	VNL 0-1	1,566	310	21	
AUGUST	24	Hartlepool United	VNL 1-1	3,614	33	21	Obiero
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SEPTEMBER	14	Forest Green Rovers	VNL 2-2	2,265	200	21	McFarlane (2)
SEPTEMBER	21	BARNET	VNL 0-3	2,590	575	22	
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MARCH	22	WOKING	VNL				
MARCH	29	York City	VNL				
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APRIL	12	Barnet	VNL				
APRIL	18	Boston United	VNL				
APRIL	21	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL				
APRIL	26	Southend United	VNL				
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FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN LEADING BRAINTREE TOWN MANAGERS

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

BY LEIGH EDWARDS



CHARLIE JONES

Former Welsh international wing-half Charlie Jones was player-manager when Crittall Athletic won the Eastern Counties League title in 1935-36. Initially with Cardiff City, he joined Stockport in 1921 and helped win the Third Division (North) title in 1921-22. He had spells at Oldham and Nottingham Forest, moving to Arsenal in May 1928. Helping win the League Championship three times, he was also an FA Cup finalist in 1932. He was player-boss of Notts County, then Crittall from July 1935 until November 1941, guiding them to the Essex & Suffolk Border League title in 1935-36, 1936-37 and 1937-38. He worked in a hospital and died in April 1966

CHRIS SYMES

Chris Symes managed Braintree Town to the Eastern Counties League title in 1983-84 and 1984-85. A former Royal Navy engineer, he coached Arbroath before managing the Royal London Sports Centre in Colchester for 20 years. He coached Halstead and Tiptree, becoming Braintree's manager in April 1983. Taking them to the FA Vase fifth round in 1984-85 and runners-up in both the Eastern Counties League and Essex Senior Trophy in 1986-87, he left for Chelmsford City in December 1987 and plotted promotion in 1988-89, then managed Brantham Athletic, Bury Town, Wivenhoe and was manager/chairman/owner of Cornard United for 19 years.

PETER COLLINS

Peter Collins had two spells as Braintree Town's manager. A former central defender, he began with hometown Chelmsford City and joined Tottenham Hotspur in January 1968. He featured in their 1971 League

Cup final triumph but an ankle injury curtailed his top-flight career in November 1974. Later Folkestone's player-boss, he was joint manager of Braintree with his former Chelmsford team-mate Brian Honeywood from November 1989 until January 1992. He briefly returned as sole manager of Braintree in 1994 and spent 25 years as a PE teacher in Chelmsford. Joint-boss Honeywood was later Chelmsford's director of football and died in March 2024.

TONY HALL

Tony Hall managed Braintree Town to promotion in two consecutive seasons. A former midfielder, he played for Ipswich Town, Huddersfield Town, Hendon, Chelmsford City, Bury Town, Harwich & Parkeston, Cornard United and Brantham Athletic. He then managed Bury Town and assisted Keith Martin before succeeding him as Braintree's manager in February 1997. Remaining in charge at Cressing Road until April 1999, he went on to manage Harwich & Parkeston and guided East Bergholt United to three successive Suffolk & Ipswich League titles. He later returned to Brantham as manager and became their director of football, then caretaker-boss.

BEN EMBERY

Ben Embery managed Braintree Town to promotion in 2000-01. A former defender, he began with Tottenham Hotspur and joined Exeter City in June 1966. He moved to Barnet in July 1968 and was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in 1971-72 as they won the Southern League Cup and were FA Trophy finalists. Later with Gravesend & Northfleet, Dartford and Ilford, he was Tilbury's player-boss, then had managerial success at Grays Athletic, Canvey Island, Great Wakering and Maldon Town. He was Braintree's boss from April 2000 until October 2002, guiding them to the FA Trophy fifth round in 2001-02, then managed Concord Rangers and Benfleet.

GEORGE BORG

George Borg managed Braintree Town to the Isthmian League Premier Division title in 2005-06. After spells with West Ham and Millwall, the left-back helped Wycombe win the Isthmian League Premier Division title

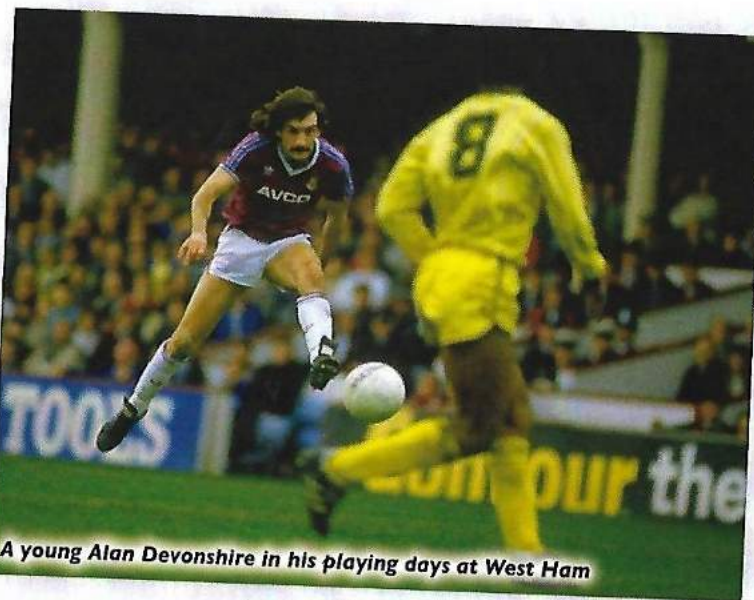
in 1982-83. He played for Maidstone, Dartford, Dulwich, Cape Town City and Carolina Lightning, then managed Barking, Chelmsford, Chesham, Harrow and Enfield. Appointed Aldershot's boss in July 1997, he led them to the Isthmian League First Division title in 1997-98. He then managed Hornchurch, Boreham Wood, Braintree from May 2004 until 2007, Brentwood and Braintree again between November 2019 and November 2020.

ROD STRINGER

Rod Stringer managed Braintree Town to the Conference South title in 2010-11. He managed Aveley to the Isthmian League North Division title, then was Braintree's manager from May 2010 until resigning in May 2011, guiding The Iron to the club's then-highest level in their history. Becoming Bishop's Stortford's boss he plotted three Herts Charity Cup final triumphs, also guiding them to the FA Cup first round proper. He took charge of Chelmsford City in May 2016, leading them to the Conference South play-offs three times, including the final in 2016-17, also Essex Senior Cup success. He has since managed Brentwood and Welling United.

ALAN DEVONSHIRE

Ex-England international midfielder Alan Devonshire managed Braintree Town to the FA Cup first round in four successive seasons. Initially with Southall, he joined West Ham in October 1976 and was voted 'Hammer of the Year' in 1978-79. He starred as they won the FA Cup in 1980, then won the Second Division title and reached the League Cup final in 1980-81. Also helping them to finish third in the top-flight in 1985-86, he then played for Watford. He has since managed Maidenhed United, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Braintree from May 2011 until April 2015 and Maidenhead again, plotting their 2016-17 Conference South title triumph.



A young Alan Devonshire in his playing days at West Ham

DANNY COWLEY

Danny Cowley managed Braintree Town to the Conference National play-offs in 2015-16. A former midfielder, he began at Wimbledon, then had spells playing for Dagenham & Redbridge, Purfleet, Barking, Harlow Town, Boreham Wood and Hornchurch. He managed Concord Rangers from the Essex Senior League to Conference South, then was Braintree's boss from April 2015 until May 2016, assisted by his brother Nicky. Managing Lincoln City to the Conference National title and FA Cup sixth round in 2016-17, then League Trophy success in 2018 and the League Two title in 2018-19, he has since managed Huddersfield, Portsmouth and Colchester

BRAD QUINTON

Brad Quinton plotted Braintree Town's 2018 Conference South play-off final triumph. A former Tottenham Hotspur junior, the midfielder had spells at Aveley, Romford and Bishop's Stortford prior to joining Braintree in January 2000. He starred as they won the Isthmian League Premier Division title in 2005-06 and Conference South title in 2010-11, scoring 69 goals in a club record 546 games. Moving to Enfield on a dual registration in 2013-14, he became their manager in August 2014 and led them to the play-offs. He returned to Braintree as manager from May 2017 until October 2018 and has since managed Welling United and Hemel Hempstead.



George Borg

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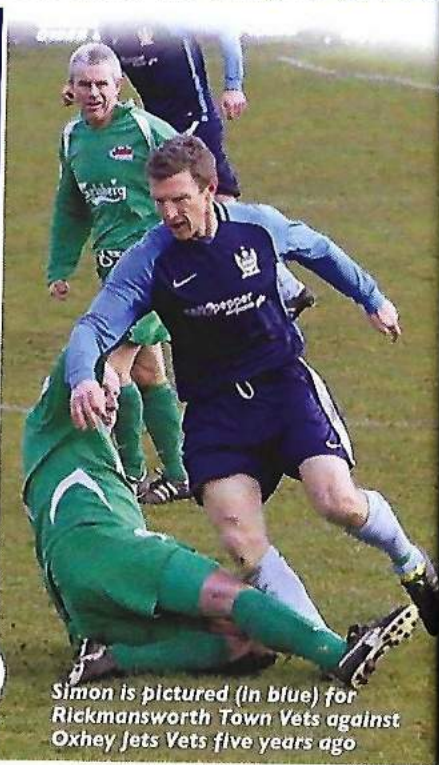


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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY... 21 YEARS AGO, TIM PARKS RECALLS

Like Alex Reid, he scored a hat trick on his debut for the Stones but never played again. It's the strange tale of Simon Conway



Simon is pictured (in blue) for Rickmansworth Town Vets against Oxhey Jets Vets five years ago

EVERYBODY got very excited by Alex Reid's hat-trick on his debut last week against Gosport and it certainly sent the statos into a tizzy.

How many Stones players have achieved the feat? was the big question. Surely not many?

Well we all remember Bradley Bubb's epic first game for the Stones in the FA Trophy quarter-final at Billericay six years ago (pictured below) - and there were a lot of parallels as it was Mr Bubb's first start for 11 months due to injury since signing from Ebbsfleet, while Reidy hadn't started for a similar period after he was left out in the cold at Oldham.

Beyond that pair, how could we forget the way Danny Parish exploded onto the Wealdstone scene with his debut hat-trick at Kings Lynn four years ago when we were reduced to watching on telly in the COVID season?

What Reidy's treble did was unearth some unlikely facts and figures that my



colleagues here at Programme Towers, Martin Reid and Roge Slater, laid out in all their glory in the Dover issue (from that 2020-21 season) that is still waiting to see the light of day after the Kent side withdrew from the league.

Danny P was actually the FIFTEENTH Stones player to hit (at least) a treble in their first competitive appearance. The first, by the mysteriously named 'Mallett', arrived in an 8-0 Willesden & District League win over Neasden Hotspurs in 1912.

Bradley Bubb sunk Glen Tamplin's Billericay 5-2 and certainly went on to strike fear into defences with his every appearance in a blue shirt ... but who was the

player before him to strike an unlikely treble? A player swiftly disappeared from view and never played for the first team again! Now, this is a statistic to blow your tiny mind.

Well, we managed to track down that player. Simon Conway is his name. No? Me neither. "Well, I don't think I'd

THE MOST UNREWARDED SCORING DEBUT OF ALL TIME....

be mobbed by fans if I turned up in the bar at Grosvenor Vale!" laughed the 47-year-old schoolteacher when we tracked him down. Simon joined the club on the recommendation of his old school pal from St Clement Danes in Chorleywood, Martin Carter. "After Uni in Plymouth I went on a world trip - Australia, South America - and when I got back I was really unfit but missing football. Martin got me over for pre-season training and I kicked off the 2002-2003 season in the Reserves".

The little-known Simon's debut hat-trick came in an extraordinary 7-3 win over Enfield in the Middlesex Charity Cup, on February 27th 2003.

Extraordinary because Stones fielded just one recognised first team player - fullback Tyrone Hercules - and walloped Enfield who were from a division above. And nine of the Stones side had played for the Under-19 team in a PASE Conference match the previous night!

"You probably want to know what I remember of that night" said Simon, who spent just that one season as a striker in the Suburban League side under boss Francis Joseph.

"The answer is not a lot, but I do remember that, as a 26-year-old, I benefited from having all those quick teenagers setting up chances. And two of the goals were very similar, latching onto a cut-back from the right wing and shooting low across the goalkeeper into the net. I never really thought of it as a breakthrough moment for me - although it would have been nice to get into the 1st XI squad on the back of three goals on my debut!

"But Gordon Bartlett, the manager, was very honest with me" said Simon. "The club had Ben Alexander, Marvin Morgan, Richard Jolly and Jermaine Beckford and he said 'you're always going to be my fifth striker, and I only need four'.... well, that was like finishing fourth in the Olympic Games. Not a lot of point carrying on really.

"It was a shame because Martin was a great mate - and still is - and he regaled me with all the tales of the first team. Particularly about the supporters in the Change of Hart pub after the games! Wealdstone always had a very good fan base so I'm not surprised things are going so well at the moment... I always had the impression that it was a much bigger club than what it was then".

So Simon moved on to Harefield United and, in a remarkable twist, found himself playing AGAINST the Stones in the Middlesex Charity Cup Final at Staines Town the following season (right). "I remember much more about that game, and wanting to play well as it was against Wealdstone and I knew most of their team. It

was a quicker game than I was used to and you could tell Stones were from a higher level - but right at the end of the game we got a penalty out of nothing. Rob Ursell was our best player, full of tricks though not always in the right areas, and he took the penalty only for the keeper (Andy Carter) to save it. Then we lost in extra time. Then I recall talking to the Stones players after the game, and all the fans celebrating... it was a shame but I went on to play for Harefield for three or four years and have some good memories.

"As for now... well, I'll still play for anyone if I'm asked and even set up a veterans' team in Rickmansworth, Ricky Town, a few years ago. I've also turned out for Oxhey Jets Vets and Chesham Generals".

The wheel has turned full circle as Simon is now working as a PE teacher at his old school, St Clement Danes. His family live in Chesham and although his teenage son is more interested in gymnastics than football, his 15-year-old daughter Abigail used to play for Arsenal Ladies.

"It's funny" says Simon, "but when Abbey joined Arsenal she got a full kit bag from the club, anything she needed. Really professional. In all my time at Wealdstone and Harefield and Kings Langley, I never got so much as a pair of socks!"

Wealdstone: Charlie Leary, Mark Shannon, Justin Wilson, Gulad Adan, Darren Morely, Chris Phillips, Andy Myhill, James Duncan, Simon Conway, Ben Alexander, Tyrone Hercules. Subs Justin Bailey, Alex Gedeking. Not used: Carl Hunt, Matt Perry. Goals: Conway 3, Alexander 2, Myhill, Gedeking

Unlucky break for defender as Stones lift Charity Cup

Wealdstone 2
Harefield United 1
Middlesex Senior Charity Cup

by GRAHAM SMITH

Wealdstone made hard work of beating a spirited Harefield side 2-1 to lift the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup at Staines on Wednesday, in front of a crowd of 449.

It was not the best of starts for Stones: after just 12 minutes Rob Courtnage went into a challenge and fell awkwardly breaking his wrist and was taken to Ashford Hospital by club physio Richard Crook.

Gary Burrell replaced the unfortunate defender. Harefield, from the Spartan South Midlands League, were fielding four former Wealdstone players, Nathan Cobb, James Keen, Simon Conway and Alan Galloway.

one-on-ones with the impetuous Nathan Cobb, the first one was by the keeper's legs and the second was smothered. A Trevor Duff effort was finely saved by Andy Carter.

The Harefield keeper finished Tommy Williams effort, only Marvyn Morgan completely rebounded.

With the fourth official signalling extra minutes before extra-time time was awarded a generous penalty to Harefield in the 94th minute. Butler was alleged to have pushed Williams.

Justice was done when Andy Ursell's spot-kick.

Nine minutes into the first period extra-time, a Jason Shaw through found Danny Filbury who turned defiantly to fire home to the far post an acute angle.

In the second period, Stones

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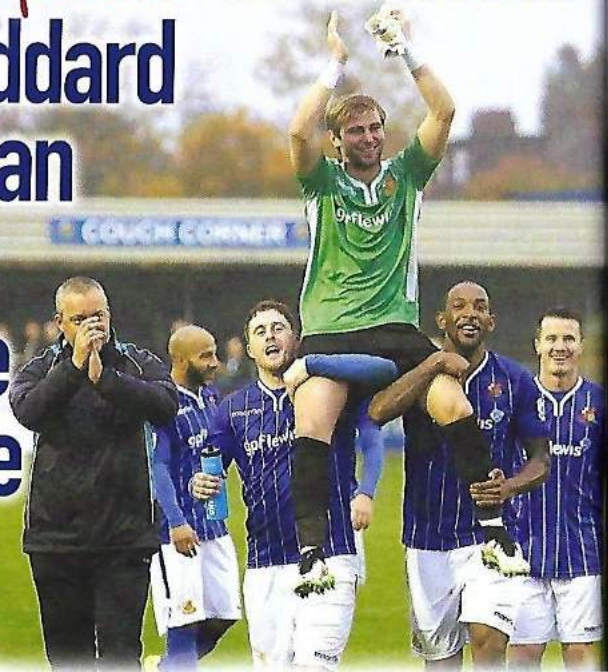


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Keepers of the faith MICK FISHMAN LOOKS

From Ray Goddard to the mad man from Mali, it's the No.1 guide to Wealdstone goalkeepers



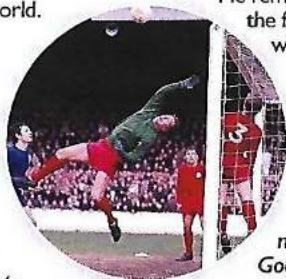
GOALKEEPERS. Crikey. Tim has asked me to look back at the best and worst of Wealdstone goalies in my Stones-supporting lifetime (61 years and counting) and, well, I've seen them perform brilliantly, less brilliantly and comically poorly.

He suggested I rated them using categories such as safe hands, communication, reflexes, shot stopping and experience. But what do I know?

They are either okay or rubbish in my world. So, I have had a pop at a slightly more nuanced perspective than 'decent or 'crap'.

Simply the best

...that was **RAY GODDARD**. Back in the late 1960s and early 1970s, my mates who supported Watford would regularly have apoplectic rants about a keeper called Ray Goddard, then playing for Leyton Orient (above, right) and later Millwall, whom they swore kept rampant Watford forwards at bay almost single handedly. Following our relegation from the Alliance Premier League in 1981, manager Allen Batsford moved quickly to bring in his old glovesman from Wimbledon (Goddard) to assume keeping duties. A hugely reassuring figure between the sticks, the unflappable Goddard (admittedly playing behind a rock like defence) appeared to take the field in a smoking jacket and slippers and roused himself from the



chaise-longue only when necessary to prevent the ball from entering his net. I can only recall one match which demanded his intense active participation: the Southern League Cup Final first leg at Gloucester City in 1982 in which he pulled off a series of spectacular "worldies" in a 1-0 win. In his first two full seasons with the club he played in every game, 72 in 1981/82, and 57 in 1982/83.

He remained as back-up keeper to Bob Iles for the following 1983/84 season. For me he was the best.

(I would like to add my own experience here... in 1985 our supporters' club players were asked to fill in for a few games in the Capital Midweek League as Stones chased the non-League double - and I had the pleasure of being the target man for drop kicks from the inimitable Goddard as he helped us out in goal for a game at Lower Mead against Barnet. His kicking was sublime, landing perfectly on my head or into the channels... and he kept a clean sheet sheet too - Tim)

Almost the best

There are a few candidates here but **JONATHAN NORTH** gets my vote for the runners-up spot behind Goddard. Over a

AT THE BEST AND WORST STONES GOALIES OF ALL TIME....

Number 1 Northy is paraded off the pitch after saving two penalties in the FA Cup nine years ago

10-year period from 2010, Northy was largely Mr Reliable interspersed with breathtakingly brilliant individual performances. He wasn't the biggest, but his positional sense, athleticism, reflexes and bravery more than compensated for any size issue. A couple of niggling injuries and his probably going a bit stale having been at the same club for a decade resulted in his time with us ending in a bit of a whimper.

Going back a few decades to our amateur days, **ANDY WILLIAMS** was the standout keeper (the legendary Danny Wiltshire pre-dated me). Joining us from Loughborough Colleges in 1967, Andy performed brilliantly for us over the following 3 seasons and really should have been capped by England but for Hendon's John Swannell seemingly guaranteed selection so long as he had a pulse. Ironically, following his departure to Enfield in 1970, Andy swiftly

received his first England call up.

When **JOHN MORTON** joined us in 1974, it was generally viewed as us having signed the best goalkeeper outside the Football League. For two seasons John proved that point with some extraordinary performances. Given that he was partially sighted and couldn't see the ball under floodlights made his keeping even more impressive. Actually, none of that is true (beyond the performances). Ace joker, the late Danny Light, started the rumour of John's visual difficulties that, to John's chagrin, gained some traction. It was all nonsense but great fun nonetheless.

During Gordon Bartlett's long tenure, the standout keeper (aside from Northy) was probably **ANDY CARTER**. Even more vertically challenged than Wales' No.1, Carter gave the club four excellent seasons. I struggle to recall his making any genuine rickets, his one vulnerability perhaps being able to keep out top drawer strikes and headers into the top corners of the goal that a taller keeper might have reached. He had no other weaknesses to his game - and his saves in the play-off game at Dulwich 20 years ago were pivotal to the club's current status.

Short and very sweet

There are a handful of glovesmen who have spent a brief but glorious time at the club, starting with **ALEX WELSH**.

He had the unfortunate experience of playing in the

totally dysfunctional team that in 1988 was relegated from the Gola League. The fact that the team rarely got spanked out of sight was due largely to his heroics. Having played in every game until the last five fixtures, Alex probably retired from the fray suffering post-traumatic stress syndrome.

For his second season in charge, Gordon Bartlett poached giant keeper **DARREN BONFIELD** from Kingsbury Town. Bomber appeared to fill the goal and was imperious in our 1997 championship winning side. A very good keeper and a huge presence, Bomber did occasionally display some mental fragility that resulted in his losing his place to the more reliable Noel Imber, but for one glorious season he was magnificent.

Towards the end of the 2010/11 season after Jonathan North suffered a broken leg that would keep him out of action for most of the following campaign, boss Bartlett had noted that **RIKKI BANKS** had performed miracles against the Stones for Lewes and stepped in to sign him as Northy's replacement. It proved to be an inspired move.

Rikki spent much of the season pulling off saves of which his marginally better-known namesake, Gordon, might have been proud. Ironically, Northy returned to the fray towards the end of the season for a few games but appeared a little ring-rusty and Rikki Banks was recalled for the promotion play-off semi-final against Concord Rangers.

Leading 2-1 with little time left, poor Rikki became paralysed with nerves and stood rooted to his line twice to allow Concord to scramble in two late goals. It was a horrible conclusion to what had been a terrific season for the keeper.

Northy had injury problems once again before the start of the Dean Brennan/Stuart Maynard triumphant campaign of 2019/20. They nipped in to secure Norwich City's **ASTON OXBOROUGH** on a season long loan. The youngster had a brilliant season for the championship-winning Stones. His impressive frame, clean handling and outstanding shot-stopping made him an integral part of the success. He was inexperienced and made the odd ricket, but he more than made up for it with the rest of his game.

Fulham's **GEORGE WICKENS** enjoyed a similarly successful season with the club 3 years ago. Despite being just 19 years old, young George proved to be an outstanding keeper over the entire season and is now first choice at Lincoln City.

Both Aston and George made a big impression with the Wealdstone faithful despite their tender years and brief times with the club.

Worth a shout...

Between 1959 and 1965 **BILL FOWLER** was for the most part Wealdstone's number 1 keeper. He commanded his box and was a terrific

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In case you are Sam Howes, Archie Matthews or Jacob Adams reading this... your time will come

lads! Rest assured you will be mentioned in future dispatches, and no doubt favourably

Keepers continued AND IT'S A LIST OF SOME

From previous page
shot-stopper. He could on occasion suffer a rush of blood that resulted in slightly eccentric decision taking, but that didn't prevent him playing 259 games for the club. I remember him as a very fine keeper.

A lovely fella called **CHRIS LIGHTFOOT** took over from John Morton in 1976 and for the next season and a half provided the Stones fans with the delights of his very fine keeping and outstanding sense of humour. The highlight of his stewardship was an away game at Maidstone United in which a referee

(suffering a sense of humour bypass) booked the pre-warned Chris for dropping to his knees in order to try and blow the ball out of the penalty area after he had "topped" a goal kick. He deemed it time-wasting. It was visually hilarious and even some of the home fans booed the consequent yellow card.

The three seasons between Chris Lightfoot and Ray Goddard saw the popular **IAN CRANSTONE** between the sticks. Supremely agile and a fine shot stopper, he did unfortunately have in his locker a clanger ready to be dropped. It didn't happen often but enough, for the purposes of this exercise at least, to prevent him entering the world of the best.

BOB ILES was a fine goalkeeper. Signed from Chelsea to take over from Ray Goddard, Bob had two great seasons playing behind arguably the club's best-ever defence of Steve Perkins, Dennis Byatt, Paul Bowgett and Stuart Pearce/Steve McCargo. Once the team rapidly fell apart, however, Bob couldn't stem the flow of goals into our net. He didn't lose form as such, but he didn't strike the same commanding figure as before – understandably so.

For a couple of seasons prior to the great Jonathan North signing for us, we could boast a very fine keeper in **SEAN THOMAS**, initially signed on loan and then permanently from QPR.

Had he not gone AWOL at the start of the 2010/11 season he would have remained our keeper and we might never have been blessed with the skills of Northy. However, Thomas is probably best-remembered for arrowing his early kick up field against the bottom of Rotherham's Adam LeFondre in the epic FA Cup tie at the Vale in 2009. The ball,



Ray Bullen flies through the air to actually save this one in the 1-5 defeat at Wimbledon in 1976

of course, ricocheted back into the net and we had the worst start imaginable.

The comedians

WHO can forget the clown prince of goalkeepers, **KEITA KARAMOKO**, in the ground-sharing Northwood years, whom Gordon Bartlett signed from Hayes although he was more familiar to Stones fans as turning out for rivals Harrow.

As an aside, the late Michael Parkinson used to paint pictures of humour and nostalgia about his early footballing life playing and watching football in 1940s Barnsley. One of his musings was on the eccentricities of goalkeepers that centred on a lad called Clakker May who was coerced into playing in goal when Parkinson's team were a player down. He had a strange penchant for gathering the ball and then - for no apparent reason - running with it into the back of his net!

Clakker performed his pantomime dash into his goal 13 times in the first 20 minutes which led to a pitch-side conference - and ended up with the club's

Chris Lightfoot (right) punches clear in the FA Cup tie with Hereford in 1977



REALLY DODGY ONES AS WE GO THROUGH THE YEARS...

violent centre half knocking poor Clakker unconscious and ending the flow of goals.

Karamoko was not on the same level of perversity, but his performances ranged wildly between the brilliant and the disastrous. We often saw him giving the ball away in dangerous areas and then redeem himself with a world-class save. Yet Keita (right) played for a Mali side in the Africa Cup of Nations that was filled with top performers from across Europe.

For me, though, **RAY BULLEN** takes the Tommy Cooper prize for comedy with his performance at Wimbledon in 1976 (left). Plucked from keeping goal for Kodak the previous season as back up to John Morton, local man Ray was rarely called into action. Unfortunately, he stepped into the breach to face league champions Dons.

Most of the action took place in or around our penalty area and the short and stocky Ray could be seen leaping up to punch the ball away from the lurking goal hungry home forwards. But his timing was all wrong and the top of his leap coincided with the ball hitting the ground while he crouched on the ground as the ball reached the top of its arc. It was like watching a performing dolphin leaping to grab fish tossed in its direction but failing to gobble up even one. Somehow, we only lost 5-1.

One other keeper worth a shout here is **HUGHIE HARDAKER**, not for his abilities - he was a very good performer - but for his singular appearance. He was the most lantern-jawed person I have ever encountered. His jaw line must have been several inches wider than his forehead.

The 1960s were unarguably less enlightened than today and the Wealdstone "choir" were relentless in their rendition of the Manfred Mann hit "The Mighty Quinn" adjusted to "The Mighty Chin" whenever the ball went anywhere near the poor bloke. But Hughie had the last laugh. Hardaker moved on to Wembley FC and we faced them twice in the 1967/68 season. Despite their being in the "lower" Athenian League, the Vale Farmers turned us over twice, 2-0 in the FA Cup and 4-1 in the President's Memorial Trophy 2nd Leg, and Hughie's excellent goalkeeping played no small part in those successes.

The opposition

MY formative years were the 1960s which is probably why players, and goalkeepers in particular, stand out more sharply in my memory. While we could boast very good keepers in Bill Fowler, Micky Blythe and

Andy Williams, those keeping goal for rival teams spring easily to mind. **John Swannell** was first choice for Hendon and England for the entire period and beyond; **Ian Wolstenholme** was at Enfield; **Dave Roffey** at Sutton United, **John Shippey** at Oxford City; **Tony Mackie** at Leytonstone; and **John Maskell** was between the sticks at Wycombe Wanderers.



Dennis Wells meanwhile is a name scorched on to the souls of Stones fans old enough to remember him: He kept goal for Chesham United in their amazing run to the Amateur Cup Final of 1968, on the way inflicting a deeply wounding semi-final defeat on the Stones at Craven Cottage. He proved to be unbeatable on the day, as he was when turning out for Leighton Town 3 seasons later when the Spartan League minnows dumped us out of the FA Cup.

In Bath's goal for much of the 1970s was a very fine keeper called **Kenny Allen**. The teenage Kenny had served a very brief custodial sentence for a misdemeanour

which, sadly for him, had not escaped the attention of the Wealdstone fans who were asking why his jersey didn't have arrows on it. While in the 1980s, Northwich Victoria's keeper, **Dave Ryan**, struck a slightly odd appearance. Round faced, with a snubby nose and generous of girth Dave suffered years of chants from the Stones fans of "Pigs in goal," but forged a mutual respect with the Stones faithful. At the conclusion of a 2-2 draw against the Vics on 19th April 1988, which effectively confined the Stones to relegation, Dave turned to the home fans and shared with them a long and affectionate applause.



And what about Enfield's goalkeeper of the 1980s, **John Jacobs**? If Dave Ryan bore a passing resemblance to our porcine friends, John Jacobs (left) looked the spitting image of comedian James Corden in his, er heavier days. Very short, very stocky and apparently happier playing rugby, Jacobs' unhappiest hour arrived in the 2nd leg of the FA Trophy semi-final at Lower Mead in 1985. With the Stones winning 2-1 on aggregate and time running out for the visitors,

Jacobs raced miles off his line to scythe down Alan Cordice and receive his marching orders, spilling out of his green jersey which he handed to midfielder Paul Taylor for those final, ecstatic moments!

In recent years, the ample figure of **Nathan Ashmore** has frustrated us for both Gosport and Boreham Wood, while today's oppo keeper is an exotic one: Brazilian **Lucas Covolan**, formerly of Maidstone, Torquay and Port Vale. Let's make some more happy Stones memories, Lucas!



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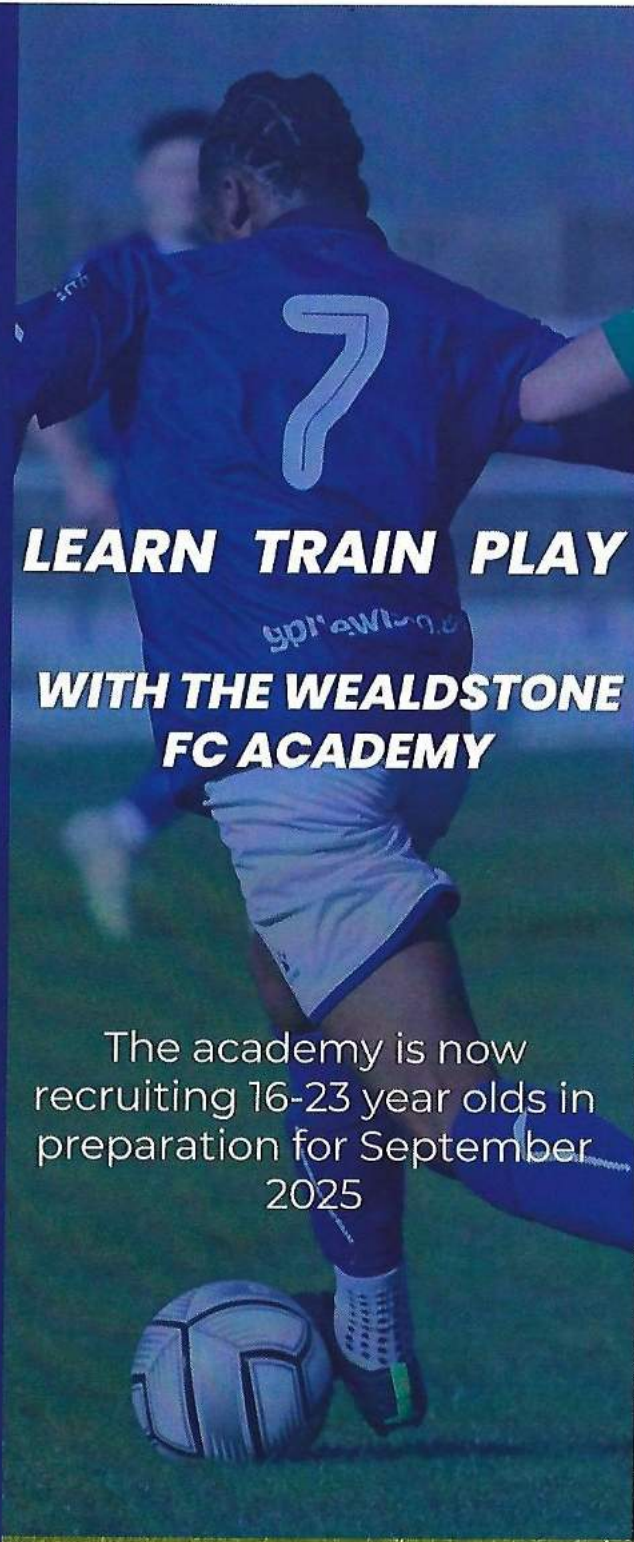
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CORRECT AS AT 12TH OCTOBER 2024	VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP			MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP			TOTALS			STONES CAREER			
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	
Adams, Jacob			1														1				1	
Adarkwa, Sean																				20	15	10
Ashford, Sam	5	2	2	1													6	2	2	6	2	2
Barrett, Mason	6			1													7			46	16	2
Boldewijn, Enzio	13			1													14			14		
Cesay, Kallum	9	2			1												9	3		16	5	
Clarke, Jahmari *		2															2				2	
Cook, Jack	12			1													13			142	5	13
Dreher, Luke	2	1															2	1		2	1	
Dyer, Alex	9	2															9	2		226	46	35
Eastmond, Craig					1												1				1	
Georgio, Anthony	5	5			1												5	6		5	6	
Howes, Sam	4			1													5			60		
Hutchinson, Dominic	5	8		1													6	8		26	16	1
Kretschmar, Max	5	2			1	1											5	3	1	56	23	17
Mariappa, Adrian	12																12			12		
Mason, Brandon	4	3		1													5	3		22	10	
Matthews, Archie	9																9			9		
McFarlane, Callum	6	2	3														6	2	3	6	2	3
Miller, Todd		3															3			3		
Mundle-Smith, Jaydn	2	1															2	1		88	15	5
Obiero, Micah	11	2	2	1													12	2	2	70	15	12
Reid, Alex				1		3											1		3	1		3
Sandat Henry	6	5	1	1													7	5	1	7	5	1
Scott, Christian	3	5			1												3	6		3	6	
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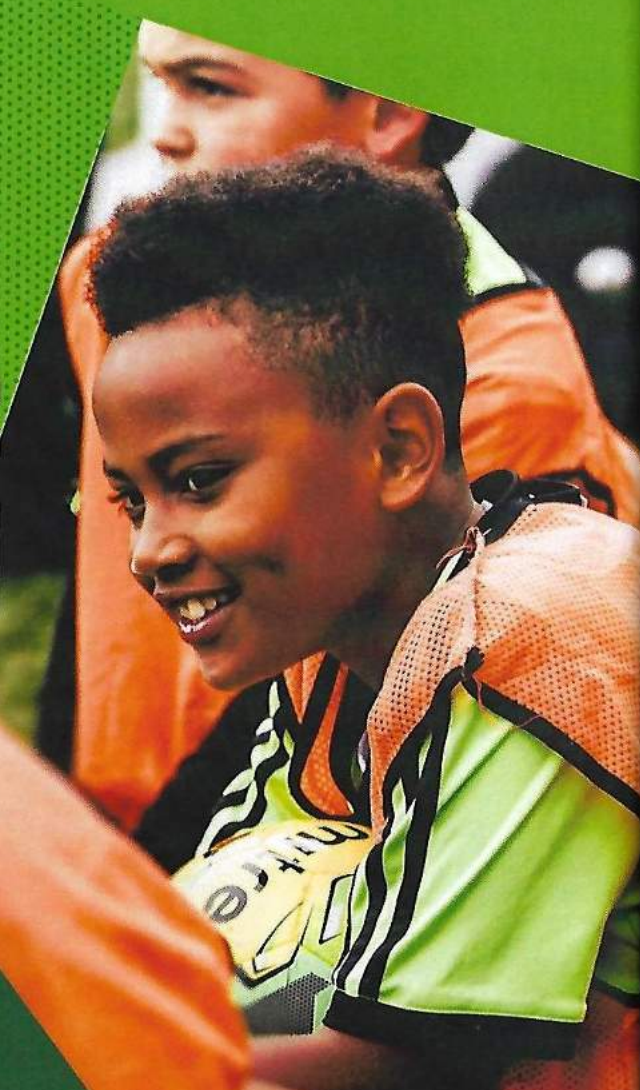
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	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F	A	A	H	A		
1 Barnet	14	10	0	4	31	16	7	7	0	0	20	4	7	3	0	4	11	12	15	30	0-3
2 Forest Green Rovers	14	9	3	2	25	11	5	4	1	0	10	4	9	5	2	2	15	7	14	30	
3 York City	14	8	5	1	23	7	7	5	1	1	12	3	7	3	4	0	11	4	16	29	0-2
4 Gateshead	14	8	3	3	26	19	7	6	0	1	15	5	7	2	3	2	11	14	7	27	0-1
5 Oldham Athletic	14	7	5	2	22	15	7	3	3	1	10	6	7	4	2	1	12	9	7	26	0-1
6 Rochdale	14	7	3	4	22	12	7	3	2	2	9	5	7	4	1	2	13	7	10	24	
7 Halifax Town	14	6	5	3	16	12	8	3	3	2	12	10	6	3	2	1	4	2	4	23	2-2
8 Yeovil Town	14	6	3	5	17	14	7	2	2	3	5	6	7	4	1	2	12	8	3	21	0-3
9 Eastleigh	14	6	3	5	21	20	7	4	2	1	15	11	7	2	1	4	6	9	1	21	
10 Solihull Moors	14	6	3	5	21	23	7	2	2	3	10	14	7	4	1	2	11	9	-2	21	1-1
11 Dagenham & Redbridge	14	5	5	4	24	14	7	4	2	1	18	6	7	1	3	3	6	8	10	20	1-2
12 Tamworth	14	6	2	6	19	25	7	4	1	2	13	10	7	2	1	4	6	15	-6	20	
13 Sutton United	14	5	4	5	23	23	7	2	2	3	12	12	7	3	2	2	11	11	+0	19	0-1
14 Altrincham	14	5	4	5	17	19	7	3	3	1	12	7	7	2	1	4	5	12	-2	19	
15 Southend United	14	4	5	5	18	19	7	2	2	3	9	11	7	2	3	2	9	8	-1	17	1-1
16 Aldershot Town	14	4	5	5	21	23	7	3	2	2	13	11	7	1	3	3	8	12	-2	17	
17 Hartlepool United	14	4	5	5	12	15	7	1	4	2	5	8	7	3	1	3	7	7	-3	17	1-1
18 Woking	14	4	4	6	16	20	7	3	1	3	8	10	7	1	3	3	8	10	-4	16	0-1
19 Maidenhead United	14	4	3	7	17	21	7	2	2	3	7	8	7	2	1	4	10	13	-4	15	
20 Braintree Town	14	3	4	7	9	15	7	3	2	2	5	3	7	0	2	5	4	12	-6	13	
21 AFC Fylde	14	3	3	8	18	30	7	3	2	2	15	12	7	0	1	6	3	18	-12	12	1-0
22 Boston United	14	2	3	9	13	26	8	0	2	6	5	17	6	2	1	3	8	9	-13	9	
23 Wealdstone	14	1	5	8	9	21	7	1	1	5	2	11	7	0	4	3	7	10	-12	8	-- --
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