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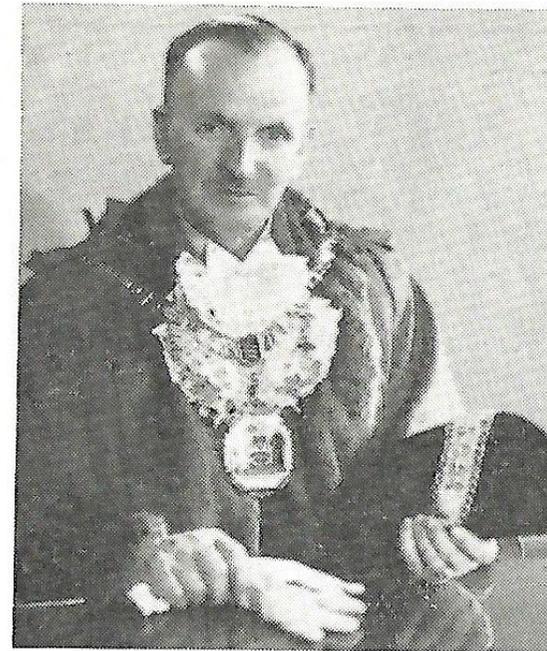
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It is well known that I have derived very great pleasure from serving the Wealdstone Football Club in an official capacity for many years, and, in fact, still actively follow their fortunes through the local and national Press.

I consider it a great privilege now to be invited by the committee to express, through the issue of this Handbook, my best wishes to the club, its officials, its players and supporters, one and all.

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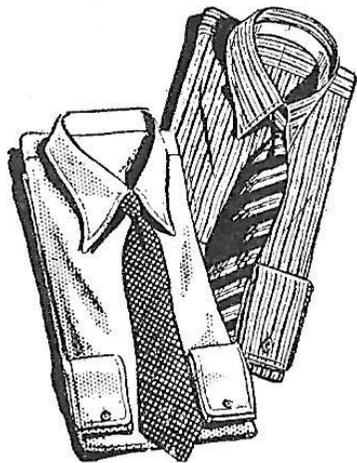
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I am well acquainted with the work put in by those responsible for conducting the affairs of Wealdstone F.C. and other senior amateur clubs in the area, and I am not unaware of the very fine efforts made by the officials of the more junior clubs, with particular emphasis on the many youth clubs in the district. We all owe a very big debt of gratitude to those gentlemen who give so freely of their time, their energy, and their ability.

Mention must also be made of the excellent work done by those who are responsible for the organisation of the local football leagues. The Harrow, Wembley and District League and the Harrow Youth League make it possible for hundreds of players to enjoy organised matches season by season.

Reference to the Harrow, Wembley and District League gives me the opportunity to congratulate my good friend Mr. Harry Luck, Wealdstone's chairman, upon his recent election as president of that league. Throughout his long association with football administration Harry Luck has, of course, been very largely concerned with the seniors, but he has, nevertheless, done a very great deal to further the interests of the more junior clubs. The decision of the Harrow, Wembley and District League to elect him as their president is a richly deserved honour and one which I know he greatly appreciates.

One must not, of course, overlook the grand work done by the Harrow Society of Referees—those wonderful men who, regardless of weather, are always on the job, and, indeed, always on the ball.

It is due entirely to the splendid efforts of those behind the scenes that it is made possible for football in the Borough of Harrow to function as smoothly as it does.

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Frank Harbud

Few, if any, of the club's officials are better known to the "man on the terrace" than our first team honorary secretary, Mr. Frank Harbud. In fact, he might well claim to be one of the best known sportsmen in the district. Not that Frank would make any such claim; he's not the sort to want to claim anything more than intense enthusiasm for the game and strong affection for the club with which he has been associated as player and official for nearly 40 years.

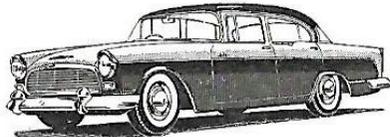
A Londoner by birth, Frank became a Wealdstone resident at the age of 10. He served in the first world war and joined the playing staff of Wealdstone F.C. in 1920, when the ground was at Belmont Road. In the 1920-21 season the "Stones" won the Middlesex Senior League championship, and a photograph, taken in Wealdstone Recreation Ground, shows the following players:— R. Wartnaby; F. W. Harbud; W. Gallagher; A. F. l'Anson; E. Theobald; F. Theobald; H. Miller; R. Bates; W. Burton; C. Durham; J. L. Smerdon; C. A. Latham; A. Smith; W. Balkwill.

There are some names there for some of our older supporters to ponder over, but perhaps none will be more readily recalled to-day than those of Frank Harbud and the late Bill Gallagher. Bill, who played his first game for Wealdstone in the 1910-11 season, was appointed trainer in 1923 and held that position until the 1953-54 season, when ill-health compelled him to retire.

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Mr. Harbud, who became an official of the club immediately after the end of his playing career, has served the club as honorary team secretary to the reserves and the first team and, during the last war, as honorary treasurer. As a player he always endeavoured to be both clean and fair, and the same may be said of his services as an official. In committee he may be relied upon to support anyone or any cause if he feels that a decision does less than full justice.

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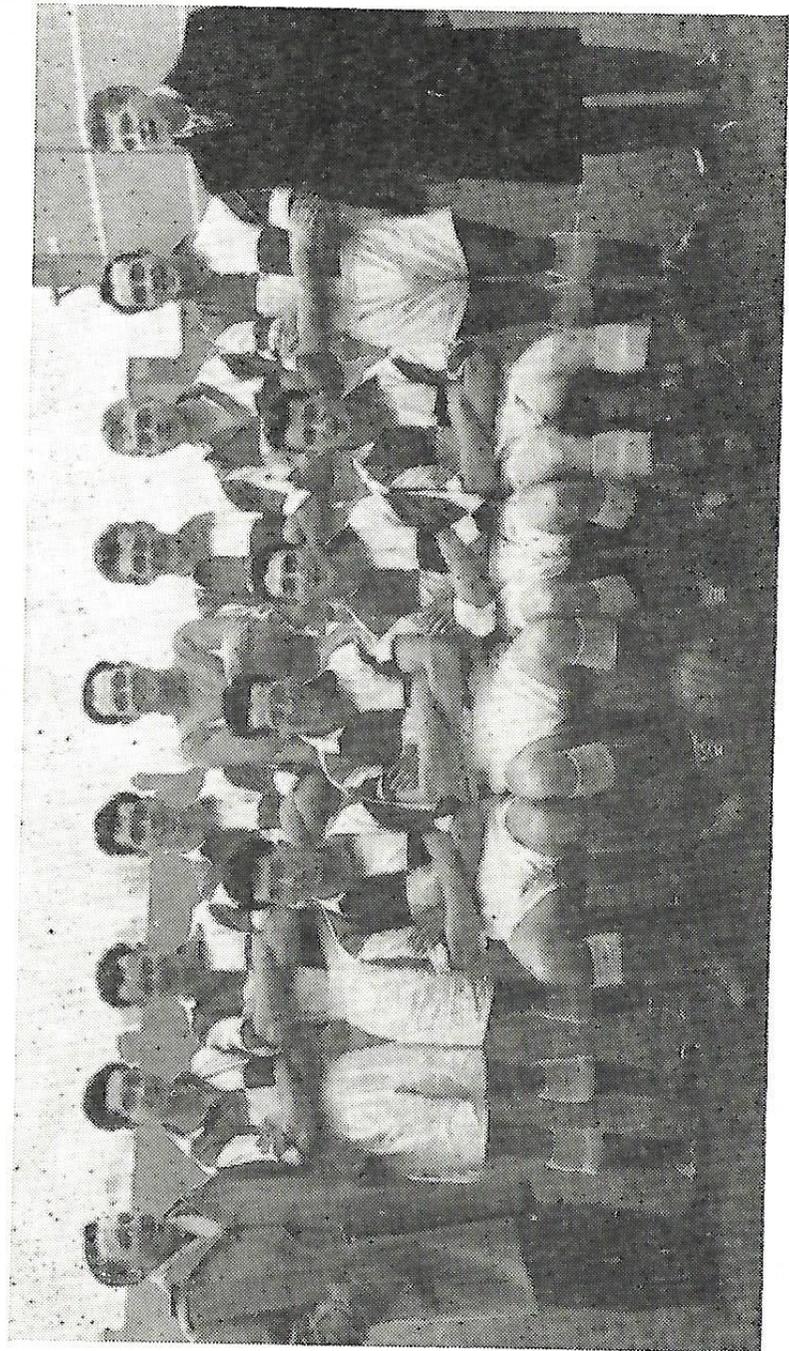
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He pays generous tribute to those with whom he is most intimately associated in his work for the club, including Ken Wiltshire (hon. secretary of the Reserves), Jim Pyers, who holds a similar position with the "A" team, Fred ("Banger") Welch, Ben Freeman, and Ernie Pitt, our three trainers, and Len Goulden, who is now coaching the players with the invaluable assistance of Edgar Francis.

One thing that very often puzzles supporters, says Mr. Harbud, is why a certain player who may have played an outstanding game for the Reserves one week is picked as reserve for the first team the following week. He emphasises the need for the senior eleven to be adequately covered against emergencies, such as a late cry-off, illness of a player on the way to a match, failure of a player to arrive through transport-dislocation, and so on. Some of our players live a long way from Lower Mead and, of course, many miles from Cambridge, Redhill, Maidstone, and other grounds in the Athenian League, and one must always guard against last-minute difficulties.

Then there is the case of the player who finds himself rested from the first team and not even included in the Reserves. That is usually because it is necessary to try out a newcomer in that particular position with the second team or because another player was acting as reserve for the second eleven the previous week, and it is vital to keep players match fit. As Frank puts it: "There's usually a very good reason for what appears to be a stupid move". And Frank should know!

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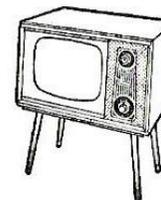
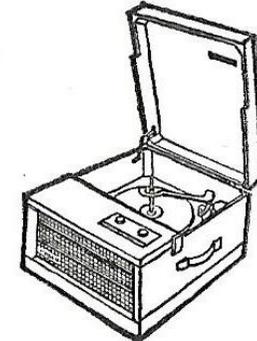
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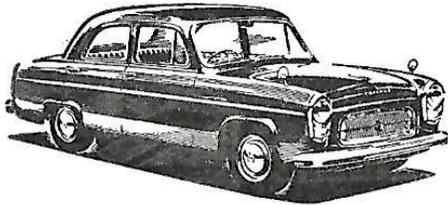
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Stars of To-morrow

by

M. A. EMERSON.



Towards the end of last season, Mr. Emerson joined our committee as a co-opted member to serve as a link between the club and the Harrow Schools F.A. In this article he explains the working of this arrangement.

For some years I have watched with pleasure the high standard of skill which has been developed in the district teams in schoolboy soccer. A district team embodies the best talent available from the various schools affiliated to the district F.A. In the case of Harrow, there are 42 schools affiliated to the Harrow District Schools F.A. Each of these schools sends along to trial games, at various age levels, the boys whom they consider possible candidates for the representative teams.

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Each age group is engaged in various knock-out competitions and inter-district challenge matches against teams from other similar organisations. Several of these inter-district games have been staged at Lower Mead, and the general opinion appears to be that the standard has been very high.

In addition, in the senior age group, the representative aspect is taken further in the formation of county and national teams. There is also a London Schools F.A. team, drawn from the various areas affiliated to the London F.A. Many of our stars in the top flight of to-day, first carved a niche for themselves in this sphere—Stanley Matthews, Duncan Edwards, Johnny Haynes—the names are legion. It is also certain that the stars of to-morrow are to-day finding their feet in this younger edition of our national sport.

That is the reason why Wealdstone as a club feel a special interest in this sphere. Every encouragement will be given to these boys as they quit the schoolboy arena to look first to Wealdstone in their efforts to find a corner in senior sport. At the present time, the seniors contain several lads who may find fame to-morrow in the "royal blue and white", and there are others treading on their heels who may be destined to wear the quartered shirts in the future.

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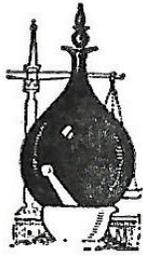
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If your interest has been aroused, get in touch with me care of this club. I promise that all enquiries will be answered. I look forward to hearing from you. Write to:—M. A. Emerson, c/o Wealdstone Football Club, Lower Mead, Station Road, Wealdstone.

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BILL LEADBETTER

Mr. W. G. Leadbetter, the club's honorary secretary, gives an insight into the day-to-day operation of the club.

It has often been suggested to me that members and supporters would like to know more about the running of “our club”, and so in these notes I have made an effort to outline the principal activities of those of us who are privileged to hold the responsibility of conducting the club's affairs.

In the first place I would like to emphasise that the work is by no means confined to the playing season; in fact, there are times when it seems that there is even more to be done out of season than during the period when the three teams are fulfilling their fixtures week by week. But, for the moment, let's take a typical week during the playing season and consider the sort of things that need to be done.

The final whistle has sounded and the players leave the field, the members and supporters leave the ground (although, I'm glad to say, many of the former make their way to the Social Club, there to discuss “the finer points of the game”), while the officers and

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members of the committee set about finishing off the various jobs for the current week and starting those required for the following week.

In many ways the running of a senior amateur football club may be compared with the operation of a commercial undertaking. In fact, the secretarial side of things takes up a considerable amount of time. The work is, of course, shared out as far as possible and I am in the fortunate position of being able to rely upon my colleagues to carry out much of the secretarial duties.

I'm giving here just a short list (it really could be very much longer !) of the sort of things I've got in mind when I talk about the duties to be performed between one match and another for the three teams. The referees and linesmen have to be notified and given directions for reaching the ground ; meals have to be fixed up for visiting and home teams ; pay-box tickets and change have to be put into bags for each gate ; instructions must be given to the printers for posters ; notes must be compiled for the programme ; kit must be laundered and arranged for each team, always bearing in mind the colours of our opponents ; footballs have to be inflated and made ready for use ; coaches have to be booked for players and supporters ; the club's accounts and books must always be brought right up to date ; correspondence must be tackled as promptly as possible—and there's usually plenty of it ! ; regular contact must be maintained with the local and national Press.

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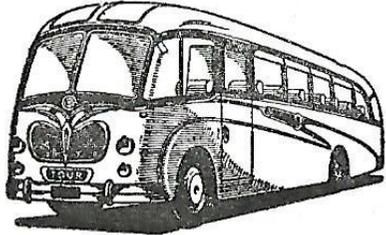
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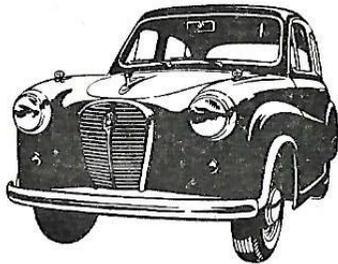


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I must make it abundantly clear that the officers and members of the committee look upon their work as a hobby, but one to be taken seriously; we all get a kick out of it and sometimes, too, it would seem, we even get "kicked" for our efforts. Yes, we have to take the rough with the smooth, but I can assure you that we are every bit as keen as anyone else who has the interests of the club at heart to see as many trophies as possible on our shelves.

Sometimes when members have complained to me about lack of success on the field of play I have suggested to them that they might like to consider standing for office in the club. But, more often than not, they make it quite clear that they have no desire to take on work for the club that will inevitably account for a very large slice of their leisure time. However, I'm glad to say that most of our members are very co-operative and understanding. We on the committee welcome constructive criticism at all times. Every letter containing reasonable criticism is very carefully considered at this end, because we appreciate that the writer shares our desire to further the interests of the club and that he has gone to some bother to acquaint us of his views.

Finally, I would like to say something about a matter I mentioned in the Handbook which we published towards the end of last season—that of blending youth with experience. I'm not going to say very much here, because the matter is dealt with elsewhere

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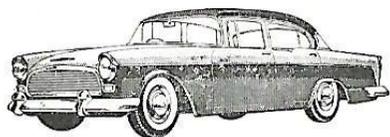
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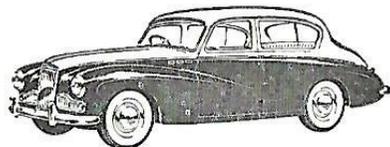
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in this Handbook, but I must say that I am very pleased indeed that our efforts to encourage the youth of the district have met with no small amount of success. I have seen our "A" team play several times this season, and there is no doubt that they have a great deal of enthusiasm and ability. There are several lads of real promise wearing our colours in that side. The link we have forged with the Harrow Schools F.A. is also working out well, and I am glad that Mr. Emerson has contributed an article on that subject to this Handbook. We certainly owe a big debt of gratitude to those who are acting on behalf of the club to bring on the youngsters.

We feel that we have some reason to be proud of "our club" and the achievements that we have attained to date, but we must not flag in our efforts to bring still more success both on and off the field—in fact, in all directions which go to make up "our club".



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With the "A" Team

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RON GUILDFORD

It was towards the end of last season that the decision was taken to form a junior talent sub-committee to tackle this very important aspect of the club's activities. Jack Holt was elected chairman and Ted Dew, Bill Emerson, Cliff Clarke, Bill Spooner and Bill Showler, along with Jimmy Pyers again occupying his old post of team secretary, were appointed to constitute the sub-committee.

In March we invited local youth to attend a series of trials to be held before the end of last season. The response was truly encouraging. We were, in fact, inundated with applications and there then followed the task of deciding which lads would be most likely to achieve what we sincerely hope is every local schoolboy's ambition—to win a place in Wealdstone's first eleven. One hundred and forty boys played in the trials at the tail end of last season. From that large number the committee eventually selected 20 players to form the nucleus of the "A" team.

This team is playing this season in the Harrow, Wembley and District League, a ground having been obtained at Headstone Lane for the fixtures. The youngsters have their own training night—Wednesday—and one of our trainers is always present to give them physical training exercises, while Edgar Francis attends to give them individual coaching, team coaching, and blackboard demonstrations.

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and, of course, it was necessary to disappoint the bulk of them. But not all of those who failed to find a place in the selected 20 have been lost sight of. An arrangement was made with the Weald Boys' Club to take over those chaps who showed promise but who had not yet reached the physical standard required for the more robust football with which they would have to contend in a higher grade. The progress of these lads is still very carefully watched and already we have one player who has graduated from the Weald Boys' Club.

The success of the "A" team can be judged not merely from their results in the Harrow, Wembley and District League, but from the fact that already some of the boys have had games with the Reserves. And it may not be very long before one or more of them has an outing with the senior eleven.

Also training with our "A" team is the senior team of the Harrow Schools F.A., an arrangement which we hope will be beneficial to our own club and to local schools' football generally. Perhaps it is too early as yet to judge the effect this is having on the players of the future, but the interest being shown by the club in these boys augers well for the future success of Wealdstone F.C. Mr. Emerson, who represents the Harrow Schools F.A. on our committee, writes on this subject elsewhere in this Handbook, and it is good to have such an enthusiastic and able man with us at Lower Mead.

We very much hope that some of our supporters will, from time to time, go along and see our youngsters in action. The type of football they play is, of course, very different from Athenian League standard, but it is nevertheless highly entertaining.

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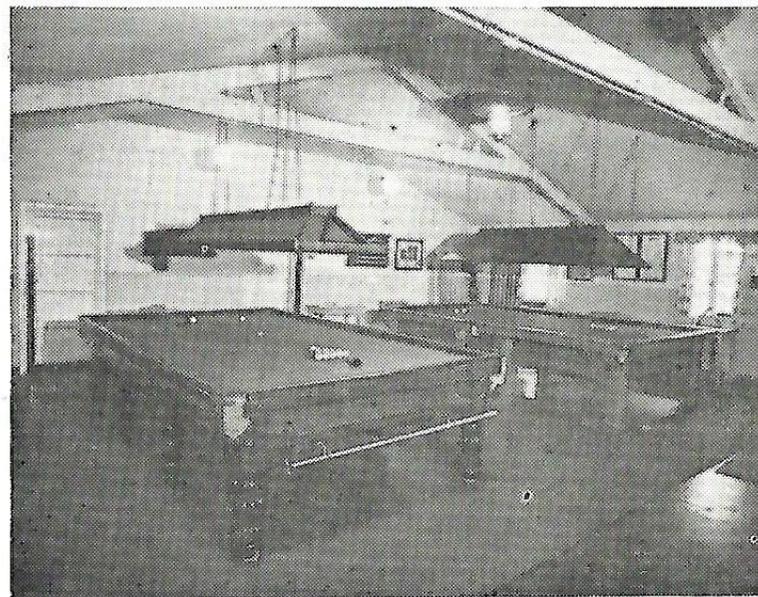
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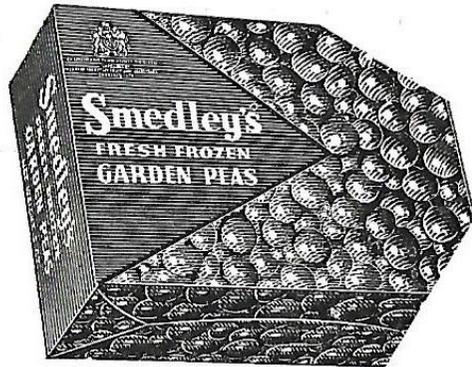
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Many of the Boys in Blue this season are newcomers to the club, and so, being of an inquiring mind (which was my excuse for asking the most personal and often quite irrelevant questions), I decided to meet the players off the field, writes "Nedrac".

By now, we are familiar with them on the field, but how do they spend the 166½ hours of the week they are not playing football, how many children have they got, what do they do for a living (less tax), what time do they get up in the morning, and who is their favourite film star? For answers to very few (if any) of the foregoing questions, but to some others, please read on... and on.

My first victim was RAYMOND KINGSLAND, who at once revealed a sense of humour. Said I (in real Wilfred Pickles style, as I thought): "Have you any particular dislike?" Said Ray (in real Raymond Kingsland style, as I soon found out): "Yes, centre-forwards!" As a centre-half I suppose he has a right to his own opinions. Born at Wood Green on July 16th, 1939, Ray was with Arsenal Youth before joining us at the beginning of this season. He is a sheet-metal worker and, although he wants to become a professional footballer, he is also anxious (and wise) to have a trade behind him. He plays tennis (lawn and table) and cricket and is interested in golf (so far as a non-combatant), while fishing is yet another pastime.

Despite his association with Arsenal, Ray's favourite team is Tottenham Hotspur (unless that reply is another example of the Kingsland brand of humour). Favourite player?—"Oh, John Charles". He cites our league match with Hayes on August 28th as his most memorable game "It was a game", he says, "in which every member of the side gave 100 per cent. effort and, despite being handicapped by having only 10 fully fit men for part of the time we ran out 3-0 winners".

Another newcomer this season is ROY PETER CHARLES HURRELL, who is usually seen as a full-back, although he assures me that he can also play in the centre-half position. Roy was born at Fulham on October 14th, 1935, and shares an ambition with many other people—"to win the treble chance!" He has served with R.E.M.E. and his list of past clubs makes impressive reading—Bristol Rovers, Brentford and Sheppey United.

In addition to football, he is on the "active list" in athletics, cricket, tennis, and basketball, but when it comes to boxing and ice hockey he is to be found behind the ropes and rails, respectively. Detective novels and holidays abroad also figure in Roy's way of life. He also finds time apparently to work as an instrument fitter. As a Manchester United supporter, it is not surprising to find that his favourite player is John Carey.

Saturday, November 16th, 1957, was a day to be remembered by Wealdstone's young inside forward DENNIS MARTIN, for it was on that day that Dennis made his initial appearance in the senior team. It might have been a happier début, for, of course, the "Stones" were put out of the F.A. Amateur Cup on that day by Uxbridge. However, Dennis played well enough to gain selection

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A local boy, Dennis Martin was born on December 7th, 1936, and attended Belmont Junior School before going on to Harrow Weald County Grammar School. Ex R.A.F., he is now working as a clerk. He has played locally for Old Friars and Harrow Weald United (captain) and also for Queen's Park Rangers' Juniors and "A" team. He has played for the Middlesex County Youth XI and has captained the Middlesex Grammar Schools' "B" XI. A cup final in which he was on the losing side is Dennis's most memorable game. It was a Harrow Local Youth League final in which South Vale defeated Old Friars by six goals to four. "But we made a great fight after being 6-1 down at one stage", he says.

Dennis Martin, who plays basketball and tennis, is also interested in athletics and ice hockey. When it comes to reading it's a case of thrillers and light comedy for preference; music, the theatre and the cinema also find their places in his long list of interests and activities, while he finds crossword puzzles an ideal way of filling in any blank squares in his leisure time. "What sort of holidays do I like? Well, long ones certainly and the sort that combine quiet days with a few social functions thrown in", he says. Asked if he had any particular ambition in life he replied: "To make money, get married, and have at least four children". He ought to make a good father because there's nothing that infuriates Dennis more than the ill-treatment of children. He's another Manchester United fan, by the way, but his favourite player is Stanley Matthews.



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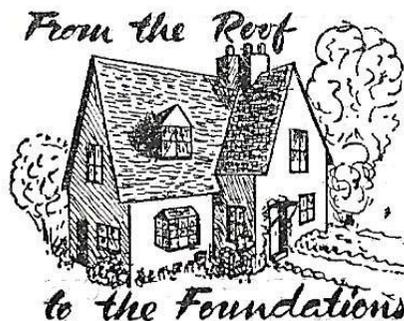
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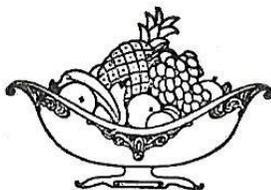
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Born in London on June 10th, 1935, Colin is an engineering draughtsman. He plays table tennis and squash and also engages himself in athletics. He likes to see an occasional game of hockey, and when it comes to indoor entertainment the cinema meets his requirements. Colin, who is also keen on photography, says his ambition is: "To be successful". And he's got a very definite dislike—beer, which, he firmly maintains, is **not** best.

No one, I'm sure, would ever want to accuse JOHN EDWARD CHARLES HANNAM of blowing his own trumpet, but that really is just what he does! John is a very keen musician and plays the clarinet in addition to the trumpet. I haven't had an opportunity to hear him on either instrument, but I have an idea that he's pretty proficient on both. And, remember, I've already said that John is not the sort to blow his own trumpet.

Hannam is Ruislip bred and born and played for Ruislip Old Boys and Ruislip Manor before joining us last season. Usually seen at wing-half, he has sometimes played for us as an inside-forward. Like most of our players, John is keen on other sports; he plays cricket, table tennis, lawn tennis, and also does a bit of swimming.



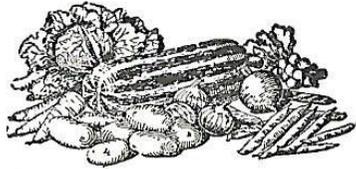
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A player who has served Wealdstone well for quite a long time is GORDON NORMAN, who played for us from 1949 to 1952 and rejoined us, after playing for Romford, Briggs Sports and Luton Town, in 1955. He was with Ilford originally and must be classed as one of our most versatile players. We usually see Gordon as a wing-half, but, unless I'm much mistaken, he has played for us in all positions other than in goal and at left-back.

He was born at Ilford on October 14th, 1931, and attended Beal Grammar School, Ilford. He is now working with Briggs Motor Bodies at Dagenham, being concerned with work standards in engineering, the sort of thing we now call time and motion study. He is an athlete, is a very keen cricketer, and also has an occasional round of golf. Gordon, who served in the R.A.F., was married quite recently and, not surprisingly, he finds now that his hobbies centre largely around his home. "To live a happy and contented life is quite a good enough ambition for me", he says. Gordon has always been popular with the girls and I hope that none of them will be offended when I give you his reply to my question: "Have you any particular dislike?". It was this: "Yes, noisy women at football matches". His most memorable match was at Lower Mead on November 12th, 1949? Can you remember what happened that that day? Yes, it was the day the "Stones" went into the first

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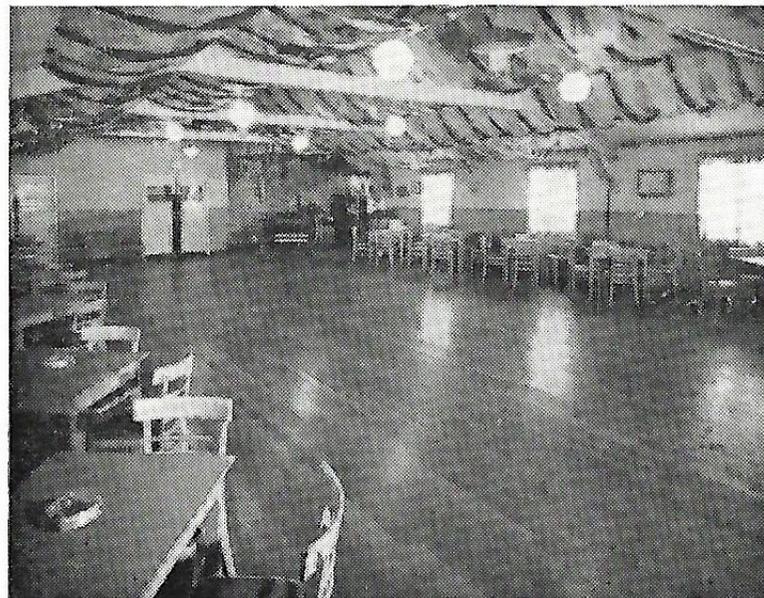
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round proper of the F.A. Cup by scoring the only goal of the match against Colchester United. Gordon was also in our team which played at Port Vale in the following round.

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If you are ever favoured by an invitation to stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD GEORGE CULVER, don't forget to take and use your own tube of toothpaste. Answering my "Have you any particular dislike?" question, Ted did not have to think twice (in fact, I'm not at all sure that he even had to think!): "People who squeeze toothpaste tubes from the top", he said with a smile which revealed a set (his own? I mused) of teeth which would do credit to any toothpaste manufacturer's advertisement model. Ted's smile is a very genuine one and is almost ever-present (except on the very rare occasions when he lets in an easy one).

He came to Lower Mead this season following experience with Cambridge United, Cambridge City, Hendon, and Hayes. Ted, who was born in Fulham on January 22nd, 1931, went to Dormers Wells Senior Boys' School at Southall and later joined the R.A.F. Married, he has one boy and a sense of humour. He's a designer draughtsman and plays tennis and cricket. Stanley Matthews is his favourite player and, as far as holidays are concerned, he's happy when he's hiking.

His most memorable matches are "the ones I dream on Friday nights," while "overhearing a conversation in a bus about a certain incompetent goalkeeper" is all we need know about one of Ted's favourite stories. Maybe those talking in the bus were joking—like Ted!



Danny Wiltshire, Maidstone United goalkeeper, formerly with Wealdstone, clears his lines in our league match with Maidstone at Lower Mead on September 21st. Colin Moore, Abel Comben, Ivor Harper, and Vivian Evans pile on the pressure.

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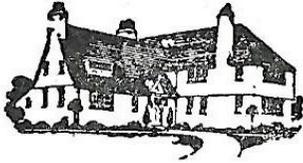
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Centre-forward DONALD CHARLES LITTLEALES joined us as recently as October 20th, but he was already known to us as the Royal Navy's centre-forward. A Londoner, born on February 21st, 1935, he was educated at Chatham House School, Ramsgate, and is the proud father of a baby girl. A Charlton Athletic supporter, he is very interested in music and literature (of the thriller type). Woodwork is his chief hobby.

Donald, who has played football for Gillingham, has a commendable ambition—to play cricket for Combined Services.

Gardening is the main spare-time activity of family man IVOR ROY HARPER, who played for Aylesbury United, St. Albans City, and Watford before signing for the "Stones" in 1955. Ivor was born at West Watford on June 23rd, 1933, and went to Victoria Secondary Modern School, Watford. He is a process operator.

"Manchester United" and "John Charles" soon settled the favourite club and player sections of the chat I had with Ivor recently, and he also told me that "I can read sports books one after the other". An ex-Army man, Ivor takes part in athletics and also plays badminton.

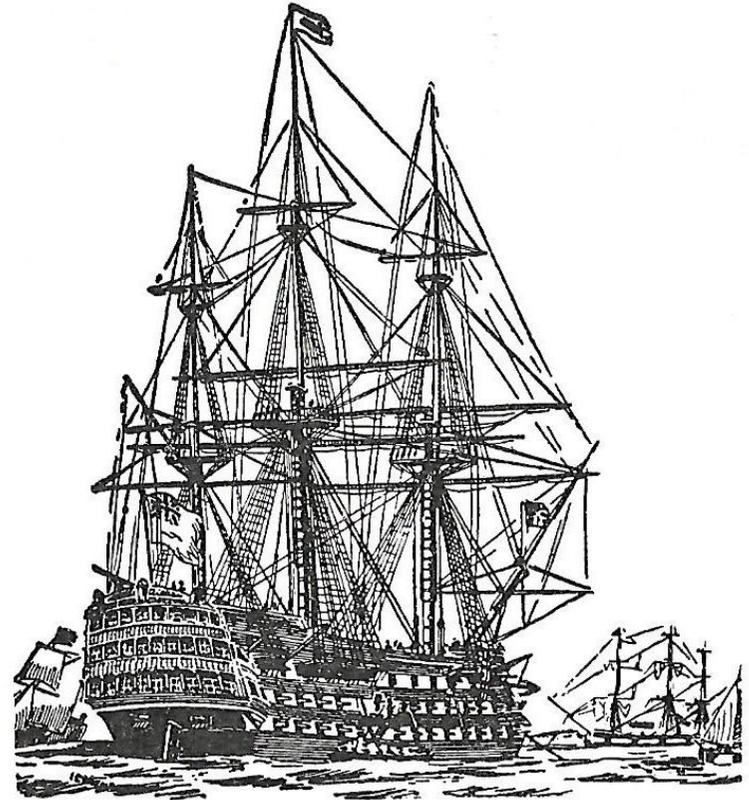
WILLIAM RICHARD JONES, born at Paddington on March 29th, 1934, and another married man, joined Wealdstone on October 14th last, having previously played for Willesden and Wembley. Scoring a hat-trick in 10 minutes while playing in a match for Willesden gives him his most memorable match. He's yet another cricketer on the club's books. (What about a Wealdstone F.C. Cricket Club for next summer?).

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Johnny Haynes is Bill's favourite player, but he sticks to Wealdstone as his favourite team. A bookbinder by trade, he drives a motor scooter, watches TV by the hour, likes holidays abroad, and has a (no longer) secret ambition—to play for Wealdstone. (Up to the time I chatted with him, Bill's appearances for the club had not included the first team).

Formerly skipper of Harrow Town, DEREK KAY had also played for Queen's Park Rangers and West Ham United teams before signing for us last summer. He was born at West Ham on April 30th, 1935. He is now working as an accounts clerk. Derek also plays badminton and basketball and follows baseball. He is keen on listening and dancing to modern jazz, reads war stories, and is interested in the cinema and the theatre. Holiday camps or trips to the Continent make for his ideal vacation.

Derek has an ambition to captain an amateur team against professional opposition in the first round proper of the F.A. Cup. While serving in the Army (R.A.P.C.) he was chosen to play for Dorset County XI against Hampshire, Wiltshire and Devon. Appearing on the TV screen for a selected side against Tottenham Hotspur is his most memorable match to date, the Wolves are his favourite team, while John Charles gets his vote in the favourite player category.

Listening to his story of an occasion when he took a free-kick, the ball hitting the crossbar, which came down to lay out the goalkeeper, made me think for a moment that I was interviewing Danny Kaye instead of Derek Kay. And now my ambition's out of the bag!

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Our skipper, JOHN WILLIAM RANDALL, is another happily married man; he is, in fact, the father of Linda Ann. John was born at Watford on June 14th, 1932, and went to the local Technical College. He joined Wealdstone at the beginning of the 1955-56 season. Basketball, cricket, and table tennis are among the games he plays, while a day at the White City, or anywhere else where there's athletics to be seen, makes an ideal break for John. He was formerly in the R.A.F.

A player of wide experience, he has appeared in the colours of Avlesbury United, Tunbridge Wells, St. Albans City, Chelsea, Brentford and Reading. He has also played in several representative matches. John Charles is his favourite player, and he has an ambition which we can all look forward to—"to play for Wealdstone in the F.A. Amateur Cup Final in 1959". John likes an occasional film and reads quite a bit—chiefly non-fiction—but he says that looking after his wife and Linda Ann is a good enough hobby for him. The Randall eyes sparkled when he replied "Dry ones" in answer to my question "What sort of holidays do you prefer?".

I wiped my own eyes and went across to have a chat with yet another of our players whose wife invariably sees her husband in action on a Saturday afternoon. VIVIAN EVANS has been with the club since September, 1954. "Viv" was born at Cardiff on July 7th, 1933, but soon crossed the border of Wales to live at Kingsbury, where he attended the Secondary Modern School. He was with Kingsbury Town for a while and served in the R.A.F., which gave him the opportunity to travel quite a bit. While in

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Egypt he played for the R.A.F. against the Army. "Viv's" team won the day 3-1

Charlton Athletic is his favourite club, but Tommy Lawton is the man he admires most in the soccer world. A milling setter by trade, Evans plays cricket and tennis and also turns out on the golf course on occasion. He's fond of music and enjoys the "right type" of film, but he finds that decorating takes up "no end of my time". His ambition is to play at Wembley.

Also from Wales is JOHN ALAN LOW, who was born at Cwmlllynfell (Carmarthenshire) on the eighth day of March, 1939. And like Vivian Evans he soon left his native country, but "Swansea or any other Welsh team", his answer to my question concerning his favourite football team, shows that John is proud of his native heath. He was educated at Kingsway Junior and Leggatts Way Senior schools in Watford, and he had played for Watford and Herts. Schoolboys, Watford Y.M.C.A. under 16s, and Watford F.C. Juniors before joining Wealdstone at the beginning of this season. John is a trainee body builder with Scammell Lorries, and odd jobs—the sort calling for a bit of skill—in and around the house make for a useful pastime. He is active in the realms of cricket, basketball, tennis and athletics, but is content to remain on the right side of the ropes where boxing is concerned.

To play to the best of his ability and in the best spirit of the game is John's ambition for any sport. His dislike? "I hate bad mannered and big-headed people", he said.

Let John describe his most memorable match in his own words. "Two years ago when I played for the Y.M.C.A. under 16s we had

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to play against a club in Hitchin in the County Cup semi-final. We had to play part of the game with six of us, including myself, all injured. Half way through the second-half we were losing by one goal to nil and were on the defensive all the time. Then suddenly we broke away and managed to get a corner. As skipper of the team I thought it my duty to get us on level terms. The corner kick came right to me just outside the penalty area. I took a first-time shot—and there it was, in the back of the net for the equaliser. That was just the tonic we needed, and the team played wonderful fighting football for the last 15 minutes and we won 3-1". No wonder that John Charles is John Low's favourite player.

A lad who is keen enough on his work to let it influence his hobbies is TREVOR BENNETT. He is a coachbuilder by trade and driving and tinkering around generally with cars takes up much of his spare time, some of which, however, is given over to woodwork and dancing. Born at Highgate on August 9th, 1935, Trevor has been with us since the start of the 1955-56 season, before which he had played for Ruislip Manor and Watford (Mid-week League). Keen on most forms of sport, he plays tennis, cricket and golf, and is also an athlete in addition to doing a bit of ice skating. An avid reader, he is particularly fond of books concerning sport, history, and current affairs. He is very interested in music and makes occasional visits to the cinema and the theatre.

Trevor, who is an Arsenal fan, by the way, served in the Army and played for the Army in Egypt against the R.A.F. There were many professionals in the Army side, which was, however, defeated 2-1. This game, played before 10,000 Servicemen and broadcast, was Trevor's "most memorable" to date.

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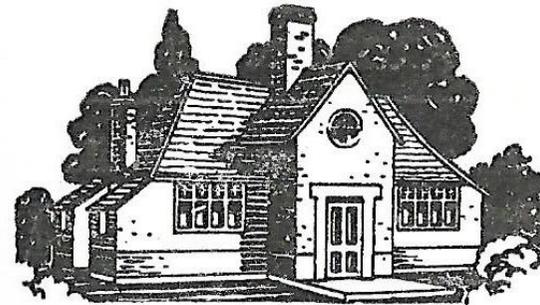
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