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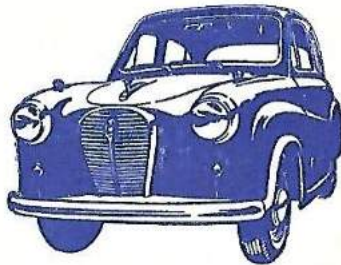
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Introduction

by

W. G. LEADBETTER, Hon. Secretary.



We have pleasure in presenting again our Handbook. This is the fourth edition and we hope our members and supporters will find items of interest in it. This year we have articles by Mr. E. J. Bryant (Hon. Social Secretary) ; Mr. W. Emmerson (Hon. Colts Secretary) ; Mr. H. Finney (Hon. Treasurer) ; Mr. J. Holt (Hon. Ground Secretary) ; Mr. T. Verrall (Hon. Secretary of the Supporters' Club) ; and Mr. W. Waterlow. In these articles they have written about different aspects of the Club and I think readers will find some of general interest and they do portray some of the activities which go on behind the scenes.

Last year the sale of the Handbook was not as good as we would have liked and we do appeal to all members and supporters to buy a copy and if possible persuade their friends also to purchase one. Every Handbook sold is a direct contribution to the Club funds.

A good deal of time is taken in compiling the Handbook because it is actually done by ourselves and it is a little disheartening to find that after the effort put into producing a Handbook that the sales are not as good as they might be.

In conclusion I would like to thank all those who have helped in compiling this Handbook and to the advertisers who have taken space, because, as I said last year, without our advertisers' support it would be impossible to produce a handbook of this type at the nominal price of 1/-.

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Hills	2
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League Scorers.

Hills	16
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The Lower Mead Social Club

by

E. J. BRYANT, Hon. Social Secretary

It is now five years since we left the old Army Hut adjoining the Members' Enclosure. Our accommodation was poor and the atmosphere very cold in the winter, but there was a warmth of friendship there and we had some grand times. Compared with that hut our quarters are now palatial and we have progressed but not, I think, so extensively as we had hoped. Rule 2 of the registered rules states :—

The objects of the Club are (a) to provide members with a clubhouse, accommodation, refreshments, facilities for sport, and generally all the usual privileges and advantages of a club and (b) to do everything in its power to assist, promote and extend the interests, welfare and social amenities of the Wealdstone Football Club.

Well we have achieved the first part and as regards the second part the Football Club would miss us if we did not exist. We could do more though, if more of those enthusiasts in the members' enclosure on match days would support us. The Football member is automatically a member of the Social Club and is entitled to all its amenities.

Let me give you a brief outline of the activities you could support if you do not already do so :

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I hope the foregoing will catch the eyes of a goodly number of those who do not know of our activities and cause members to support us more and non-members to wish to join us. Application forms for membership can be obtained at the Clubhouse.

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Calling all Supporters

by

TOM VERRALL

Once again it is my privilege to contribute an article to this grand handbook. At this time last year, I wrote giving you a progress report on the initial stages of the formation of the Supporters' Club, and it was with a feeling of pride that I reported that the membership was approaching a total of 600. Since then however, great strides have been made and the Club can now boast of over 1,100 members, a figure which must constitute a record for an amateur club. Our only regret has been that we haven't had the volunteers to help with the many jobs that have wanted doing. But more of that later on. Now what has been achieved during the past twelve months? Firstly, I would say the most important achievement was the way in which the efforts of the F.C. created a team spirit as great as has ever existed, a team spirit that was instrumental in the lads almost clinching the league championship. The fact that they fell at the last hurdles was mainly due to trying too hard to pull it off. But not only was success confined to the first team, because the "A" Team won their league championship and won their cups, the Colts finished as joint champions of the league, and who can forget the grandstand finish by the reserves in their section. You supporters can claim a lot of credit from these performances by your loyal support and encouragement. But don't forget if things don't seem as rosy this season, don't withdraw your support, because they will come back into their own again very shortly. The teams were rigged out with new kit during last season and the main club bought another new set for their Middlesex Senior Cup Final. During the close season the dressing rooms were completely renovated and fitted out with lockers, tea huts round the ground were repainted, and in two cases entirely rebuilt, and the space at the back of the Elmslie stand was dug up and levelled off with the intention of providing a training ground for times when the pitch was not in a suitable condition. And now to come back to the point I made previously about lack of volunteers to help with these jobs. If it had not been for the sterling work of your chairman, Jock Law, and a handful of workers, it would never have been done. Many was the

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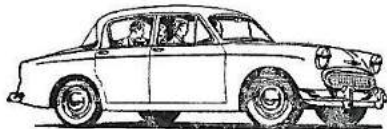
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time when they felt that they could have thrown in the sponge, but they kept on hoping that when supporters saw what was being done they would offer to help. But it did not work out that way. But there is still time to remedy that, because there are still many jobs to be done, so why not volunteer. One of the highlights of the year's activities has been the weekly bingo session that is held at the Clubhouse every Wednesday night and nearly always attracts a packed house. These evenings always cause quite a lot of work to the few members of the committee that are available, because tables and chairs have to be carried to the hall and put into position and replaced at the end of the session. Again you will always see your chairman at the helm, assisted by that grand caller, Jim Ivory.

Amongst the many benefits that are allowed to the Supporters' Club members are being allowed the use of the bar on match days, full insurance coverage for accidents at any football ground in the country, and now we are working in full co-operation with the Social Club, members are invited to several of their dances and social evenings which are held every Saturday and Sunday nights. I would like to draw to the attention of all supporters the advantages of becoming full members of the Wealdstone Football Club.

A membership fee of 25/- per year entitles the member to free admission to all football league matches, and a membership of the Lower Mead Social Club with billiards, snooker and darts, etc., in addition to the week-end functions for which no further charge is made. Just think this over and see how much you would save, and apart from the benefits of a club life and a quiet drink.

This year we have been honoured by the acceptance of Vice-Presidentship by Jack Train and Cardew Robinson and in addition to this all the Show Biz XI and the T.V. All Stars joined the Supporters' Club which must surely be the most star-studded Club in the country. And so let's get on with this game of football and see if we can't help Wealdstone F.C. to gain some of the glories of last season again and who knows perhaps it may be this season that they will perform at Wembley. Could well be you know.

So for now, cheerio, good luck and may you long stay to cheer the lads to victory.



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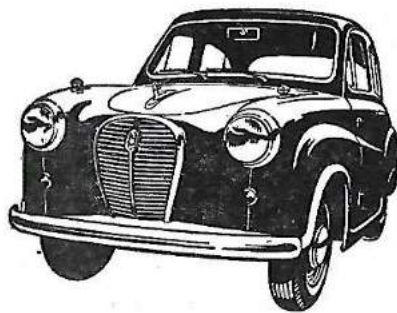
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by

H. J. H. FINNEY, Hon. Treasurer.

Last season Bill Leadbetter, our genial Secretary came to me and asked me to write an article for the Club Handbook. "What can I, as Treasurer, write about that would be of general interest?" I said. "People who read the book surely won't want to be bored with a lot of facts and figures".

This year the same problem arises, and as no-one ever says "No" to Bill when he asks you to do something for Wealdstone, here goes. Very few people, even members but particularly supporters, of any football club, including our own, have much idea of what goes into the day to day routines that are necessary. They see only the match on a Saturday, hold their inquests on the result on the way home, then generally think no more of it until next Saturday comes along.

Everybody knows that there is a Selection Committee who can be blamed when things go wrong, and that there is a vague body of people known as Officers and Committee, but what they do and when they do it, is a bit of a mystery to most. For the Officers and Committee, the game on Saturday is the culmination of intensive effort during the whole of the previous week, with the sole object of getting a team out that will do their best to play the game and take two points from their opponents.

Win, lose or draw on Saturday, the Club has to go on, and in these notes I would like to try and tell you a little of what goes on behind the scenes.

It is very true to say that no Amateur Club can survive on its gate money alone. Gates of course provide the main source of income, but in order to maintain standard of ground facilities, reasonable standards of treatment for the players by way of transport to away games, attention to injuries, insurance in case of accident and so on that every supporter would concede they merit, it is vitally necessary to raise extra revenue apart from gate money. Costs have risen steadily since the war, but admission charges have

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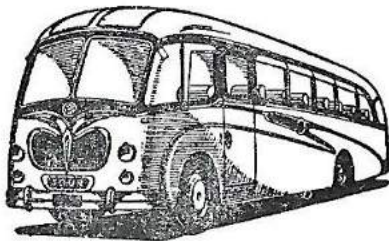
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not, neither have the crowds, and therefore to make ends meet, a big effort and a sustained one, has to come from the Officers and Committee to keep expenditure down on the one hand and raise extra revenue on the other.

One of the main sources of additional revenue for the Club has been the Lower Mead Social Club. Although this has a separate constitution from the Football Club it does in effect run the whole of the social activities of the Football Club, including the bar, dances and socials, sweepstakes and so on. The Supporters' Club too, are now contributing to the parent Club, as a result of their many activities.

It may interest readers to know that the average weekly expenditure on all counts for the Football Club has been approximately £100 over the last five years, and this includes the three months' close season. Actual out-goings during the summer are of course a little less than this average, but it is surprising how high the cost is of such standing items as rates, water rates, gas, electricity, insurances, ground renovations and maintenance. As an example, we had a very good dry summer this year. We know it now to our cost. It was very good from the holiday maker's viewpoint, but just the opposite from the Ground Secretary's outlook. 418,000 gallons of water went on the pitch to help the grass grow. This meant the first two reserve game "gates" in terms of money.

Borough Council rates take the equivalent of three first team home "gates". Lighting, heating and insurances eat up the equivalent of another three senior team "gates". Laundry costs for four teams, playing between them approximately 96 league games and thirty cup ties, are heavy, even though we do have our own washing machine. Getting the kit clean each week runs away with the equivalent of another seven 2nd XI home "gates".

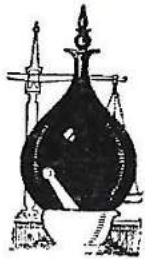
Mortgage interest, bank charges, fees for Leagues, cups, and county associations, legal expenses, etc., swallow up the result of three more home gates for the 1st XI. At least 50% of the entrance monies received for home cup-ties goes to our opponents, and the various county associations. Take the cost of keeping the ground in good order—wages and insurance, cleaners, seeds, soil, paint, etc.—this one item alone costs about £1,000 per annum—or in terms of spectators 16,000—the equivalent of about half a season in gate money for league games.

We have already accounted at least for the whole of the 15 league game gates in standing charges, and we haven't kicked a ball yet! There is still the problem of finding the money for the match expenses such as referees and linesmen, printing, stationery, advertising, coaches for away games, medical and training expenses, dining for players, trainers' expenses, depreciation of equipment, balls, nets, players' kit and so on.

No wonder the members of Finance Committee look disappointed when the rain starts to fall half-an-hour before the kick-off. It may make a difference of £40 to the gate, and that means possibly we cannot pay a bill we had planned on clearing.

Amateur football finances are an intriguing affair, and as unpredictable as the weather. Luck in cup-ties means an awful lot. A home draw, with ground advantage might add up to several unexpected hundreds of pounds in gate money. On the other hand,

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with weather intervening it might mean that the winning of the County Senior Cup costs the club money. This in fact happened last season, although we were still very pleased to take the cup home, when we beat Enfield at Southall. Our receipt from this game just paid for the players' coach and a meal after the game !

What goes on from week to week at Lower Mead after the Saturday crowd has gone ? There is always something to be done on Sunday mornings. Perhaps a sub-committee meeting. Or there may have been bruises and cuts on Saturday for the trainers to work on the next morning. Monday night sees the Selection Committee at work trying to put right any faults and pick the best available sides for next week. The main Committee also meets on Monday evenings to deal with correspondence, match arrangements, reports from the various sub-committees that have met during the previous week, on such items, as Ground, Finance, Social Activities, liaison with the Supporters' Club, etc., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays the four teams are busy training and keeping fit under the watchful eyes of their trainers, coaches and team secretaries.

During the week the various officers have been handling such items as minutes of meetings, correspondence, writing up the books, paying accounts and wages, notifying opponents and match officials of details for travelling, teams for programmes, meals required for away games, reports of results, reports of match officials, matter for the local and national press, ordering coaches for away games, attending League and County Associations meetings, attending sub-committees, preparing the tickets and change for the pay boxes, writing up programme notes, keeping in touch with players' arrangements for travelling on the Saturday and a hundred and one other small, but essential details to the efficient running of the Club.

All this has to be done in spare time in the weekday evenings and it is usually with a sigh of relief that the Committee members, at least those not doing a gate duty, can relax a little when the whistle goes for the kick-off on Saturday. The crowd is in and players are lined up on the field. There's nothing more the back-room boys can do now, they have been doing their best all the week and now it's all up to the eleven lads in blue and white, for the goals that count can only be made to count on the field. We can all score goals from the touchline !

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Some Reflections and Aspirations

by

W. C. WATERLOW

When writing in last year's Handbook I recalled some of the highlights of some of our games in past years but I suggested that it was not perhaps profitable to dwell on the past. Since then the 1958/59 season has been completed and we are now well advanced into a new season and I venture to suggest that if in future years some historian writes a chronicle of the Club's activities the season 1958/59 will call for special mention.

After a mediocre start our First Team settled down into a workmanlike combination and ultimately ended the season virtually as joint league champions.

Arising out of the tragic illness and death of that great player, Jeff Hall, of Birmingham, which resulted in some of his Club's fixtures being postponed, the season was extended for a further week and the last week of the season found us battling with Barnet for championship honours.

Wednesday, May 6th, saw us top of the league on goal average with two games to play (one more game than Barnet) and on the evening of that day we played Carshalton at Lower Mead. They held us to a goalless draw and when we heard that Barnet had also drawn their last game on the same evening it seemed at first glance that it was all over and that we had earned the right to fly the Athenian League Flag at Lower Mead the following season. We had another game to play, however, at Sutton the following Saturday, and when the stadians got to work it was discovered that, although we must of course be champions if we gained a point at Sutton, we would give way to Barnet if we lost by any score other than 1-0.

The team journeyed to Sutton on the last day of the season and doubtless you all know what happened. When we scored first (a penalty converted by John Moran in his usual confident manner) the points seemed "in the bag", and, although Sutton equalised, Matt Farrell regained the lead for us before half-time. Unfortunately, however, two goals in the second half by Sutton put paid to our hopes and it transpired that Barnet went to the top of the table by virtue of a minute fraction of a goal. Sutton, however, deserved their victory and played well against opponents who were doubtless feeling the strain of a heavy end-of-the-season programme in which, having regard to the honours at stake, every game was comparable with a cup-tie. With a little slice of luck in some of our earlier games, however, we might easily have gained an additional point which would have placed us in the position of not having to depend on the Sutton game for deciding the issue.

However, our boys put up a grand show throughout the season and perhaps we cannot complain that we did not at times have our lucky breaks.

For example, early in October we met Hayes at Lower Mead in the F.A. Cup and, with about ten minutes to go, we were trailing



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4-1 behind, and nobody in their right senses would have thought that we would have any further interest in the competition for that season. The elements, however, came to our rescue, a torrential downpour of rain causing the Referee to abandon the game, much to the chagrin of the Hayes' supporters. We won the replay 2-1, and, after disposing of Yiewsley in the following round, we ultimately lost to professionals Headington United in the final qualifying round.

Disappointment awaited us in the Amateur Cup, in which competition we made an early exit at the hands of our neighbours, Harrow Town. We turned the tables on them in the Middlesex Senior Cup, and we had the consolation of winning this trophy, beating Enfield in the Final at Southall's ground.

Casting my mind back over the season I recall one or two occasions which remain pictured in my memory. The game in the quagmire at Hendon on December 27th and how Charlie Townsend and Charlie Sells excelled in the deplorable conditions. We won what proved to be an exciting game 4—3 and, having drawn our match on Christmas Day against the same opponents, we took three points from our old rivals, Hendon, not a bad performance!

Again a maximum of six points from our Easter games put us all in a jubilant frame of mind and Peter Parfitt's goal against Finchley on Easter Monday was one that calls for special mention and occasioned pleasurable comment in the Bar for some time after the conclusion of the game.

Our other three teams each had a very successful season, the Reserves finishing near the top of the Reserve Section, the "A" team won the championship of Division 1 of the Harrow, Wembley and District League and the Colts emulated their seniors by finishing runners-up on goal average in Division 1 of the Harrow Youth League.

As was the case at the beginning of last season, up to the time of writing these notes, the First Team have not done anything very remarkable. Hayes have knocked us out of the F.A. Cup as a revenge for their defeat at our hands in the same competition last year. The boys are, however, regaining their confidence and our present aim is a good run in the Amateur Cup, in which competition, due no doubt to our not unsuccessful season last year, we are excused until the Fourth Qualifying Round. At the time of compiling these notes our first opponents in this competition are not known. Our forward line is substantially the same as that which performed last season, with Viv. Evans still dashing down the left wing.



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Incidentally, I referred in last year's Handbook to Charlie Barker's prowess as regards converting penalties. It is pleasing to note that in John Moran we have a penalty kicker who puts the ball in the back of the net in the same assured manner.

One further word regarding our officials. I overheard on a 'bus recently two gentlemen making disparaging comments about the number of officials we have whose names appear on the front of our weekly programmes. Believe me, they all put in an inordinate amount of work, particularly the Hon. Treasurer and his assistants, the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Secretary and the Team Secretaries, Coaches and Trainers and the Hon. Social Secretary. The running of four teams each week and all the numerous other matters which have to be dealt with in relation to the ground and the Club generally entail a great deal of work and it is true to say that many of our officials must find that their efforts take up the whole of their spare time.

All this work is, of course, done for love of the game and the Club in particular and you can reward them by coming to our matches on every possible occasion and cheering the lads in blue and white. A large crowd of cheering supporters is a wonderful tonic to the boys on the field and will immeasurably help in bringing forward the day when we pay that visit to Wembley in the Amateur Cup-final. No doubt when that great day arrives (as we all hope it will in the not too distant future) some hundred thousand spectators will be there including a very large contingent from our immediate neighbourhood. Meanwhile why not tell all your friends to come along to Lower Mead each Saturday afternoon? There is room in comfort for many thousands more than the average number of spectators which normally come through our gates on each Saturday.

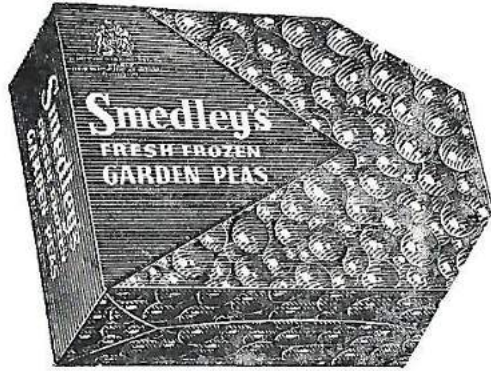
Roundabout

At the time of compiling this Handbook the new season is well under way and we have beaten Oxford City in the 4th Qualifying Round of the Amateur Cup and thus enter the 1st Round Proper of the Competition. Our opponents in this are Bromley who are old friends of ours, and we all look forward to this encounter.

Most of last season's players are still with us and at the time of writing the first team is now settling down and playing very good football and we hope that they will be as successful this season as last and perhaps with a little bit of luck succeed in pulling off the championship which they so narrowly missed last year.

Our "A" team and Colts have made a very good start to the season and we wish them the best of luck for the remainder of the season. With regard to the Reserves they have made a better start this season than for many seasons past. This is a very good thing from the Club's point of view because with a very strong and successful Reserve team it augurs well for the first team.

Our financial position still causes us, like many other Clubs, serious concern and we do appeal to all members and supporters to regularly attend our matches whether we are winning or losing. The Finance Sub-Committee continue to examine every item of expenditure in order to keep same to the absolute minimum, but with



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rising costs it is very difficult to make ends meet. Our financial report at the end of last season was a great improvement on previous years, but as the Hon. Treasurer said at the Annual General Meeting this was largely due to successes in various cup matches and particularly in the F.A. Cup.

There have been one or two changes in the Officers of the Club since last season. Mr. A. J. Tucker resigned as Hon. Assistant Secretary and Mr. Ken Wiltshire was elected at the Annual General Meeting into this position. In addition Mr. C. W. P. Stevenson was elected into the vacant position of Hon. Assistant Treasurer as under the Club rules there is provision for two Assistant Hon. Treasurers, but up to this season only one of the positions has been filled and that for many years by Mr. Reg Lemmings.

A very successful annual dinner was held during August in our Clubhouse and was attended by the Deputy Mayor of Harrow, who had some very nice things to say about the Club in his speech. Unfortunately space does not allow us to have all those that would like to attend an annual dinner and we have to limit the numbers.

In this edition of the Handbook there is an article by Mr. E. J. Bryant, the Hon. Social Secretary of the Club, and in it he describes the activities of the Lower Mead Social Club. We would appeal to all members to use the Social Club as much as ever possible and we can assure everyone who attends of a warm welcome.

During the close season the Supporters' Club again carried out a lot of work in connection with ground improvements and we are indeed indebted to the Supporters' Club for the amount of work that they do in connection with the ground. In Mr. Verrall's article he points out that they could do with more support to assist in doing these jobs and here again anyone who can come along and give a hand will be very welcome.

At the Annual General Meeting life membership was given to Mr. Dan Wiltshire who has served on the Committee of the Club since 1939 and this honour has been well merited by "Danny" who can be seen practically every Saturday afternoon on the Members' Gate.

Last season our ground was used on many occasions by outside organisations and this year we have already been approached by Middlesex County F.A. and British Railways to stage matches.

During the course of the summer our Steward and Stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, resigned and their place has been taken by Mr. and Mrs. Massey.

PLAYERS HONOURED

The players honoured were :—

R. Hurrell	—	Middlesex F.A.
P. Parfitt	—	Football Association.
G. Nash	—	Middlesex F.A.
T. Murphy	—	Middlesex F.A.
R. Hooper	—	Middlesex F.A.

Colts Team players received the following honours :—

M. Emmerson	—	London Premier Schools v Glasgow, Harrow Youth League (Junior and Senior).
R. Burns	—	Harrow Youth League (Junior Section).
G. O'Shea	—	Harrow Youth League (Junior Section).



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Our Ground

by

JACK HOLT (Hon. Ground Secretary).

Before becoming associated with Wealdstone Football Club about 12 years ago I used to watch many football matches, but what never did occur to me was the amount of work involved in staging 90 minutes of football each week.

The Club in its wisdom has sub-divided the many responsibilities and have allocated to me the care and maintenance of the ground, improvements and other contingent duties.

Firstly, I feel that we can be justifiably proud of our playing area. Those of you who have followed the Club for many years will remember the quagmires that often developed. Even to-day we still get our problems in severe weather, based as we are on a heavy clay sub-soil. Over the years we have alleviated this to some extent by the introduction of hundreds of tons of sand into the topsoil. Additional lines of land drains have also been laid in and these greatly improved the actual drain-off period. Grass root is another of our problems and in these days we take full advantage of our seed suppliers' technicians and their laboratories in taking analyses of the soil from time to time in order to check for excess acidity, etc. in the ground and to determine the most suitable mixtures of seed for the quality of soil. We have very little time between mid-May and the end of July (about 10 weeks) in which all our pitch renovations have to be done, and this means a good deal of hard work by our Groundsman, Jim Nottingham. He deserves congratulation on his presentation of the pitch each year and particularly this season when the drought has so adversely affected many other grounds.

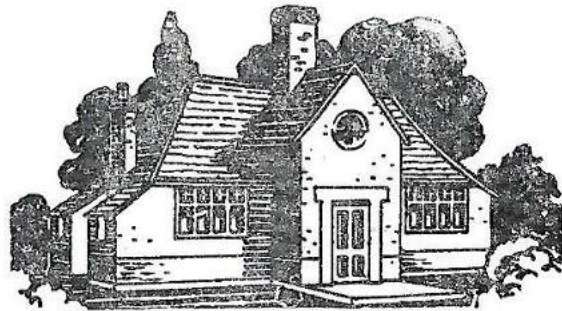
Outside the playing area there are many more weekly jobs to be done. Does it ever occur to you (I know it never did to me) that every cigarette packet you throw down, every sticky toffee paper, ice-cream wrappers, half-eaten sandwiches, newspapers and the like, have all got to be picked up, whether in the stands or in the remotest parts of the ground. Football kit has to be issued, collected, washed, ironed and stockings darned. Dressing rooms, including three baths, have to be cleaned and tidied five times a week—after training Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and after the Saturday game and Sunday morning treatment of injured players. The pitch of course comes in for some heavy treatment during three training nights and naturally repairs have to be effected almost daily. Then there are the scores of little maintenance jobs around the stands, pay-boxes, offices and other buildings; fences have to be repaired, quite often due to some small boy supporters who prefer to come in by any means other than through the pay boxes.

You will see that the Ground Staff have little time left for any major works in repairs and improvements and in this connection we owe a great debt to our Supporters' Club. Since its formation only two years ago it has organised the painting of the stands and dressing rooms, built new tea huts, cleared the area behind the Elsmlie Stand for a training area to save the pitch during bad weather and many

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other heavy jobs. Like many other football clubs, lack of funds precludes us from doing all the jobs we would like to do and a large share of the burden of raising money for ground improvements is borne by our Supporters' Club. I am indeed fortunate in having the fullest co-operation from them and if this article does nothing else it will serve to record my appreciation of the splendid job they are doing in the interests of the Wealdstone Football Club and you, its Supporters.

On the Way Up

by

W. EMMERSON (Colts' Hon. Sec.).

(Featuring Wealdstone's Fourth Team—"The Colts".)

Although a comparatively recent development, the Colts are rapidly building up an impressive record. Local Cup-winners in two successive seasons, they celebrated their first full season in the Harrow Youth League last season by finishing runners-up, beaten for the championship by goal average only. To achieve this consistency it is of course necessary to build up a consistent team, and this can only be achieved by setting out with a firm determination that come what may, good football is the only solution. The Colts have developed along these lines. Drawn almost entirely from local players, who take the game seriously, they have earned a reputation that whatever the result they will try to play football as it should be played.

Apart from the playing results of the team as a whole, success has been achieved in other ways, in that already members of the Colts are taking their places in the next team up the ladder—Wealdstone "A" and holding their places in "-open-age" soccer.

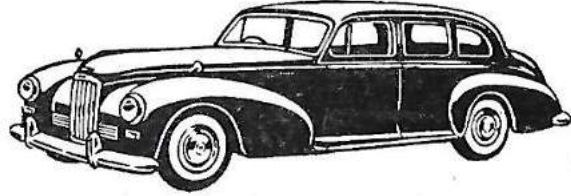
What attributes are required in the recruits for the Colts? It may be that some supporter is asking himself this question with a view to advancing the soccer status of a son, nephew or friend. Firstly, the would be player should have ability above the average. Senior football is a serious business, and in the long run a position can only be held against competition if the player is a "natural" footballer. Secondly the would-be Colt must accept the fact that success only comes as a result of hard work and bags of training. The weekly training spells under the capable eye of Pete Rogers are hard sessions of energetic sweating. The resultant fitness has stood the Colts in good stead in many games where the outcome has been in doubt.

Finally, and maybe just as important, the player must abound in Club spirit—ready to accept a position on the touchline just as readily as on the field. Every game in which the Colts figure brings out the non-playing members complete with kit, in case of emergency, just in case they are needed. Thanks to the fine spirit which has been built up, the Colts have never been caught napping when players have had difficulty in getting to a ground in time for the kick-off, or have been forced to cry off by a last minute ailment.

If a player has these three attributes, he may be a potential team man. Send him along. He will receive a good welcome and be given every encouragement.

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WEALDSTONE RESERVE TEAM RECORD 1958-59.

	P.			W.			D.			L.			A.			League Pts. Position.
	W.	D.	L.	W.	D.	L.	W.	D.	L.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
League Record.	30	15	5	10	7	3	5	8	2	5	8	1	59	35	4th	
Other Matches ...	9	5	1	3	3	1	1	2	—	2	—	2	32	13	—	
Complete Record	39	20	6	13	10	4	6	10	2	7	113	72	—	—	—	

Winners : Westminster Hospital Cup 1957-58, beat Walton and Hershham 3-1.

Players : Number of players tried out during season, 72.

Goalscorers.

M. Farrell ...	16	J. Waldheim	2	★
P. Parfitt ...	9	E. Harris	2	
J. Matthews ...	8	R. Gibbons	2	
M. Dunk ...	7	J. Reidy	2	
M. Hughes ...	6	T. Murphy	2	
B. Adkins ...	6	D. Martin	2	
G. Nash ...	5	W. Gordon	2	
J. Nichols ...	5	H. Lindsay	2	
P. Keen ...	4	D. Gommarsall	1	
G. Sells ...	4	A. Ash	1	
A. Comben ...	4	R. Ware	1	
J. Davies ...	4	R. Hooper	1	
D. Vinicombe	3	C. Stone	1	
F. Whitehouse	3	O.G.	1	
A. Farmer ...	3			
F. Deanus ...	3			
A. Conniff ...	2			
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WEALDSTONE RESERVE TEAM RECORD 1958-59.

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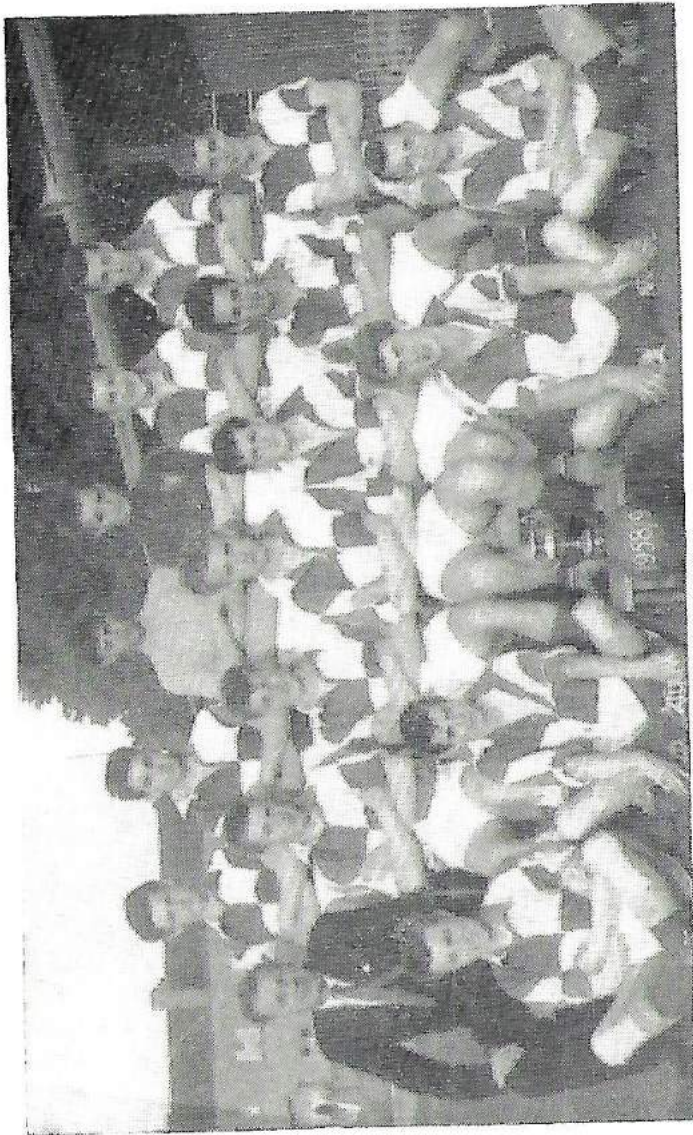
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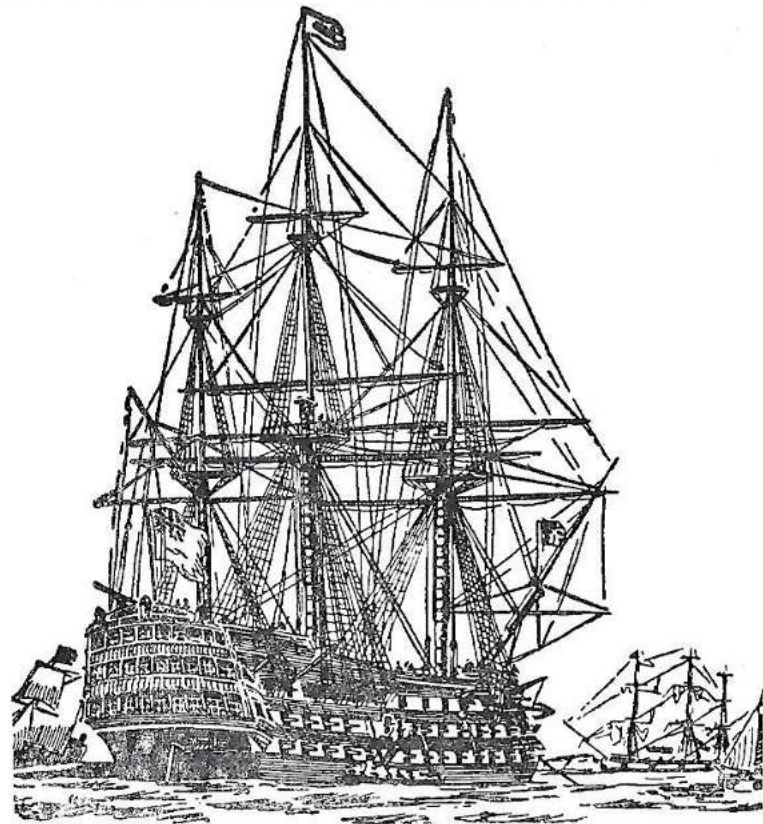
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Opponents.	Result.	Scorers.
Walton & Hersham (a)	Won 3—1	Farrell, Comben, Moran.
Walton & Hersham (h)	Won 1—0	Moran.
Grays Athletic (h)	Drew 0—0	
Grays Athletic (a)	Lost 3—5	Evans, Hills, Moran.
Barnett (h)	Lost 0—2	
Barnet (a)	Lost 1—3	Moran (penalty).
Finchley (a)	Lost 1—2	Martin.
Finchley (h)	Won 6—1	Farrell (3), Sells, Moran, Parfitt.
Sutton United (h)	Won 3—0	Farrell (2), Townsend (penalty).
Sutton United (a)	Lost 2—3	Moran, Farrell.
Hayes (a)	Drew 2—2	Farrell, Moran.
Hayes (h)	Won 3—1	Hills (3).
Maidstone United (a)	Won 4—0	Farrell (2), Sells, Opponent.
Maidstone United (h)	Won 1—0	Hills.
Enfield (h)	Won 2—1	Hills, Townsend.
Enfield (a)	Won 5—2	Moran (2), Nicholls, Hills, Sells.
Southall (h)	Won 2—1	Evans, Sells.
Southall (a)	Drew 1—1	Hills.
Hendon (h)	Drew 3—3	Hills (2), Sells.
Hendon (a)	Won 4—3	Nicholls, Evans, Moran, Hills.
Leyton (h)	Won 3—1	Sells (2), Hills.
Leyton (a)	Won 4—1	Hills (2), Sells, Moran.
Hounslow (h)	Drew 1—1	Parfitt.
Hounslow (a)	Won 3—1	Moran, Farrell, Sells.
Redhill (a)	Won 4—2	Farrell (3), Evans.
Redhill (h)	Won 4—0	Moran (2), Hills, Evans.
Carshalton Athletic (a)	Won 3—1	Nicholls, Moran, Evans.
Carshalton Athletic (h)	Drew 0—0	
Hitchin Town (h)	Won 3—0	Hurrell, Evans, Farrell.
Hitchin Town (a)	Won 2—1	Moran, Hills.

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FIRST TEAM CUP RESULTS.

Cup-ties	Result.	Scorers.
F.A. Cup :		
Uxbridge	Won	2—1 Evans, Farrell.
Hayes	Abandoned	1—4 Moran.
Hayes	Won	2—0 Moran (2 penalties).
Yiewsley	Won	2—1 Sells, Nicholls.
Headington	Lost	2—4 Sells (2).
Amateur Cup :		
Ruislip Manor	Drew	2—2 Sells, Moran (penalty).
Replay	Won	4—0 Farrell (2), Saunders, Evans.
Twickenham	Won	2—1 Farrell, Parfitt.
Harrow Town	Lost	2—3 Farrell, Parfitt.
London Senior Cup :		
Leyton	Won	4—3 Parfitt, Moran, Sells, Nicholls.
Boreham Wood	Won	7—1 Evans (2), Hills (2), Moran (2), Nicholls.
Dulwich Hamlet	Lost	1—3 Moran.
Middlesex Senior Cup :		
Edgware	Drew	1—1 Farrell.
Replay	Won	4—1 Farrell (3), Evans.
Harrow Town	Won	2—1 Moran, Evans.
Semi-final :		
Finchley	Won	3—2 Moran, Sells, Evans.
Final :		
Enfield	Won	3—1 Farrell (2), Evans.
Middlesex County Cup :		
Hendon	Drew	2—2 Nash, Sells.
Replay	Won	2—1 Comben, Nicholls.
Enfield	Lost	1—2 Comben.

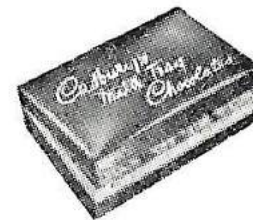
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Planning Ahead for Wealdstone

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It is often said in business that a Company does not stand still—it either goes forward or backwards, and the same remark applies equally true to a Football Club.

We at Wealdstone are always looking ahead as to what we can do to improve our facilities at Lower Mead. We have several ideas but finance is of course the trouble.

Floodlighting is one of the things we have been considering and making enquiries about, but it will be appreciated that this is a very costly item, and many questions have to be answered before we could saddle the Club with this expenditure—although it is probably true to say that one day it will come.

Another item we are investigating is a Lounge Bar to be built on to our existing Hall. This would be equipped with comfortable chairs and carpets and, we hope, would bring more people to Lower Mead during the week. We are seriously considering this and have started discussions with the Builders—but here again we have to be fairly certain that it is a proposition before embarking on the expenditure.

As Owners of our ground, and we are one of the few Amateur Clubs who own their premises, we have to pay for everything that we carry out on our ground, out of our revenue. Some Clubs obtain assistance from their local Council, but that is not the case with us. A run in the F.A. or Amateur Cup can make a very great difference to our finances, and when budgeting we always have to take a rather black outlook, otherwise we would soon be in trouble.

Over the years we have tried to plan ahead, and I think we can honestly say that we have succeeded, although we still have plenty to do, and when one looks at our Ground to-day, I think we can be justly proud of the facilities we have at Lower Mead.

As members know, we have many applications for the use of our ground because of our facilities, and already we have been asked by British Railways if they can play their European Railways Cup match against West Germany at Lower Mead in April, 1960.

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