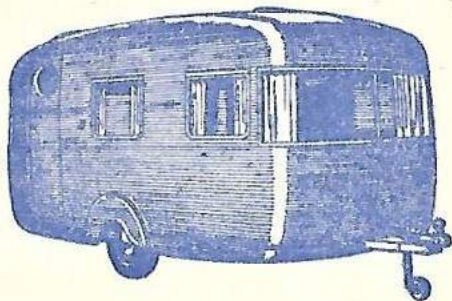


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FOREWORD BY THE CHAIRMAN.

In introducing our 1960-61 Handbook, I must first of all give a warm welcome to our players, both old and new and wish our teams the best of luck on the field of play.

We shall again be running four teams which means that between fifty and sixty players will have to be trained and coached. This is no light task and I must pay tribute to the trainers and coaches who tackle this job so willingly week in and week out.

Then I must thank our members and supporters for their continued support and hope that this season will provide much interest and entertainment.

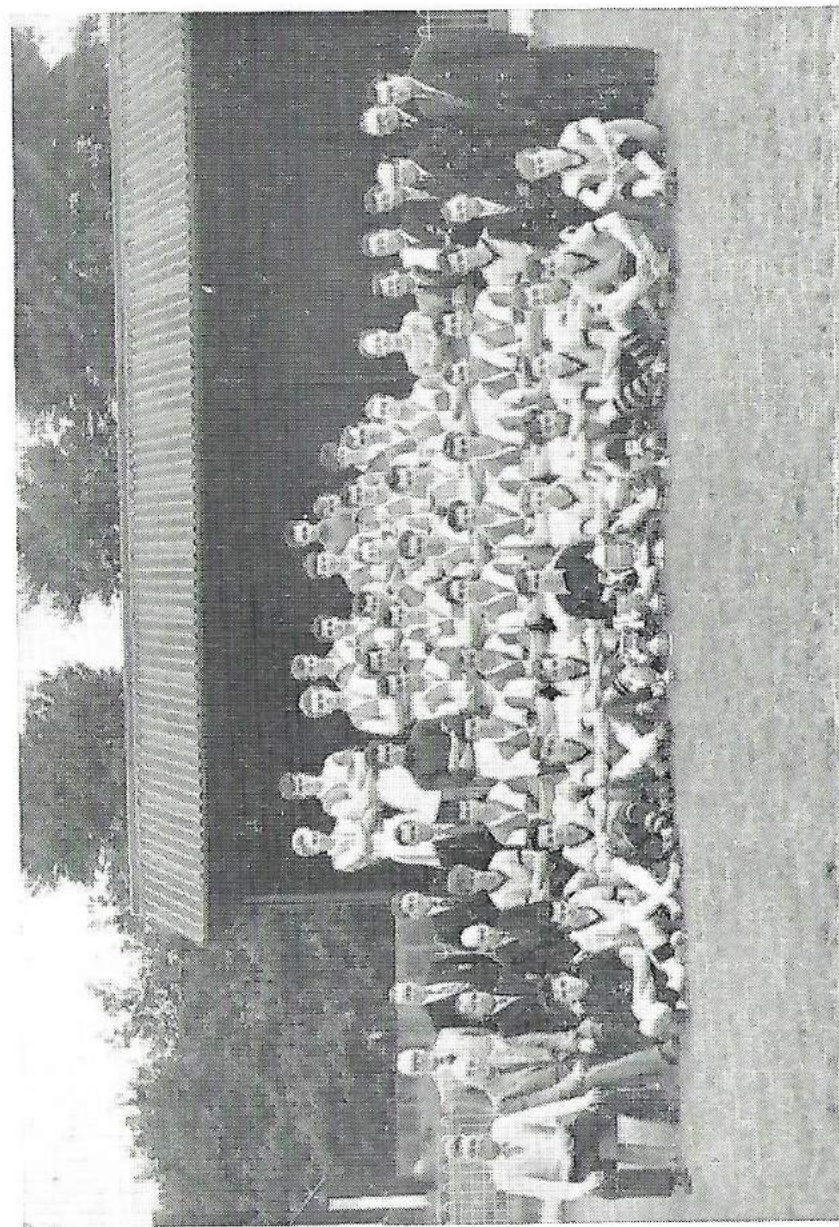
The social side of the Club is catered for by the Lower Mead Social Club. Members of the Football Club are all automatically members of the Social Club and I should like many more to use the facilities provided. The Social Club Committee works hard and their efforts mean much to the success of the main club. I thank them for their work last season and for the work they are doing this season.

And a word of thanks to the Supporters' Club whose work around the ground has added to the comfort of everyone. Their efforts are fully appreciated by the Club Committee and also by the players.

The President of the Club, Mr. H. H. Harrison has now retired and has moved to Brighton. He still however retains a lively interest in the affairs of the Club and frequently attends our matches. We wish him a happy retirement and hope to see him often.

Our Club has now been in existence for sixty years so that this season is our Diamond Jubilee. The occasion will be celebrated by a function later on in the season. In the meantime let us hope that an outstanding achievement on the field of play will mark this important anniversary in the life of the Club.

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Wealdstone F.C. 1959/60—Players and Officials.

INTRODUCTION

by

W. G. LEADBETTER, Hon. Sec. of the Club.

The Committee have pleasure in again presenting another Handbook. It is probably not realised how much work is entailed in preparing a handbook of this nature and the Committee do appeal to you to persuade fellow members and supporters to buy a copy in order to assist Club funds. The response in recent years has not been very encouraging, and it is true to say that the sales have been a disappointment. We trust that this will not be the case this year.

It would be impossible to produce a Handbook of this nature, for the price at which it is sold, if it was not for the help of the advertisers who take space in the book, and we are particularly grateful to them for their assistance.

This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the Club and over this period a good deal of success has been achieved. Our ground is considered to be one of the best amateur grounds in the country and the club facilities and premises equal to any other club in amateur football. The number of representative matches that are staged on our ground is ample proof of the high esteem which other organisations hold with regard to these facilities. Each year improvements are made to the ground and we are continually striving to improve the accommodation for our supporters. Our Ground Secretary, Jack Holt, does a wonderful job for the Club and we wish

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In conclusion we do appeal to all members and supporters to purchase a copy of this handbook to ensure that this jubilee year is a record one with regard to sales.

A GENERAL REVIEW

by

W. G. LEADBETTER, Hon. Sec. of the Club.

Last season, taking the Club as a whole, could be considered successful, although the 1st Team did not do particularly well in the Cup matches. However, it is no good dwelling on the past, we must look to the future, and members can rest assured that the Committee is doing everything in its power to improve on last season's record.

During the close season trial matches were arranged for all those players who had applied to us and there was a considerable number, and from these trial matches selections were made of those players thought to be of value to the Club. In addition several well known players joined us including Ben Pike, of Sutton, Ken Aldridge from Redhill, and Ron King from Maidstone (and towards the end of last season, Harrow Town). We were unfortunate to lose the service of John Moran who decided to join Barnet.

At the time of writing this article the 1st and 2nd teams have made a very good start to the season and if this form can be maintained it would appear that we can look forward to a successful season. Football, however, is one of those things that is very difficult to forecast because there are so many things that can happen, and if this was not the case football would become a very dull affair.

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We are continuing to run our "A" Team and Colts and several promising players are already beginning to come forward from these teams. To run the "A" Team and Colts is not an easy task and to those who carry out these duties the Club owe a very great debt. This year the "A" Team Secretary is Mr. Terry Waite and we all wish him the best of luck in his first appointment as an Officer of the Club. The Colts will again be run by Mr. Bill Emmerson who has done such wonderful work in the past with these boys.

In the Amateur Cup we have been excused until the 4th Qualifying Round and we are hoping that this year we shall have a good run in this competition.

During the close season we received permission from the Football Association to join the Amateur Football Alliance and we have been invited to take part in their Invitation Cup. We believe we are the only Athenian League Club to be given membership of the A.F.A. and also the first Athenian League Club to be invited to take part in this Invitation Cup. In the 1st Round we beat Pegasus at home and are drawn at home in the next round to Wycombe Wanderers who are always an attraction and invariably have a very good side.

The Reserve Team will be competing in the Middlesex and London Intermediate Cups and the "A" Team in the Middlesex Junior Cup, in addition to League Cups.

The highspot of last season was the tour to Luxembourg. We do not propose to go into detail regarding this tour because there is an article in the handbook covering it, but it is true to say that out of the teams that went to Luxembourg last year, which included Hendon and Hounslow Town, we were the most successful, returning home undefeated.

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We have again been invited to go to Luxembourg at the end of this season, but at the time of writing we have not finally accepted the invitation because we have also received an indirect invitation to Holland. The players are very keen to undertake another tour at Whitsun, 1961, and discussions will take place with the players before arrangements are finalised.

We would like to mention the question of the Lower Mead Social Club. Last season there is no doubt that the Social Club received very good support from members, but I would again appeal to all members who have not been in the habit of visiting the club premises other than on match days to endeavour to come along to some of the functions as we feel certain that they would thoroughly enjoy themselves, and their additional support to the Club would be appreciated.

During the summer our Club premises were completely re-decorated and since they have been finished we have received many favourable comments from visitors.

Dances are run every Saturday and Sunday and any member who cares to come along will be made very welcome.

In conclusion I would again like to assure all members and supporters that the Committee are always thinking of what can be done to improve our Club. Despite the fact that we have wonderful facilities we also appreciate the fact that we must have good teams as well, as this is what members and supporters come to see and our playing strength is always being reviewed. It has been said on many occasions, and I again repeat, that no organisation stands still, it either goes backwards or forward and we at Wealdstone are determined to do everything possible in our power to see that we continue to go forward.

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JARNY 1, WEALDSTONE 3.

A long coach journey was necessary to this French town and the players had the first taste of "Crossing the Border" with a passport inspection by both Luxembourg and French Customs officials. The summer heat and the strange conditions did not upset the visiting team and they soon provided the spectators with some thrilling football. Jarny were all out to record a win against the first British team ever to visit their ground, but they found the Wealdstone defence always well positioned and Goalkeeper Culver very alert. The two-goal margin win was well deserved and the visitors were congratulated on their fine performance by the Jarny players and officials alike.

A fine reception was laid on for the Wealdstone party after the match which was very much appreciated by the visiting party.

AUDUN-LE-TICHE 2, WEALDSTONE 3.

Pre-warned of the strength of the opposition the Wealdstone team trooped on to the Audun pitch full of confidence. There was an exchange of pennants and the usual introduction to local V.I.P's. with the playing of both national anthems.

Adopting the tactics so successful against Hendon the home team set up "Hot" attacks early in the match. Typical continental style football was played by Audun and the Wealdstone defence was soon at full stretch. The visiting team forwards were more direct however and only excellent covering by the Audun half-backs prevented them taking the lead. However Wealdstone kept up their endless pressure, finally netting the odd goal, and victory was theirs.

JOEFF 2, WEALDSTONE 2.

On Whit-Monday the Wealdstone party were taken to the Royal Vineyard on the Moselle River at Ebling and were shown around the loading bays, the crushing plant house, and the cellars where the huge vats were positioned. Samples of the wine produced here were passed around to the members of the visiting party.



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WHITSUN TOUR 1960

by

K. E. WILTSHIRE, Asst. Hon. Sec. of the Club.

Wealdstone commenced the tour on Friday evening, the 3rd June, from Lower Mead, and proceeded to London Airport by coach. There they were joined by Hounslow Town F.C., to share a special chartered aircraft for the second phase of their journey to Luxembourg. With a three match tour programme the Wealdstone party arrived in Luxembourg City in high spirits to be greeted by the Schifflange Club officials. The players were well aware that on the Sunday they were due to meet Audun-le-Tiche, the team that had held Hendon to a drawn game only two weeks previously. They joined the Hounslow Town party at dinner in the Schintgen Hotel and after a wonderful meal the members of both clubs were soon setting out to see the world famous "Fairyland Illuminations" before retiring.

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The home team, with terrific enthusiasm, set the pace from the start. They fastened on to every loose ball and speeded to the goal area, but their finishing was poor. Wealdstone settled down after 20 minutes and took the lead with a fine cross shot. Joeff equalised, but Wealdstone regained the lead. Four substitutes were fielded by Joeff in the second half and it appeared that the now tired Wealdstone team would find this reinforcement a little too much for them, but this was not the case however, for they were able to continue to have the better of their French opponents. In the last minute of the match Joeff broke away and scored, to rob the visitors of a "hat trick" of wins which they would have fully deserved.

After the match the players and officials were "royally" received at the Town Hall by the Mayor, who was also a member of the French Parliament. I accepted on behalf of the Club a beautiful piece of china plate which was presented to Wealdstone by the Joeff

Club President. Toasts to the English visitors were given and sincere wishes that the Wealdstone team would return to Joeff were sincerely passed on to the visiting officials.

A very speedy return to the Luxembourg Airport, a grand send off by the continental club officials, and the Wealdstone party boarded their waiting aircraft, very jubilant, for they had not been beaten. Yes, indeed, they were true champions of Luxembourg.

The results of our Athenian League colleagues Hendon and Hounslow who were on the same tour were as follows :—

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Remark passed by Hounslow player Dudley Baker when boarding the plane home, to Viv Evans, our skipper on the tour. "How does it feel to travel with the champions of the Athenian League?"

"Viv's" reply, "How does it feel to be travelling with the champions of Luxembourg".

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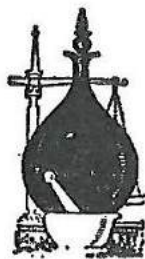
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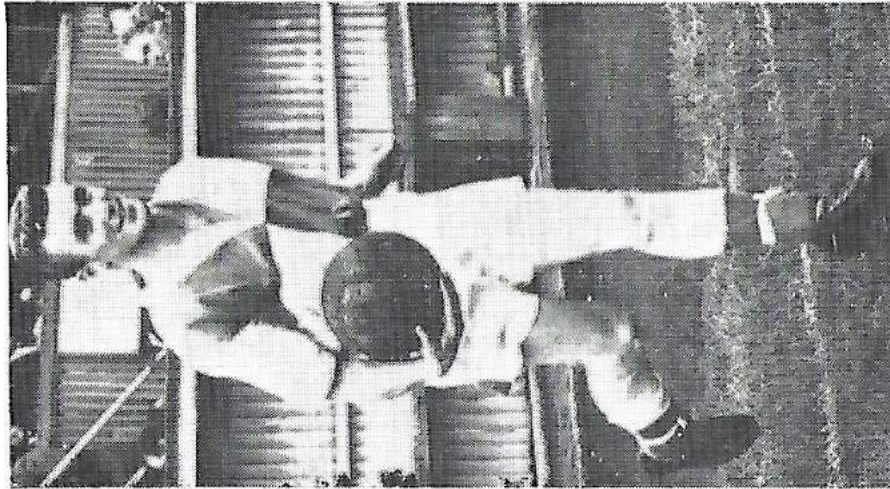
JOHNNY RYAN, Hon. Press Secretary.

Billed as "The Champions" and "Vice-Champions" of "Angleterre" on the many posters that were displayed all over Luxembourg, we arrived at Luxembourg Airport to be met by the officials of Schifflange Club. After the usual handshakes we set off for the hotel.

We set off in bright sunshine for our first game against Jarny F.C. Travelling about 60 miles from our headquarters, but crossing the French border we ran into heavy rain and hailstones. We passed through the remains of the Maginot Line, the trip taking nearly three hours. The "Stones" chalked up their first win, 3 goals to 1. After the game the two teams went to Jarny F.C. headquarters. Badges were exchanged, toasts drunk, then back to our hotel.

Sunday we took over where Hendon drew against U.S. Audun, our hardest game to date. With everyone giving their best we won by 3 goals to 2. This match was played in the most beautiful scenery you could wish to see. How proud we were to see our lads run on to the field in their blue and white with the Union Jack and French flags fluttering in the breeze.

Monday's game against A.S. Joeuf, with the crowds waiting along the route to the ground to catch a glimpse of England's unbeaten team in Luxembourg. This game was played in boiling hot weather. Fifty seconds from time Joeuf made it a draw. Afterwards a civic reception at the Mayor's headquarters in the Town Hall. The party left for home with one thing sure that Wealdstone were wonderful ambassadors throughout. The compliments paid about our fine brand of sportsmanship and our good football throughout made the tour worthwhile.



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The beautiful American Forces Cemetery.
Vineyards of Moselle.

Bill Leadbetter looking like a "Carnival Queen" on a floral cart after the presentation of the usual bouquet from the host club.

Jack Rogers and his most peculiar drinks.

Not to mention the police raid on the Luxembourg night-spot, "Charlies" Bar, when Messrs. Ken. Wiltshire, Johnny Ryan, Charlie Townsend, Johnny Moran and Brian Henderson had to take to the attic.

The time Wealdstone ate ham and eggs instead of the usual continental breakfast—this turned out to be Hounslow's lunch which had been a special order from the Town's Secretary.

John Saunders and Charlie Sells making a collection in the café while the remainder of the "Stones" rendered "The Happy Wanderer". Yes, they made enough for a drink between them—but I do not think the locals knew what the collection was for.

The usual bedroom frolic with Don Aldridge and Roy Hurrell losing their shoes. Viv. Evans trying hard to get the lads out of bed.

The following made the trip worthwhile :—

Players : E. Culver, R. Hurrell, J. Saunders, C. Townsend, G. Riddy, D. Aldridge, C. Sells, J. Moran, T. Conniff, M. Hughes, V. Evans (Captain), R. Hooper, with their trainer, F. Welch, Kit Man, G. Young.

Officials : W. G. Leadbetter (Secretary), J. Rogers (Deputy Chairman), K. E. Wiltshire (Assistant Secretary), J. Ryan (Press Secretary), B. Henderson (Committee-man).

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BEN PIKE (right-back). Ben joined us from Sutton United this year. Has played in the following:—Surrey Schools, Surrey Senior League, Surrey County and F.A. Amateur XI. Married. His hobbies are tennis and golf. Works as a Buyer for a civil engineering company.

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CHARLIE TOWNSEND (right-half). Born in 1938. Charlie joined us from Watford Juniors. He has represented Middx., London and F.A. Amateur XI, and played in the team that won the Army Championship in 1959-60 season. He is a carpenter by trade.

RON KING (centre-half). Born at Twickenham in 1934. His hobbies are cricket and football (he has the reputation of being a good bowler). A silk screen printer by trade, Bill got married this October. Has played for the army whilst serving in Egypt. Previous Club, Maidstone.

JOHN SAUNDERS (left-half). A G.P.O. man born at St. Albans in 1932. John has played for Civil Service, London Postal Region and Army XI's. He is married, with football as his only hobby.

KEN ALDRIDGE (outside-right). Ken joined us from Redhill after playing with Harrow Town with his brother, Don. Served in the R.A.F. Regiment. Is at present a machine operator. Hobbies are swimming, running and football. Born at Staines. Married.

DON ALDRIDGE (inside-right). Like his brother, Ken, he was born at Staines and joined us from Redhill. He is a keen gardener and plays cricket during the closed season. Has represented Surrey.

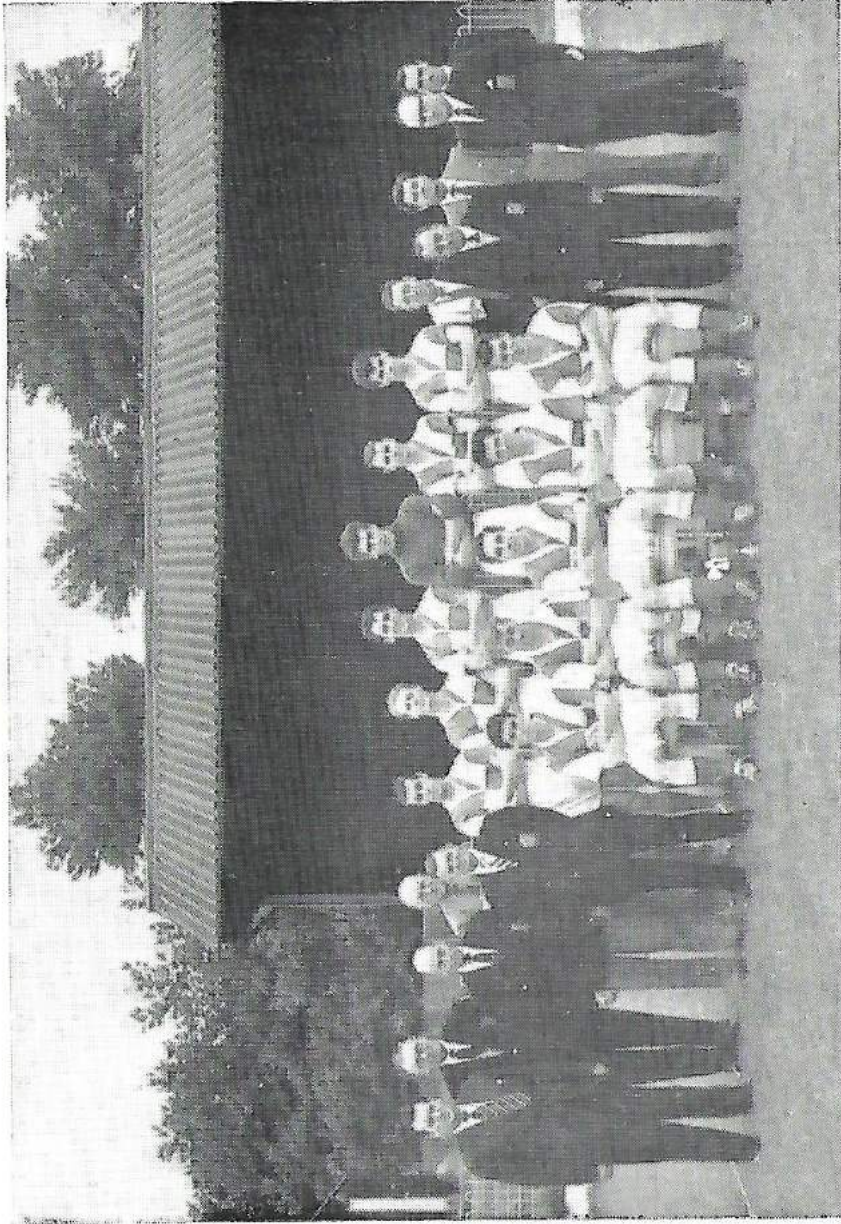
MATT FARRELL (centre-forward). Born in 1936. Matt has represented the Corinthian League and played for Uxbridge for two years. He is a Supervisor in a paper firm. His hobbies are swimming and cricket. Whilst in the army he played for them in Egypt.

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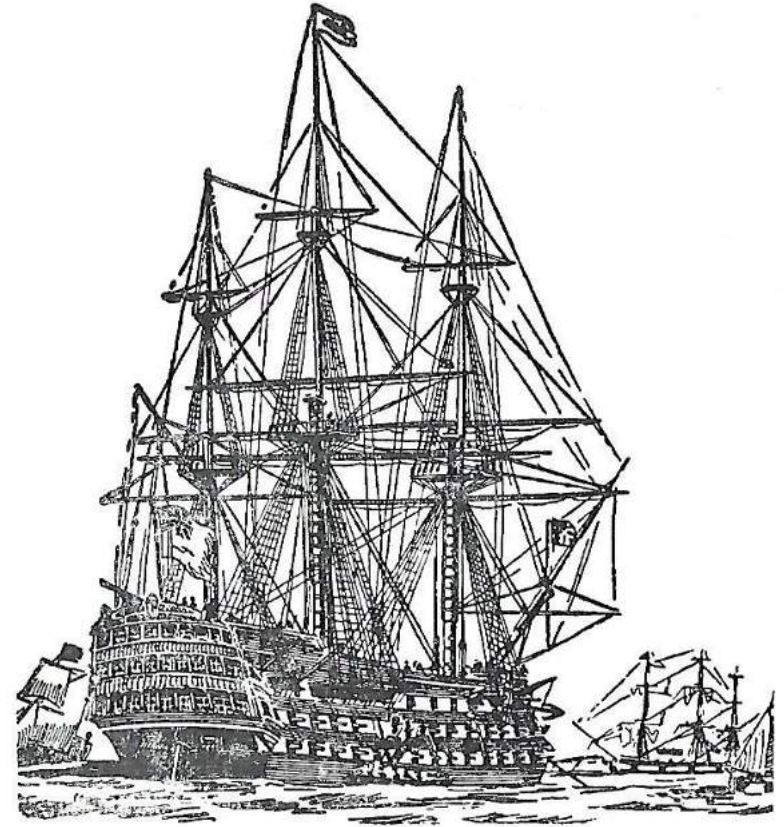
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CHARLIE SELLS (inside-forward). Born at Paddington in 1939. Charlie joined us from Charlton Athletic. He has played for Queens Park Rangers whilst being a member of this club. He has represented London Schools, F.A. Juniors, London F.A. Juniors, Middx. F.A. Hobbies are fishing and golf.

VIV. EVANS (outside-left and club captain). The Club Captain, Viv, has served the club for 6 years, joining us from Kingsbury Town. At the moment of going to press he is in Nigeria on tour with the Middlesex Wanderers' side. He has been selected for the final Amateur International Trial Match for Wales, representing South Wales XI v North Wales. Unfortunately due to the Nigerian tour Viv will be unable to attend. He is at present living at Kingsbury. Previous honours, Athenian League and Middlesex F.A. He is a pipe fitter.

LEN ILLSLEY (inside-forward). Born in North Kensington, 1937, Len's previous clubs have been Walton and Southall. His hobbies are fishing and football. Has seen service with the R.A.F. in Germany. He is married and at the time of going to press expecting an addition to the family.

TED CULVER (goalkeeper). Ted is married and very much a family man. He has 2 boys who follow their father keenly. He came to us from Cambridge United. His previous honours were Middx. Juniors and Fighter Command. He is a Senior Designer by trade.

PETER PARFITT (inside-forward and half-back). Born in 1936 at Billingham in Norfolk. Peter will be remembered for his cricket with the Middlesex Cricket Club. He got his cap in May of this year and in the same season has 5 centuries with one at 116 not out. With 47 catches to his credit Peter is listed number 2 in the cricket world of catchers for 1960 season.

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TERRY PLUCK (inside-forward). A navy man. Born in Kensington, 1934. Single. A Rotaprint Operator. Has played for the navy. Hobby, football.

GEORGE MOWLE (back) (Reserve Team Captain). A family man with 1 girl and 1 boy. George came to us from Barnet after being there for 4 years. His hobby is home decorating and he is a Cocktail Barman by trade.

MATT QUINN (back). A Wages Clerk, born in 1940 at Crowborough, Sussex. He is single. Has played for England Schools, Middx. Schools and London Youth. A keen cricketer.

MIC HUGHES (inside-forward). A local lad from Kenton, born 1940, at Kingsbury. Hobbies are reading and swimming. He is an Engineer Apprentice. Played for the "A" team at the beginning of last season and graduated to Reserves. Has played a couple of first team games at time of going to press. Represented Wembley Schools, the National 5-a-side Championship Team and Middx. Juniors.

BRIAN FORMOY (outside-right). Born in Hackney, North London, in 1937. His hobbies are badminton, squash and cricket. Has served in the R.A.F. and by trade he works at the Kennel Club.

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LOWER MEAD SOCIAL CLUB

by

E. S. BRYANT, Social Secretary.

I will begin these notes with a few words about our Chairman, Mr. Danny Wiltshire, uncle of our former goalkeeper. Danny's election for life membership of the Football Club and to the chairmanship of the Lower Mead Social Club are expressions of esteem and of our thanks to him for his long and devoted service to the Club going back for almost twenty years, and he is still diligent in performing any club duties that present themselves to him. Quite recently he celebrated his 70th birthday and I am sure you will join me in congratulating him and wishing him many more years of happiness and good health.

The Social Club Sub-Committee is drawn from the elected officers and committee men of the Football Club and it meets monthly to supervise the administration of the Club. The comfort of the members is an ever-present thought and the chief problem at the moment is to improve the heating and lighting of the club, and this is being treated as urgent. The whole of the interior of the Club (vestibule, kitchen, toilets, dance hall, bar, billiards room and board room) has been newly decorated and looks good. The dance hall is particularly pleasing with its decorated curtains and attractive lamp shades, etc., and we owe our thanks to those of the Entertainment Sub-Committee who gave much time and thought to the planning and the execution of these interior decorations.

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This same Sub-Committee organises the week-end dances and judging by the happy atmosphere prevailing at week-ends, even when (or should I say if), the first team has lost, they are doing a good job.

For the non-dancers, there is the billiards room wherein are two tables, newly re-covered, for billiards and snooker. In addition to the attention given to the tables, new corrugated rubber mat surrounds have been laid down and these two items, together with the renovation of the premises, have cost quite a bit. The costs of running the Club are continually rising, as is the case with everything, it seems, in this modern age, and the subscription is quite modest—£1 1s. 0d. per annum or, in the case of a married woman whose husband is a member, the subscription is cut to 10/6. No charge to members is made for the Saturday and Sunday evening dances, but members must pay a "signing-in fee" of 1/- for each guest introduced on these evenings. It is surprising, therefore, that with all these amenities, and I have not yet mentioned the Darts Section, the Tuesday evening Whist Drives, and the alternate Thursday evening Old Time Dancing, the Social Club membership is only 130 odd. New candidates are constantly being proposed for membership, but an equal number seem to drop out. The figure of 130 is, of course, augmented by those members of the Football Club who take advantage of their combined membership. If more of them would do so a lot of our financial worries would be eased.

A simple way to help the Club in this connection, and one which could profit the individual doing so, is to take out a ticket for the Tote or, better still, become an agent and sell tote tickets to as many of your friends as you can persuade to take them. For a weekly sum of 1/- per ticket they can participate in a competition in which eleven prizes to the value of £55 are given each week.

If you have read to the end of these notes I hope you will be sufficiently interested in some, if not all, of our activities, and come and join in with them.

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CALLING ALL SUPPORTERS

by
TOM VERRALL.

Once again the time has come when I can contact all of you through the medium of the yearly hand book, and give you a resumé of the year's working and activities. At our last A.G.M. you gave your committee a great vote of confidence by re-electing them en bloc for another year's service. I can report that they have responded wonderfully again and a great amount of work has been done around the ground. You will see at the Dominion end of the ground that we have erected a new brick built tea hut which we think has added to the appearance of the ground and will give you better service for your refreshments. We intend to erect two more similar ones in the near future and this will cover the whole ground for refreshments. We have also built a new room for the referees and linesmen, complete with bath and washing facilities. By this means the officials and players are now separate and you will appreciate that this will save a lot of embarrassment on both sides, especially during controversial games. We have been informed by the referees that this is one of the finest rooms that they have had in amateur football, but that is how it should be, for we aim to make Wealdstone the leading club in amateur football. Members of the main committee were responsible for laying down some of the concrete paths around the ground which means that you will be saved from having wet feet during the bad weather. If you supporters had pulled your weight and responded to my appeals for

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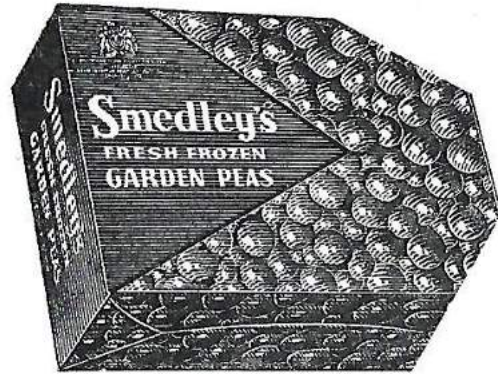
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help during the closed season the whole of the surrounds of the ground would have been concreted. At the time of writing our book, membership has nearly reached the 1,500 mark. Now this seems a really remarkable figure, but I ask you, what good is it, if you just pay your membership fee, and then sit back and let the committee men get on with the active work. Your chairman is a real stickler for work and not a day goes by but what you will find him at the ground doing some job or the other, but you know the idea of a Supporters' Club is to do good for the club and not just attend football matches on a Saturday and then forget it for another week. Just imagine 1,000 supporters each contributing **one hour per week** in doing a job. This ground could be made perfect and all the work done would add to your comfort. So why not give it serious thought for the next time we appeal for help. You don't have to be skilled you know because there are plenty of jobs that just need common sense. One of our greatest successes this year has been the progress of the bingo sessions and every Wednesday we have a packed house and the demand has necessitated a second night which is held on Fridays. Once again the work of your Chairman, Jock Law, has been the main cause of this success. During the coming close season we have got several jobs in view and one of the main things that we have in view is the floodlighting of the ground. Subject to the approval of the main committee this can become a reality in the near future. To help raise funds for this project we have inaugurated a new weekly competition, "The Jackpot" and we ask all supporters to give us all the help that they can with selling and buying tickets at each match. It will be a grand thing if Wealdstone can set a lead to all other Athenian League clubs, so the ball is at your feet and I appeal to you to use it wisely. At the next A.G.M. in February the Supporters' Club will have been formed for three years during which time I have been proud to have held the position of Honorary Secretary, and I have tried my hardest to make a success of the job. It has not been an easy task and has involved a lot of work, but looking back I have only one regret, and that is that owing to the lack of help from members we have not been able to do as much as we originally intended in ground improvements, although the Football Club officials would be the first to admit that without the Supporters' Club they would have a job to survive. We often hear remarks that Wealdstone have plenty of money, but believe me, it is an expensive job to run a club like ours. Anyway, according to the rules of the club I shall be resigning



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as Honorary Secretary and any member will be able to be nominated for the position. I shall offer myself for re-election and I hope that this year we shall attract more members to the A.G.M. so that we can have a true record of the feeling of our members. So until then I will draw these notes to a finish, hoping that I shall see you all at the matches each week urging on the boys in blue and white to further victories.

SPOTLIGHT ON COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1959/60.

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report, audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for season 1959/60.

Playing Record.

Generally speaking the season has been a successful one, although the first team's results in Cup-ties were not impressive. In the F.A. Cup we were beaten in our first game at Hayes. In the Amateur Cup we made an impressive start by beating Oxford City, but unfortunately failed to produce the same form against Bromley. In the London Senior Cup we lost to Sutton United in the first round. In the Middlesex Cups we again disappointed our supporters and lost to Willesden and Hounslow. The first team did, however, manage to win the North-West Middlesex Invitation Cup by beating Edgware Town and Harrow Town. The League record was satisfactory, although not quite as good as the previous season.

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The second eleven had one of the best seasons they have ever experienced, finishing runners-up in the League. In addition they won the London Intermediate Cup, after playing right through the preliminary rounds, and also the Reserve Section League Challenge Cup.

The "A" team did not do so well as in previous seasons but were successful in the Harrow Senior Charity Cup against very strong opposition.

The colts again had a successful season winning their League and also the Harrow Youth Club for the third season in succession.

The policy of the Club in running the "A" and Colts teams is now beginning to bear fruit and several players are starting to move up into the senior teams.

Players Honoured.

During the season the following players were honoured.

J. Moran—Reserve for England. Selected for F.A., Middlesex F.A., London F.A., and the Civil Service.

C. Townsend—Selected for Middlesex F.A. and also his Army unit which won the Army Cup.

C. Sells—Selected for Middlesex F.A.

V. Evans—Reserve for Middlesex F.A.

Members will doubtless know that Middlesex F.A. won the Southern Counties championship.

M. Hughes—Selected for Middlesex F.A. Juniors, and awarded his County badge.

D. Timberlake—Selected for Middlesex F.A. Juniors.

G. Riddy—Selected for Middlesex F.A. Juniors.

Nine of our Colts were also selected for the Harrow Youth League Team.

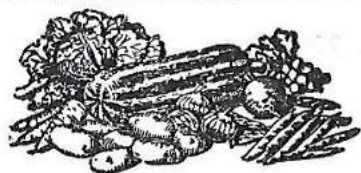
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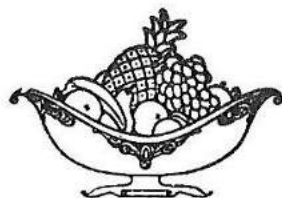
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Obituary.

It is with the greatest regret that the Committee have to report the death during the season of Mr. Fred Ellis. Fred was a very enthusiastic member of the Committee and was always ready to turn his hand to anything to help the Club and his death was a great shock to everyone.

Members will also be sorry to hear of the recent death of Mr. Bill Wiltshire. Bill was a member of the Committee for many years and well served the Club over a long period.

Coaching.

The coaching has again been in the hands of Peter Rogers and Edgar Francis and the Club owe a great deal to their keenness and enthusiasm. Whatever the results of the teams it is not for the want of training or the efforts of our coaches in keeping the players fit.

Finance.

The result of the season's working shows a reasonable excess of income over expenditure, but the need for the utmost economy still exists. Exit from the cups in the early rounds considerably reduced our gate receipts compared with the previous year. The Social Club has again greatly helped and this is mainly due to the efforts of those responsible for running the weekly Tote. The Committee have placed on record their thanks to those concerned but would again like to record same in this report. The Committee have also placed on record their thanks to Mr. Bert Finney, our Hon. Treasurer, for his work. Bert's task is a very difficult one, but he manages to do it with shrewdness and tact.

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Ground.

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Life Membership.

The Committee have great pleasure in recommending that Life Membership be conferred on Mr. R. A. (Reg.) Lemmings. Reg has, for many years, been Asst. Hon. Treasurer and during that time has been responsible for all work entailed in connection with the pay boxes and paying of our staff. The amount of time he has to give each week to these duties is very considerable and the Committee consider that the honour recommended for Reg is more than deserved.

Tour.

For the first time in our long history an overseas tour was arranged for Whitsun. A party of 21 players and officials travelled to Luxembourg and played three matches. The results were very gratifying as we won two matches and drew the third. The teams we played and results are as follows :—

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We have been invited to return to Luxembourg at the end of next season and the matter will be given serious consideration in due course.

Supporters' Club.

The Supporters' Club has continued to grow and their membership now exceeds 1,200. Regular meetings between the Supporters' Club and the Football Club have been held during the season, and many aspects of the Club have been discussed and considered.

It will be seen from the Income and Expenditure Account that a donation of £422 2s. 2d. has been given by the Supporters' Club to the Football Club and this in addition to the money which they have spent on repairs and improvements to the ground.

The Committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the work which the Supporters' Club has done.

There are many jobs still requiring attention on the ground and the Supporters' Club appeal to all members who can spare the time to come along and give a hand.

One of the most successful events that the Supporters' Club organise is the weekly Bingo night, which is held every Wednesday and Friday evening in the Football F.C. Club-house.

Social Club.

The Social Club has again had a very busy and successful year.

Dances and cabaret shows have been run every Saturday and Sunday and Special Nights have been held on several occasions.

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On Thursday evenings Mr. Harry Wright has again held his Old Tyme Dances and would welcome more members.

Although the social side of our Club has been better supported this year, we would still like to see more members coming into the Club-house and taking part in the activities.

THE CLUB COLOURS.

During the course of 50 years the Club has had five sets of official colours. At times—particularly in wartime when it was not possible to obtain shirts to specified requirements—other colours were worn, but the recognised Club colours have been as follows:—

- 1900-04 Black and white stripes.
- 1905-19 Green shirts with white sleeves and collars.
- 1920-28 Black and white hoops.
- 1929-35 Royal blue.
- 1936 to date Royal blue and white quarters.

A blue and white tie is available to members, as also is a badge, the design of which is the work of Mr. J. C. A. Breen, a former member of the committee. The circular badge has the wording "Wealdstone Football Club Founded 1900" on the outside, and in the centre is a shield, the four quarters of which show the Club colours, the Football Association crest, the Middlesex County Football Association crest, and a football on a green background.

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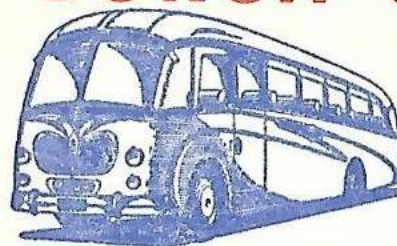
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