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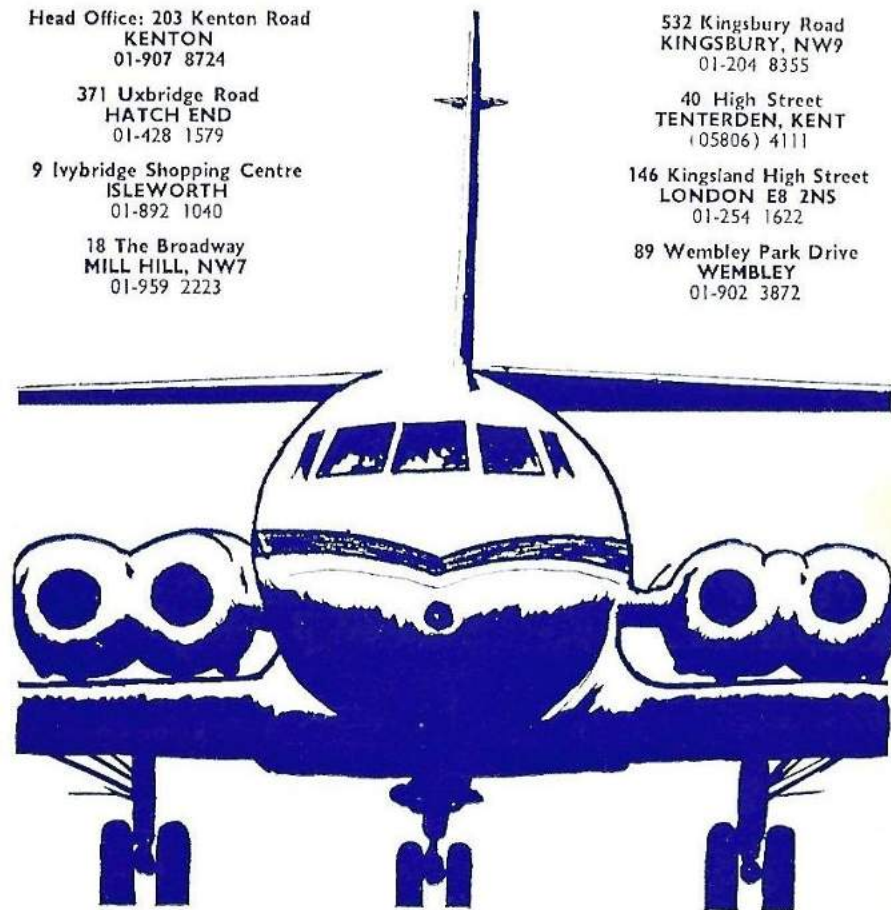
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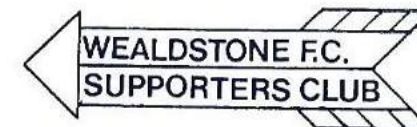


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## EDITORIAL

We have great pleasure in presenting to you, on behalf of the Football and Supporters' Clubs the 1974-75 Handbook for the Football Club's 75th season.

The beginning of this season sees yet another era commence in the life of the Wealdstone Football Club with the 'Stones' competing in the Premier Division of the Southern League. What the immediate future holds for the club no one can say but we can rest assured that manager Eddie Presland and his squad of players will do their utmost for the club.

We would like to thank all the advertisers, the people who have kindly contributed articles and especially to Phil Sugden, Sports Editor of the 'Harrow Observer' for the excellent coverage given to the club throughout the years and also for supplying the photographs in this handbook which were taken by Doug Avent and his colleagues.

We hope that the contents of this handbook are of interest to all our regular Supporters and to new followers of the 'Stones' we say a hearty welcome to Lower Mead.

PHILLIP J. TRICKER, COLIN POPE,  
Editors.

## WEALDSTONE F.C. RECORD

### WINNERS

SEASON	COMPETITION
1909-10	North-West London League
1910-11	Willesden & District League (Premier Division)
1912-13	Willesden & District League (Division One)
1912-13	London League (Division Two)
1912-13	Middlesex Junior Cup
1920-21	Middlesex Senior League
1921-22	Middlesex Senior League
1922-23	Harrow Charity Cup
1923-24	Harrow Charity Cup
1924-25	Spartan League (Division Two)
1924-25	Harrow Charity Cup
1926-27	Harrow Charity Cup
1928-29	Athenian League (Division Two)
1928-29	Harrow Charity Cup
1929-30	Middlesex Senior Cup

1929-30	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1930-31	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1933-34	Harrow Charity Cup
1934-35	Harrow Charity Cup
1935-36	Athenian League (Division Two)
1935-36	Harrow Charity Cup
1936-37	Harrow Charity Cup
1937-38	Middlesex Senior Cup
1937-38	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1938-39	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1939-40	Middlesex Sports Red Cross Cup
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1940-41	Cambridge Hospital Cup
1941-42	Middlesex Senior Cup
1941-42	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1942-43	Middlesex Senior Cup
1945-46	Middlesex Senior Cup
1945-46	Harrow Charity Cup
1945-46	Northwood War Memorial Cup
1945-46	Wealdstone Football Club Cup
1947-48	Middlesex Intermediate Cup
1949-50	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1949-50	Wealdstone Football Club Cup
1949-50	Harrow, Wembley & District League (Division One)
1950-51	Athenian League Reserves Cup
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1956-57	Westminster Hospital Cup
1957-58	North-West Middlesex Invitation Cup
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1959-60	North-West Middlesex Invitation Cup
1959-60	London Intermediate Cup
1959-60	Athenian League Reserves Cup

### SEASON

### COMPETITION

1961-62	London Senior Cup (shared with Wimbledon)
1962-63	Middlesex Senior Cup
1963-64	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1963-64	Mithras Cup
1963-64	Middlesex Senior Cup
1963-64	Battle of Britain Cup
1963-64	Hitchin Centenary Cup
1963-64	London Charity Cup
1965-66	F.A. Amateur Cup
1966-67	Alaway Memorial Trophy
1967-68	Middlesex Senior Cup
1967-68	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup (shared with Wembley)
1967-68	Bucks Border League (Joint)
1968-69	President's Cup
1969-70	President's Cup
1970-71	President's Cup
1973-74	Southern League (Division One South)

## RUNNERS-UP

SEASON	COMPETITION
1911-12	London Junior Cup
1911-12	Middlesex Junior Cup
1911-12	London League (Division Two)
1922-23	Spartan League (Division One)
1923-24	Middlesex Senior Cup
1931-32	Athenian League (Reserve Section)
1935-36	Middlesex Intermediate Cup
1936-37	Athenian League (Reserve Section)
1937-38	Athenian League (Reserve Section)
1938-39	Middlesex Senior Cup
1939-40	London Senior Cup
1946-47	Harrow Charity Cup
1948-49	Wycombe Hospital Cup
1950-51	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1951-52	London Senior Cup
1951-52	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1952-53	Athenian League
1955-56	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1956-57	Westminster Hospital Cup
1958-59	North-West Middlesex Invitation Cup
1958-59	Athenian League
1960-61	London Senior Cup
1960-61	Athenian League
1961-62	A.F.A. Invitation Cup
1961-62	Middlesex Senior Cup
1962-63	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup
1962-63	Battle of Britain Cup
1964-65	Isthmian League (Reserve Section)
1965-66	Hitchin Centenary Cup
1965-66	Middlesex Senior Cup
1966-67	East Anglian Cup
1969-70	Middlesex Senior Cup

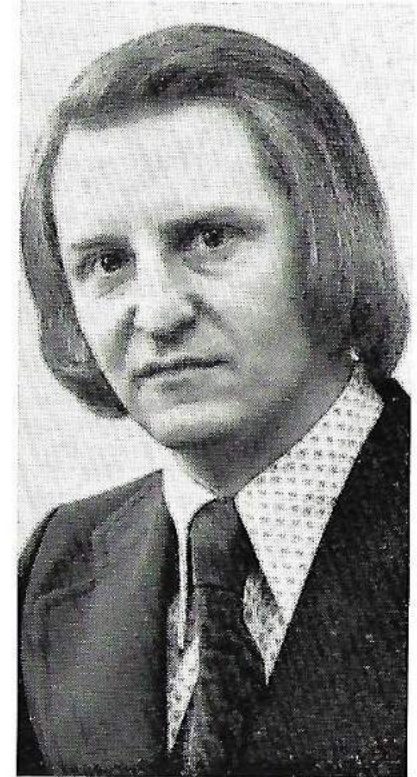
## WE DO NOT INTEND TO STAND STILL ...

I started supporting and watching Wealdstone FC at the age of eight; little did I imagine that nearly 30 years later I would be at the Harrow Civic Centre as Chairman of the Club, receiving a commemorative plaque from the Mayor on behalf of Wealdstone in recognition of winning the Southern League (Division One South).

I was only appointed Chairman on 21st January, 1974, and yet within three short but hectic months the 'Stones' had won promotion. I am sure that no new Chairman can ever have been so fortunate, and I am well aware that the instant success which I stepped into was not indeed quite like that. It had, in fact, been worked for over the years by the players and officials of the Club.

Now, with promotion achieved, there will be a need for a re-doubling of our efforts on behalf of the players, officials and supporters if our goal of winning the Premier Division championship is to be achieved.

On behalf of all the officials, I can safely say that plans are in hand to establish Wealdstone FC as a major force in football, and with the support of the players who, in turn, will need much support from the supporters, I am sure Football League status can be achieved at Lower Mead Stadium in the not too distant future.



DAVID MARTLE — Chairman.

# A PEEP BEHIND THE SCENES . . .

By COLIN POPE

Public Relations Officer

I estimate that, since this time last year, I have written something like 100,000 words extolling the virtues of Wealdstone FC in publications ranging from our very good friends the 'Harrow Observer' to Tit-Bits magazine! Put another way, the wordage would have made a couple of average-sized novels, and perhaps earned me a fortune!

And so here we go again, this time for our magnificent Handbook which I am sure will make a big impact, and deservedly so, for it is an ambitious publication.

Right at the very start, I would like to start this piece with a tribute to Phillip Tricker, the Publicity Officer of our Supporters' Club, who has done an enormous amount of work on this publication. I, probably better than most people at Lower Mead Stadium, appreciate just what a major task it is to produce a work such as this. I know that Phil started on it very early in the year, and has put in countless hours, notwithstanding the fact that a very serious family illness put him under considerable strain. Phil has been supporting Wealdstone for more years than he cares to remember, but only for the last couple of years or so has he been inveigled into it as an official of the Supporters' Club. What a wise choice it was to have such a fine worker . . .

I wonder if you have any idea of the work required before a ball is kicked on match days? You haven't? Then I propose to enlighten you! Long before the actual match, of course, fixture secretary John Ward has been hard at work. Our fixtures are churned out by the Football Association's computer, for the whole of the season, but then comes the real task of confirming with the opposition the date and kick-off time and making sure they are not engaged in various cup competitions, etc.

Then the referee and linesmen have to be contacted and a sketch plan showing the exact location of Lower Mead Stadium sent to these officials and the visiting team. Biographies of all our players and a brief history of the club are sent to all teams in the Division for their own programme and publicity purposes.

In the meantime, on Thursdays the visiting official responsible telephones us their team in time for it to appear in our own programme which goes to press early on Thursday morning. Back in the dressing room, the kit used for training on the Wednesday night is laundered by John Murray and hung up above each player's seat in the dressing room long before breakfast on the Saturday. The massive hot water tank is switched on at the crack of dawn ready for the after-match baths.

On Thursday and Friday stadium manager Dick Kelly has been hard at work with Bert Farmer on the pitch, and late on Friday, or early on Saturday, depending on the weather it is marked out. Six new match balls are pumped up, and two placed in the referee's dressing room for his inspection.

For a home match, the playing staff report one hour before the kick-off and 30 minutes before the start manager Eddie Presland emerges from his office to pin his selected team on the notice board. But long before

then physios Jim Spark and Fred King have been hard at work massaging the team, taping up feet and generally making sure everyone is fit. Also 30 minutes before the start, the referee has to receive our chosen team, and substitute.

At approximately 2.40 p.m. Mr. Presland begins his pre-match talk which usually last 10 to 15 minutes.

That's the action-side. But behind the scenes, financial secretary Harry Benjamin has been marshalling his gatemen, issuing change, and money bags; general secretary Ken Wiltshire has been instructing the stewards and generally keeping an eye on everything that is happening. I myself have issued the programmes to the programme office and to the sellers around the ground, prepared the loudspeaker announcements liaised with announcer Bill Emerson who, earlier, has arranged light refreshments for the visiting team and officials.

Back in the boardroom, Brian Henderson, of the General Purposes Committee is stocking up the boardroom bar and preparing for the hospitality we offer visiting directors and various officials after the game. Mrs. Eileen Howland has been simultaneously preparing sandwiches and other tasty tit-bits, while of course, the Lower Mead Social Club bar, in the charge of Jack Howland and Frank Ryder has been going full blast, as you people work up a thirst before the match!

There are countless other things all happening, but this has, I hope, given you some little idea of what goes on behind the scenes, and before the turnstiles start clicking!

It's all good fun, and we love it — even if now and again we wished we'd taken up draughts, or something similar, for our leisure time!

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There is always a feeling of sadness when one has to say farewell and for me this is no exception. Over the last ten years while I have been Chairman of the Supporters' Club, Wealdstone has become part of my life and I will certainly miss the companionship that has built up over the years. It hasn't been all plain sailing. I believe in speaking my mind and in doing so I may have annoyed one or two when expounding my views. As Chairman of the Supporters' Club I have insisted that all our efforts, our aims and ambitions, should be to further the interests of Wealdstone Football Club. This I know we have done. The minimum amount of our funds have been used in maintaining the tea huts and the Supporters' Club office. Our office could have been decorated on a grandiose scale but if this had been done we could not have given the Football Club the financial help that we have been able to in the past. When one thinks of the limited means of raising funds open to the Supporters' Club our contributions have been remarkable.

I must take this opportunity to publicly thank my fellow officers for the help and support they have given me. Barbara Robson, Jack Palmer and Tom Verrall have been a tower of strength, all three have done much more than I and I have been proud to have worked alongside them. Mrs. Verrall and Mrs. Law were serving you with refreshments when I joined the committee long before I became Chairman. I record my sincere appreciation and thanks for the work they have done. It is to their credit that, without any reward except the satisfaction of a job well done, they are still playing their part in keeping the refreshment huts going. I would also pay tribute to two who gave so much for Wealdstone Supporters' Club — Jock Law whose memory is perpetuated by the Player of the Year trophy, laid the foundations for us to build on. His energy and enthusiasm was unbounded. Eric Metcalfe, better known as our Man in Blue, who for more than 20 years was resplendent in his top hat and blue and white outfit was generous to the extreme and a true blue supporter. Eric set an example in sportsmanship that many of our supporters are now following.

It would have been easy for me to have run with the hare and hunted with the hounds as far as the Supporters' and Football Clubs were concerned. I do not think I can be accused of that. I have done my best to get both clubs to see the others points of view and I am sure that both clubs are closer now than in previous years. I am happy to record that on special occasions the hospitality of the Football Club has been extended to myself and my fellow officers and this has been greatly appreciated.

I have derived a great deal of pleasure from watching the 'Stones' and some memorable games come to mind. Thinking back I would say the most exciting game seen here at Lower Mead in the last ten years was undoubtedly the 6-5 win over Stevenage when we scored three goals in the last five minutes. What of the players who have been personalities on the field of play — Charlie Townsend, Viv Evans, Hughie Lindsay, Jim Cooley, Dave Richards, Dixie Hale, George Duck and Terry Dyson to name a few. If I had to pick the best team from those I have seen during this period I would go for:— Barr, Presland, Burgess, Townsend, Ashworth, Hale, Henderson, Lindsay, Childs, Duck and Dyson. For the twelfth man it must be Viv Evans, then every position would be covered!

I cannot end without paying tribute to the most important part of a football clubs make up — the supporter. The Wealdstone Kop or Choir as I prefer to call them, have been a credit to Wealdstone both at Lower Mead and when we have been playing away. It cannot be denied that supporters in full cry help to raise the players at a critical time. I am sure that our wonderful supporters helped in no small way to take us to Wembley to win the Amateur Cup and in the winning of the Southern League Division One Championship.

To all who have suffered my innate ramblings, to those who I have pestered to buy raffle tickets and to those who have helped me in many ways, a big Thank You. The biggest thank you of all I leave for my dear wife who has assisted in the tea huts over the years, on many occasions just to please me, who has suffered my many moods and tantrums and has encouraged me when things have gone wrong.

AU REVOIR WEALDSTONE.

GOOD LUCK, GOOD FOOTBALL and may all *your* dreams come true.

JIM BRIGDEN,

Chairman, Wealdstone Supporters' Club.

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*P. T.* Where did you start playing football seriously Eddie?

*Eddie* Like most boys at School progressing through to play for Essex and London Schoolboys and to be a trialist for England Schoolboys.

*P. T.* Who discovered you?

*Eddie* Wally St. Pier the West Ham United chief scout took me to Upton Park where I joined the groundstaff in 1960. Wally was the man who found many of the big names who played for West Ham United and is still doing the same job.

*P. T.* Can you tell us something about your career to date?

*Eddie* I spent some seven and a half years at West Ham United before moving to Crystal Palace in 1967 staying until 1970. In January 1971 I went to Johannesburg in South Africa to play for Jewish Guild FC, a South African First Division club who were managed by one of the original Busby Babes Eddie Lewis. During my last game there I had an unfortunate accident when I struck my head on an upright and damaged my skull. I returned to England soon after and signed for Wealdstone making my debut on December 4th against Stourbridge.

*P. T.* Many ex Hammers have gone into football management. Do you attribute this to anything in particular?

*Eddie* Ron Greenwood has always made a point of putting over to his players the importance of coaching, tactics and theory. He would encourage his players to be conscious of this and helped us to start our coaching with local schools. Through this I decided to work my way to the Full F.A. Coaching Award I now have.

*P. T.* Had you always intended going into management then?

*Eddie* I had not considered it during my earlier playing days but over the last two years or so I realised that I wanted to stay in football and return something to the game. Coming into management with a successful team has been an undoubted help, after all Sid Prosser had done a tremendous job for the club and I had been fortunate to be able to learn from him.

*P. T.* What are your aims for Wealdstone?

*Eddie* These have to be looked at in two ways. The first stage must be to consolidate ourselves in the Premier Division and my original aim will be to work for a good solid top half of the league position. Our supporters will appreciate the need to be patient as we acclimatise ourselves to the higher division. The club has a squad of players who work hard for each other and they are determined to do well for the club and supporters. As to my long term aim. This is to make Wealdstone one of the top Premier Division clubs. The club are very fortunate in that their supporters are without doubt a tremendous asset, in fact when we play at home they can be worth a goal to the team. The support away from home has been tremendous and most important so loyal. Wherever we played this last season the away support has been the envy of all the clubs we have visited. For the players to know that wherever they play, whatever the conditions that they have support on an opponents ground is a great boost to them.

*P. T.* Getting away from football can you tell us a little about yourself?

*Eddie* Certainly, I'm a family man, my wife Celia and I have been married for eight years and we have a son, Neil who is six. Our home is in Cranham a small place near Upminster. During the week I work as a teacher specialising in Games Instruction at a secondary modern school in the East End of London. I enjoy most sports and played cricket for Essex from 1960 but I was never a regular 1st XI player because of my soccer activities. In fact now that I have gone into football management my cricket will be limited to playing for the local club. I enjoy a round of golf but seldom find time for one these days. I also enjoy the odd game of tennis or snooker.

EDITORS NOTE — I would like to thank Eddie for the time and courtesy he extended to me for this interview.

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## CALLING ALL SUPPORTERS

By TOM VERRALL

(President Wealdstone F.C. Supporters' Club)

Once again it is my privilege to submit a message to all the supporters of Wealdstone FC but I have never had a happier occasion than this. Southern League Division One Champions and now destined to the big time of the Premier League. Our thanks and praise must go to the lads who have performed so valiantly on the field, and to the training and medical staff who have been able to get them back on the field so quickly after injuries. But you, the supporters, can also take quite a bit of credit, for the way in which you have inspired them from the terraces, especially on away grounds, when your support has been a source of wonderment to the team and also to the home officials. I am indeed proud to be President of such a grand bunch and my sincere thanks go to you all.

Coming to the issue of the Club Handbook, it has been recognised over the past two or three years as a good publication, but I think that you will agree with me, that this year's issue is one of the most comprehensive handbooks of all times, and the amount of information that has been looked up is a credit to all concerned. There is one credit however that I feel deserves special mention and that is with regard to the photographs supplied by the 'Harrow Observer'. A real vote of thanks must go to Phil Sugden, Sports Editor, for his untiring work in sorting out these photographs and he has made a point of searching the records and producing only photos which have not appeared in the local paper. So thank you, Phil, for without your support and help which is given ungrudgingly, we couldn't have produced such a great pictorial coverage.

Well now, in closing, I have to tell you that I am looking forward to you all renewing your membership next season, and why not invite a friend to join with you. Your Committee value your support and love having you with us.

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## "FROM THE SOCIAL CLUB"

Over the last few years the Lower Mead Social Club has grown considerably, with a membership now, excluding full football members, of close on 400. During the three seasons we have been associated with the football side of the Southern League we have seen very few clubs with better social club premises. In fact several visiting club officials have been very envious of the set up here.

As the Football Club have their loyal band of supporters so have we ours. Dancing every Saturday and Sunday evenings, bingo on Wednesdays, darts and social evenings on Fridays bring a very good response from our members and many guests they bring with them.

In the autumn dancing classes will be introduced and take place every Thursday evening.

A new look frontage, entrance and hall is in the final planning stage and should be all ready for the big kick-off in August.

Details of membership can be obtained from any committeeman, one is always on duty in the Social Club Hall.

May the 1974-75 season be as successful as the last one for the Football Club, the Supporters' Club and last but by no means least the SUPERSTONES.

JACK HOWLAND,  
Hon. Secretary, Social Club.



George Duck in action at Gravesend the day we won the Championship.





*John McCormack and John Watson harass the defence.*

## PRE-HISTORY

In the report in the 'Harrow Observer' of 1899 of the forming of the Wealdstone Football Club it appears obvious that at some time previously there must have been another club of the same name since there are references to new players being signed and to the same colours, black and white stripes, being used.

No light is thrown on this until on the 5th February, 1937, the 'Observer' published an article based on a letter from a Mr. Percy Smith headed "Wealdstone 45 years ago" which puts the date at 1891 or 1892. He wrote that 15 people started the Club. Meetings were held at the Railway Hotel and they played on a field at the end of Hindes Road. There were no goal nets and matches were against local villages and business houses such as Clarence, (Maples) Vulcan, (Shoolbreds) and others.

Nearly all the players played in caps and the captain Harry Darville had a rugby cap with a tassel.

The Club's greatest event was getting into the final of the Middlesex Junior Cup played at Northumberland Park. The opponents were Robin Hood who won 3-1 and their players were more or less Spurs reserve team.

In the 'Observer' 3rd June, 1938, there is a picture of the Wealdstone team of 1893 taken at the above match. The players were:— M. Isbel, A. Darville, F. Pearce, E. Stevens, A. Norris, H. Darville (Captain), P. Smith, J. Poole, G. Poole, T. Dickenson, W. Bentley and S. Simons (who submitted this photograph). There are also sundry officials with capes and bowler hats.

Mr. Simons wrote that the old Wealdstone Club was the pioneer local club in Harrow and for some years, the only club. The playing pitch was where Welldon Crescent now stands. After some years the Club was amalgamated with Harrow Athletic who played on Pinner Recreation Ground. This continued until 1900 when the present Wealdstone FC was formed.

Mr. Simons tells a good story — "We had a fixture at Hayes and started off in our horse brake without one of our best players. We expected to have to play a man short but to our surprise the missing player arrived about five minutes after we did. He had run and walked all the way across country from Harrow to Hayes and then played as good a game as usual.

We think that from the following history of our club it is clear that this sort of enthusiasm has persisted right up to the present day.



*John McCormack and John Watson harass the defence.*

## "THE EARLY YEARS"

When one considers the present population and size of the Harrow and Wealdstone area it becomes difficult to imagine that at the turn of the century only 6,500 people lived in the district.

This, however was the situation when Wealdstone Football Club as we know it was formed.

A ground was supplied by a local solicitor, Mr. J. E. Lilley when he allowed the club to use his fields which were situated where we now find Marlborough Hill and Headstone Drive. No record of the inaugural meeting has come to light, but it is known that Mr. Lilley was the first President, W. T. Bellchambers the Chairman, and T. Matthews held the joint post of Secretary/Treasurer.

Dressing room facilities were made available at the "Queens Arms" by invitation of the landlord.

The clubs colours for 1899-90 were Black and White Stripes. The club was elected to the Willesden and District League, and in the early years competed in either Division One or Two, dependant on the number of local clubs competing. The opening game for the 'Stones' was on 7th October, 1899, when Northwood were beaten 6-1 on their own ground in a friendly, the team on that day being W. Bellchambers, W. Couzens (Capt.), Johnson, T. S. Matthews, W. Payne, E. White, H. Couzens, H. Livey, E. Dear, S. Dear and G. Hillier.

On the same afternoon a reserve team played a friendly against Queens Park Olympic winning 12-0 with the following team:— F. Farmborough, H. Dymock, W. Welch, G. Keech, H. Welch, Welch, G. Moffatt, Key, Royce, W. Baldwin, Kirby.

These then were the original officials and players who probably never realised to what heights the 'Stones' would rise, through Junior, Senior Amateur to Professionalism.

One week after their opening friendly saw the first 'hat trick' recorded by S. Dear against Roundwood Swifts. Amongst local clubs competing in the Willesden and District League, were Harrow Athletic, Harrow Weald, Pinner, Stanmore, Wembley, Northwood and Roxeth Brigade Old Boys. During the early years Wealdstone also played at Wealdstone Recreation Ground and Locket Road.

Early reporting of matches was either sparse or non-existent and it has been very difficult to find out details of the early seasons, however it is known that the first mention of cup ties came in the 1902-3 season with games in the Middlesex Junior and London Junior Cups. The 'Stones' first honour came in the 1904-5 season with the Championship of the Willesden and District League and reached the 6th round of the London Junior Cup.

Success was short lived for the local paper reported on 20th October, 1906, under the heading "Defunct" that "It is regretted that we have to report the demise of what used to be the well known Wealdstone FC". The clubs fixtures were taken over by Wealdstone Church Athletic, who eventually finished third.

It was not until 1908-9 that the club was re-activated and the Willesden and District League rejoined using the ground at Locket Road with an admission charge of 2d. The club moved again in 1910-11 to Belmont Road, and the club were runners-up to Pinner in the Willesden and District League, during the same season it would appear that the first representative honour came to Wealdstone when F. Theobald was selected for Middlesex Juniors v Kent Juniors.

The club joined the London League (Division Two) in 1911-12 and became runners-up at the first attempt. Two cup finals were reached that season, the Middlesex Junior and London Junior. Both finals were lost, and it is worth noting that eight matches, including the final were played in the London Junior Cup before the 'Stones' were beaten by Silvertown Rubber Works 2-1 at Upton Park.

"The minutes of a committee meeting held on 28th October, 1912, recorded that it was agreed to accept an offer by Chelsea FC made earlier in the season to play a friendly at Wealdstone for a guarantee of £3 to Chelsea. This match was duly played on November 3rd and it resulted in a record gate of £5 3s. 7d. being taken. The fixture was something of an event, programmes were printed and these show that the Wealdstone team that faced the men from Stamford Bridge (the first professional club to ever visit Wealdstone) was as follows: T. Bradberry, E. Bellchambers, F. Martin, F. Rogers, F. Cane, H. Hillier, S. E. White, A. E. Mallett, W. Walker, P. Andrews and R. Kirby" (an extract from the 1950 Handbook).

The 1912-13 season was easily the most successful since the clubs formation with the club winning the championship of the London League (Division Two) and the Willesden and District League (Division One).

The 'Stones' won their first cup final that season, when Shadwick, Southwood and Balkwell scored the vital goals in a 3-1 win over N.P.L. in the Middlesex Junior Cup Final. Southwood in fact was badly injured in the final and a subsequent collection for his benefit realised the sum of £50 9s. 1d.

The club withdrew the reserve team from the Willesden and District League and entered the Middlesex League for the 1913-14 season, and with the 1st XI in the London League the club was looking forward to higher things. With the ground at Belmont Road having been improved and enclosed the club applied to enter the English Cup (now known as the F.A. Cup), Amateur Cup and Middlesex Senior Cups. All these applications were successful.

The main driving force behind the clubs rise to senior status was the then secretary Mr. G. E. Elmslie, a very hard working officer for the club. It is worth recording the clubs efforts in the cups that season. Page Green Old Boys were the visitors in the English Cup and won 3-1. Some progress was made in the Amateur Cup when Sutton Court were beaten 5-1 but Stones' ran into trouble against a very strong 3rd Coldstream Guards in the next round and lost 0-4. Local neighbours Pinner knocked us out of the Middlesex Senior Cup 2-1. The 'Stones' gained revenge over Page Green Old Boys when they met in the London Senior Cup by 5-1 and were then drawn at home to the mighty Tooting and Mitcham United (even then a crack Isthmain League outfit) and despite a heroic display by the hardworked defence the 'Stones' bowed out 1-2.

The club closed down for the duration of the First World War, in which many officials and players served, with a number of them losing their lives.

## BETWEEN THE WARS

The club was re-activated at the annual general meeting on 20th June, 1919, with Mr. P. Whittaker as Chairman. At this meeting it was stated that "negotiations were in hand for securing a tenancy of the well appointed Gamage Athletic ground". Teams were entered in the London and Middlesex Leagues, and the Amateur, London and Middlesex Senior Cups, for the 1919-20 season and it was this season that saw the arrival of Mr. Frank Harbud to the club as a player, and official, Frank has now been associated with the club for 55 years, gaining many representative, and club honours on the field, and holding many committee positions and is now the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. The first London League match of the 1919-20 season was at home to Catford Southend with a 3-1 win, with Frank Harbud scoring on his debut, before some 450 spectators. During the same season, on the 31st December, 1919, we find the first mention of a 1,000 gate at a match against Sirling Athletic in the London League.

The club had a satisfactory season with the first team finishing mid-way up the table and the 2nd XI gaining 3rd place in the Middlesex League.

Gate receipts in the first season after the 1914-18 war were £202 15s. 2d. with a balance of £29 0s. 0d.

It was at this time that the club started negotiations to purchase the Lower Mead ground for £1,600 through a mortgage, although matches continued at Belmont Road for some time. The first Christmas Day fixture was in 1920 against Harrow Weald.

The second XI were going very well in the Middlesex League during the early twenties being Champions in 1920-21 and 1922-23.

On the 25th May, 1921, Mr. C. E. Brady was elected President, to succeed the Rev. Herbert Chapman.

The club hoped to compete in the Athenian League in 1922 but as Lower Mead was not ready, the application was not successful, but the club was elected to the Spartan League (Divisions One and Two). A tremendous amount of work was undertaken on the new ground in the summer of 1922 erecting a stand to hold 500 spectators, installing turnstiles, and laying paths around the pitch, which had been worked on by another band of volunteers. Lieutenant General Sir Francis Lloyd had agreed to open the ground, and Clapton Orient provided the opposition on the 26th August, 1922, with Berkhamsted Town being the first visitors for a competitive match two weeks later, in an English Cup tie.

The club's first season at their new, and present ground proved to be a successful one, with the club being runners-up of the Spartan League (Division One) at the first attempt. The admission charge to Lower Mead was 6d. with an additional 6d. for transfer to the stand.

Mr. C. V. Elmslie was a very prominent member of the club at this time holding various positions from the early twenties up until his death in 1935, when he was Secretary/Treasurer.

Visitors to Lower Mead will know the Elmslie Stand which was erected to his memory. Mr. Elmslie was succeeded upon his death by Mr. H. A. Luck, as Secretary and Mr. Luck is still associated with the club, and to this date his firm of printers still produce the club's programmes.

Few honours came the way of the 'Stones' in the early and mid-twenties, but on the 19th October, 1923, the club did set up their all time biggest win when "Rangers" (a Territorial Army team) were beaten 22-0 in an Amateur Cup tie with Mason scoring seven goals, a feat only equalled once more, although the reserves were champions of the Spartan League Division Two in 1924-25 season.

Some very high scores were registered in the League during the 1926-27 season, including a fine "Christmas present" when the 'Stones' inflicted a 16-2 defeat on Hertford Town on Christmas Day with Townly equalling the scoring record of seven goals in a match and during this season the club scored 100 goals, achieving the 'ton' in league games for the first time.

Summerstown FC, a member of the Athenian League since 1919 were forced to withdraw after the completion of the 1927-28 season when their ground was acquired for building purposes and Wealdstone were elected to take their place at the Athenian Leagues AGM on 9th June, 1928. The present grandstand at Lower Mead was purchased from the Summerstown club, replacing a much smaller one which had become quite inadequate for the steadily increasing support.

The club's election to the Athenian League aroused great enthusiasm, not only with the players and officials but also with the supporters and the gates improved considerably. Moderate success was maintained in that opening season, 1928-29, and the club finished eighth out of 14, and were in fact the leading goal scorers with 81 due mainly to big wins over Windsor and Eton and Cheshunt. During the same season the Reserves went very well indeed winning the Reserve Section Championship at the first attempt. Some indication of the interest shown in the club now can be seen in that the turnout for the AGM on 11th June, 1929, was double that of the previous season. 1929-30 the second season of Athenian League football contained a number of highlights with the 'Stones' reaching the Final Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup for the first time. After beating Walthamstow Avenue, St. Albans City, Apsley and Chesham United the club were drawn away to Dulwich Hamlet and after a sensational encounter the teams were deadlocked at 7-7. The replay at Lower Mead the following Wednesday saw a record gate and although 'Stones' attacked furiously for most of the game Solly in the Hamlet goal had an inspired game and the 'Stones' bowed out 2-1. Two cups were captured that season, the Middlesex Senior and Charity, and the club finished fifth in the league.

During the 1930-31 season 'Stones' centre half Harold Smith left to join the professional ranks with Notts County. In return the County sent their full League team to play a friendly and donated £10 and a new strip to the club. The Middlesex Charity Cup was retained with a 3-2 win over Hampstead Town (now Hendon) but lost the Senior Cup final to Hayes 1-0 (Hayes had up until then operated under their original name of Botwell Mission).

Up until now the club had performed most creditably in the Athenian League but the mid-thirties saw a sharp decline in the fortunes of the club with the first team struggling to hold their own and during this lean spell the only honour to come the way of the club was in 1935-36 when the Reserves won the Reserve section championship for the second time. The death of Mr. C. V. Elmslie on 22nd June, 1935, was a very severe blow to the club.

The fortunes of the club improved in the 1936-37 season under the captaincy of Charlie Bunce a brilliant centre forward. Other familiar names of that season were Arthur Loveday and Bob Ellis two backs who both gained Amateur caps for England, Syd Bridewell left the club to join Chelsea as a professional during this season. The club had its longest run in the Amateur Cup reaching the 3rd Round. At this stage the 'Stones' played at home to Dulwich Hamlet before a new record gate of 8,500 and drew 1-1 before losing the replay 4-0 at Champion Hill. After languishing near or at the bottom of the league for a number of seasons the 'Stones' finished third, their highest yet, and the Reserves were Runners-up. Bert Dyke and Charlie Barker were to join the following season 1937-38 and again both Senior and Charity cups were won and for the second season in succession the Reserves were runners-up. In 1938-39 the last full season before the war Wealdstone retained the Charity Cup but were beaten in the Final of the Senior cup by Golders Green (another name used by Hendon). In the league the 'Stones' again finished third and with the top two teams Walthamstow Avenue and Romford being elected to the Isthmian League for the 1939-40 season the club had the honour of meeting the Rest of the Athenian League. The match took place on the 25th August, 1939, and the representative side won 4-3. The next week saw the club entertain Old Johnians in an F.A. Cup tie and win 8-2 this game was on September 2nd and the next day war was declared.

## THE WAR YEARS

The Athenian League, like many others suspended operations during the war years, but many other emergency competitions were set up on a regional basis. Wealdstone, however decided against entering competitive football for the first season of the war and instead embarked on a programme of friendlies and cup ties and a total of 42 games were played of which no fewer than 35 were won and a total of 192 goals scored, of which Charlie Bunce netted 58 a new club record that was to stand for some 34 years. Many of the games were against professional clubs and amongst the visitors to Lower Mead were, Fulham, Gillingham, Crystal Palace and Chelsea, who on their visit included Woodley the England goalkeeper in their team. Cup tie football still continued and the 'Stones' reached the London Senior Cup Final for the first time, only to be well beaten by Walthamstow Avenue. The Middlesex Senior Charity Cup had been re-named for the duration of the war to the Middlesex Senior Red Cross Cup and for the third year running it came to Lower Mead. Unlike their seniors the Reserves went into competitive football in that first wartime season in the West Middlesex Combination, this emergency set up only had nine clubs including local sides Edgware Town, Harrow Town and Pinner.

Many difficulties were encountered by club and league officials in these times, with players being called up, leave cancelled or curtailed, air raids and so many people working for the war effort that a number of experiments were tried including the use of "guest" players. Wealdstone were to take advantage of this and two, of many, who assisted the 'Stones' were W. W. Parr the Dulwich Hamlet and England winger and Frank Butterworth of Barking. Football was to play an important part in these trying times and provided a very useful outlet from the tensions people were under. Soccer fans were loath to go to the grounds nearer

the centre of London because of air raids etc., and Wealdstone gained by this and some very high gates were registered. For the second wartime season the club was admitted to the Herts and Middlesex League attaining third place. Three cups came to the club in 1940-41 Pinner being beaten 4-2 in the County Senior cup and Wood Green Town in the Red Cross Cup. The third cup was the Cambridge Hospital cup for which Wealdstone were invited to compete against Cambridge Town. After a close game the 'Stones' won 3-2. The journey home from Cambridge was completed in an air raid. A well known player with the club at this time was Len Dolding, who later turned professional with Chelsea.

The outstanding event of the 1941-42 season was the Final of the Middlesex Senior Red Cross Cup which was the first county final to ever be held at Wembley Stadium with Wealdstone being the first amateur club to play there. The opposition was provided by R.A.F. Uxbridge who, with a line up of professionals started favourites, and in fact the R.A.F. team was very impressive, being: Cpl. Clack (Brentford); Cpl. Forder (Crystal Palace), L.A.C. Dale (Portsmouth); Cpl. McGregor (Manchester City), Sgt. Vause (Rochdale), L.A.C. Johnson (Newcastle United); Sgt. Clements (Casuals and England), Cpl. Harris (Swansea Town), Cpl. Mullinger (Aston Villa), L.A.C. Gibson (Watford) and Flt. Sgt. Finch (Barnet).

Wealdstone's squad on that historic day comprised Mick Doherty in goal, and the backs were Charlie Barker and Tom Kay. Reg Stanton, George Upchurch and Brian Leeming in the half back line and the forwards from the left being Len Dolding, Bobby Wilson, Jack Russell, Flt. Sgt. Tom Morris and Jimmy Moore. The R.A.F. took the lead after 20 minutes through Clements but the 'Stones' kept plugging away and eventually equalised through Russell in the 60th minute. Again Clements put the R.A.F. ahead but almost immediately 'Stones' got an equaliser when one of the R.A.F. defenders put the ball in his own goal whilst being harrassed by two forwards. Surprisingly the professionals tired rapidly during extra time and goals from Morris 2 and Russell again sewed up the game for the 'Stones' at 5-2. This was the fifth year in a row that the club had won the cup, a feat never equalled before or since. The club also retained the Middlesex Senior cup by beating Finchley 4-1. During this season the Reserves had switched to the Harrow, Wembley and District League. Finchley were again the opponents in the Middlesex Senior cup final of 1942-43 with the 'Stones' winning 3-0 and thereby winning the cup for the third successive year, but for the rest of the war honours eluded the club.

## THROUGH TO THE SIXTIES

The decision to re-start the Athenian League was taken at a meeting of the League Council on 23rd April, 1945, and all 14 clubs in membership at the outbreak of war all rejoined, 'Stones' who were rebuilding their team finished 6th. The County Senior cup was won with a 2-0 victory against Edgware Town and two new trophies came to the club. Pinner provided the opposition in the Northwood Memorial Cup, and a new cup, the Wealdstone F.C. Cup, donated by Messrs. H. H. Harrison and W. G. Leadbetter, to perpetuate the memory of officers and players of the club who lost their lives during the Second World War. It was decided to endow a bed in Harrow Hospital and that the proceeds from the matches would go towards its maintenance and upkeep. Old rivals

Hendon were the first challengers and they were beaten by four clear goals. The Reserves had a very poor season finishing at the bottom of the league although they did win the Harrow Charity Cup.

The BBC had decided to televise part of an amateur league match for the first time and during the 1946-47 season the game chosen was Barnet v Wealdstone with the Herts club winning 3-2. 'Stones' second appearance on TV was in the club's jubilee season, 1949-50, when the whole of the F.A. Cup tie with Edgware Town was shown 'live', and then two weeks later the cameras came to Lower Mead for the F.A. cup match with Colchester United but more about that game later.

In these early post-war years the club was holding its own in the Athenian League finishing in the top half of the table and was making a determined effort to establish a name in cup football, particularly the Amateur cup. In fact the club had high hopes of lifting the Amateur cup in the 1947-48 season and reached the third round. At this stage it became a battle of the 'Stones' being drawn at home to Leytonstone with a new ground record of 11,500 being set up. Despite having most of the play it was the visitors who got the all important goal and went on to eventually win the cup. The very next season the same two clubs met in the 4th round, again at Lower Mead, and yet again it was Leytonstone who got through this time before an all time record gate of 13,504.

The club's jubilee season of 1949-50 saw Wealdstone really in the headlines of the national press with the teams exploits in the F.A. Cup. Starting with a 4-0 win away over Hendon and a 2-0 success over Enfield after a goalless draw. The next two rounds were away and resulted in single goal victories over St. Albans City and Edgware Town and so the 'Stones' had reached the last qualifying round and were paired at home to Colchester United at that time a powerful Southern League outfit with a big reputation in cup football. On November 12th a crowd of just under 10,000 saw Bill Simpson score the all important goal that put the club in the first round for the first time in its history.

When the draw was made the name of Port Vale came out of the hat and Wealdstone faced a very difficult task in the Potteries. Vale had been unbeaten at home by anyone and on paper the teams chances were very slim. The supporters thought otherwise and a special train was laid on to get them to the match and although well outnumbered in the 15,000 plus crowd still made their presence felt. In cold statistics Port Vale won the game by a solitary goal but this was only part of the story with 'Stones' making a great fight of it and although Vale got on top in the second half when Wealdstone had Edgar Francis injured and a passenger on the wing there was always a chance that 'Stones' might snatch a dramatic equaliser. The highlight of the game was, however, the performance in goal of 'keeper Danny Wiltshire. Danny gave a superb display and in fact many would consider it the finest ever seen by a Wealdstone goalkeeper, at the end of the game he received a tremendous ovation from the crowd. The only goal of the game came mid-way through the first half and was in fact the only goal conceded by the 'Stones' in 630 minutes F.A. Cup football that season.

The remainder of the jubilee season saw little success come to the club, probably as an after effect of the great cup run, but the team did finish fifth in the league.

Some consolation was had in the winning of the Middlesex Charity Cup and the season wound up with a 6-1 win over Maidstone United in the Wealdstone F.C. Cup.

The winning of the Athenian League Championship in 1951-52 was all the more welcome in view of the poor season prior to it in which the clubs only success was to reach the final of the Middlesex Charity Cup, and the reserves got through to the reserve section Cup Final. The 'Stones' had set a cracking pace early in the 1951-52 season but had fallen away somewhat at the turn of the year. A run of 13 games unbeaten at the end of the season clinched the Championship although it was no one horse race, in fact if the 'Stones' had lost the last game of the season by more than 1-0 local rivals Hendon would have taken the title. 'Stones' were in no mood for taking chances though and had built up a four goal lead over Hayes by half time and it was not until the forwards had reached six that the team relaxed and allowed Hayes two late goals. In the cups that season the club reached the London Senior Final against Finchley at Highbury only to be beaten 1-0 both teams were under-strength that day in Wealdstone's case as Ron Gadsden and Frank Bennet had flown to Hong Kong with the Athenian League touring party owing to fixture congestion the final of the Middlesex Charity Cup was held over to the beginning of the next season when Southall beat the 'Stones' by 1-0. The reserves had made strong challenge for the reserve section Championship but had to be content with the runners-up spot.

On 27th August, 1952, the club as reigning champions, entertained the rest of the Athenian League and with two goals from Hussey won an entertaining game 2-0. Wealdstone were invited to compete in the London Challenge Cup that season and after beating Crystal Palace 3-1 on their own ground the club lost their second round tie with Brentford at Griffin Park by the same score.

The mid-fifties saw the club going through a period of little success as a new team was being rebuilt. One of the better cup runs came in the London Challenge Cup of 1953-54 when the semi-final was reached only for the side to be beaten by a very strong Arsenal team. Over the Easter of that season the club went on tour to Cornwall playing two games. Falmouth Town were easily beaten on Good Friday by 8-3 but the following days game with Truro City saw the 'Stones' losing by three clear goals. Tours at Easter or Whitsun were to become a regular thing for the club in the fifties and early sixties, with games being played in Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg, Italy and France amongst others.

At the beginning of the 1954-55 campaign Viv Evans joined the club from near neighbours Kingsbury Town. Viv had a long and successful time with the club and made over 400 appearances for the first team scoring some 210 plus Goals, an achievement itself from a winger, and was in fact leading scorer for three seasons with his best one being 1961-62 when he netted 43 times, only three short of Matt Farrells post-war record set up the season before.

The first team reached the final of the Middlesex Charity Cup during the 1955-56 season only to lose by a single goal to Hounslow Town.

The clubs record for the 1956-7 season was a poor one, with no progress in the cups and only 21 points in the league, from 28 games,

and this was four less than the previous season, and the only notable feat of the reserves was to reach the Westminster Hospital Cup Final against Wimbledon Reserves losing by the odd goal in three after extra time.

An improvement on the field came the following season and for the next few years the club held more respectable positions in the league. Charlie Townsend's name appears first for the club in August 1957. Charlie was to gain many representative honours whilst with the club, including, with Hugh Lindsay, England Amateur Caps. Major honours and County cups were still eluding the 'Stones' but the North-West Middlesex Invitation Cup which had come into being the previous season, came to Lower Mead in 1957-8.

The two-legged semi final with Wembley produced a glut of goals with Wealdstone reaching the final on an aggregate of 11-4. Near neighbours Harrow Town were met in the final, again a two legged affair, with 'Stones' emerging winners by 4-3 although extra time was needed in the second game. The reserves retained the Westminster Hospital Cup.

February 1958 saw the formation of the Supporters' Club as it is known today, many years before there had been one, which had ceased to function. Many jobs such as catering at the tea huts were undertaken but the most important contribution was the grounds floodlighting system the cost of which was some £3,000 plus, raised entirely by Supporters' Club activities. 1958-9 saw a real improvement in league performance, with the club amassing 44 points from 30 games. Uxbridge, Hayes and Yiewsley were all beaten in an F.A. Cup run which took the club to the final qualifying round where they entertained Headington United (now Oxford United). Although the teams turned round level at one-all the Oxfordshire club ran out winners by 4-2 denying the 'Stones' an appearance in the first round. Goals from Matt Farrell (2) and Viv Evans helped to capture the Middlesex Senior Cup with a 3-1 win over Enfield after extra time.

The second eleven were consistent in their league performances and in 1959-60 captured the Athenian League Reserves Cup with a single goal win over Wimbledon Reserves.

The same season their seniors won the North-West Middlesex Invitation Cup with a 8-2 aggregate score over Harrow Town.

During the next season 1960-61 Matt Farrell set up a post war record of 46 goals, quite an achievement as this was also the season in which very bad weather had interfered with the programme. 'Stones' appeared in the London Senior Cup Final against Enfield in May 1961 only to lose by three clear goals. The Saturday before the final a goalless draw with Hitchin Town had seen the runners-up position in the Athenian League secured.

Vince Burgess joined the club as coach for 1961-62 and much success was gained under his leadership culminating in the Amateur Cup. The most significant event of that season was the opening of the club's floodlights with an A.F.A. Invitation Cup tie with Wycombe Wanderers. On the 26th June, 1961, the Supporters' Club had paid the first instalment of £598 10s. 0d. on the lights. The finals of both the Middlesex and London Senior Cups were reached but the only success was the sharing of the London Senior Cup with Wimbledon.

Over the years Wealdstone players have gained many representative honours from full Amateur International caps through to the local leagues, and the following list is an example of these. G. Davies, Wales; C. Townsend, England, Middlesex and London F.A.'s, the F.A., A.F.A., Athenian League and Middlesex Wanderers; G. Mowle and R. Good, Middlesex F.A.; J. Low, L. Illsley, J. Hall, J. Morley, Middlesex Junior F.A.; A. Knox and A. Peel, Middlesex F.A. and Athenian League; J. Moran, A.F.A.; V. Evans and M. Farrell, Athenian League; B. Cashen, R. Pottle, M. Marks and P. Pattwell for the Harrow, Wembley and District League.

The Whitsun tour of 1962 was to Holland and games were played against Den Helder (4-1) and Purmerend (2-2) who were the runners-up and champions of the Senior Amateur League of Holland.

Competitive floodlight soccer was entered for the first time in 1962-63 when the club competed in the Mithras Cup. Chelsea sent a strong team to Lower Mead for the Battle of Britain Cup match which the visitors won 3-1. The clubs best ever run in the London Challenge Cup was enjoyed, beating Millwall and West Ham United to reach the semi final where it needed a replay for Arsenal to stop the 'Stones'.

Once again old rivals Enfield provided the opposition in a cup final this time the Middlesex Senior, with a 2-0 win for Wealdstone.

The last season of Athenian League membership 1963-64 saw the 'Stones' playing 29 Cup ties spread over nine different cups with six of them coming to Lower Mead, Middlesex Senior and Mithras and Battle of Britain, Hitchin Centenary and Middlesex and London Charity Cups.

Wealdstone were invited to join the Isthmian League during the summer of 1964 and they were to stay in this league for seven years. During that period only one league honour was to come their way and that was in the opening 1964-65 season when although the seniors gained a respectable seventh, the reserves gained the runners-up spot. During this season the Hitchin Centenary Cup was the only one retained from the previous campaign.

The 1965-66 season was one of many highlights in cup football, firstly in the F.A. Cup, after defeating Hertford Town (2-1) Harlow Town (5-1) and Stevenage Town (6-5) the 'Stones' found themselves in the final qualifying round against Oxford City and goals from Allen and Cooley put the club in the first round, the luck of the draw which had given Wealdstone four home ties deserted them and they were drawn away to Millwall. The Lions proved to be too strong around and won 3-1. Progress was still being made in the Middlesex and London Senior Cups but it was the Amateur Cup that was causing the real excitement Hitchin Town and Tow Law Town were knocked out in the first two rounds at home before 'Stones' travelled to Barking gaining a 3-1 win.

In the fourth round Leatherhead came to Lower Mead and led by one goal at the interval. 'Stones' turned it on in the second half and came through 2-1 and so to the semi final against Alvechurch the

## THE NEW ERA

Worcestershire Combination team who had knocked 'Stones' out the previous season. Allen got the all important goal but reserve 'keeper Paisley will always be remembered for his penalty save late in the game. And so the club went back to Wembley for the second time to meet near rivals Hendon in the Amateur Cup Final. Hendon scored first but Bobby Childs equalised before half time.

Childs again, and Bernie Bremer got two more in the second half and the Amateur Cup had come to Lower Mead for the only time, the men in blue who played on that historic day were:— Goymer, Doyle, Sedgley, Dillsworth, Ashworth, Townsend, Allen, Cooley, Childs, Lindsay and Bremer.

In the London Senior Cup the club went out in the semi final and in the Middlesex Senior Cup the final was reached only to be lost to Enfield. Considering the cup runs the 46 points total in the league was a very good one.

Middlesex Wanderers visited the club for the Alaway Memorial Trophy in 1966-67 and 'Stones' won 3-2 and two weeks later Wealdstone made their last appearance in the 1st round of the F.A. Cup against Nuneaton Borough losing 2-0. A two legged final of the Hitchin Centenary Cup was played against Hillingdon Borough with Borough emerging winners. The club did not relinquish the Amateur Cup without a fight but of course as holders everyone was really gunning for the 'Stones'. In the very first round Stowmarket from the Eastern Counties League proved very stubborn forcing two replays before being removed. Next came a trip to Yorkshire to take on the unknown quantity of Brooks Sports who were beaten 3-0. In the third round yet another journey north to Skelmersdale United at the time an up and coming club who stopped the 'Stones' with a single goal. The final of the East Anglian Cup was reached, in which Kings Lynn won by three goals to two.

Floodlight League football came to Lower Mead for 1967-68 with the Bucks Border League. The Middlesex Senior Cup was won but the Middlesex Charity Cup was shared with Wembley. The name of the floodlight league was changed to the M.I. League in 1968-69 but 'Stones' only success of the season was winning the President's Cup against Wembley, who were beaten in the same cup in the following two seasons.

Wealdstone's last county final appearance was in the 1969-70 season when Enfield were met in the Middlesex Senior Cup Final and although a 2-0 lead was established in the 1st leg it was not enough as Enfield won the 2nd leg by three clear goals. Yet another floodlight league was entered for the last season as amateurs when the Premier Midweek Floodlight League was joined.

The club had never really set the Isthmian League alight but during the seven years membership the club enjoyed a fair measure of success and in fact the total record for the Isthmian League was:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
266	118	57	91	506	410	293

The decision to turn professional and leave the amateur ranks was made during 1971 and the club was elected to the Southern League Division One (North) for the 1971-72 season. Manager Alan Humphries, who had guided the clubs activities in the final amateur seasons, was faced with the job of getting together a squad of players for the task, these were to include Cliff Jones, Mickey Brown, Johnny Barr and Dixie Hale amongst others.

On August 14th the 'Stones' made their debut in the pro ranks in a Southern League Cup tie at home to Banbury United with Jones (2) and Townend scoring in a 3-1 win.

The league campaign proved to be a hard one finishing 12th out of 18 clubs.

As a professional club the London Challenge Cup was now automatically entered and Arsenal were entertained but proved too strong winning by three clear goals. No success was achieved in the F.A. Cup or the Premier Floodlight League that season. The reserve eleven were entered in the newly formed London Suburban League and had moderate success.

Owing to the geographical locations of the clubs relegated from the Premier Division the club were transferred to Division One (South) for the 1972-73 season. Under a new manager Sid Prosser a number of new players arrived on the scene, experienced men like Terry Dyson and Eric Burgess together with young players like George Duck and Chris Kinnear. The 'Stones' were well in the running for promotion early on but the loss of John Pearce and Bill Byrne with bad injuries and Mickey Brown with illness broke up the rythem of the side and the club could only finish eighth. Cup successes were again not to be had and the main highlight was the goalscoring efforts of George Duck who netted 43 times.

Last season, 1973-74, saw the clubs "arrival" in the Southern League with the winning of the Division One (South) Championship. In a long and arduous season, which was disrupted by the energy crisis and the three day week the 'Stones' played a total of 63 games including league cup and friendlies. Of these the 'Stones' lost only 11 of which five were in the League. Eleven points was the margin by which Wealdstone won the Championship, with Bath City runners-up. Two other highlights were attained last season, firstly the run in the F.A. Challenge Trophy which saw the club reach the quarter finals. Hatfield Town, Dunstable Town and Boston were easily beaten in the early rounds before we were drawn away to Wimbledon in the first round and an Eddie Presland special saw us through. Hastings United were next and what a sensational match that one was with George Duck getting four goals with a hat trick of penalties included. South Shields were the visitors in the quarter final and a 1-1 draw resulted with the Shields winning the replay up on Tyneside by the odd goal in three after extra time.



The other major highlight of the season was the astounding goal-scoring of George Duck who went after Matt Farrell's post war record in great style and not only beat it but went on to smash the all time record way out of sight finishing with an incredible total of 62 goals. Add these to his previous seasons 43 and George has found the back of the net 105 times in two seasons.

And so we come completely up to date in the history of the club with the 'Stones' about to make their debut in the Premier Division of the Southern League.

EDITOR'S NOTE. — I would like to place upon record my sincere thanks to the people who have assisted me in the compilation of this history but with particular thanks to George Ayling who spent many months at the Harrow Civic Centre going through every copy on record of the 'Harrow Observer' back to 1899 and supplying me with over 100 pages of facts, details and figures. To Ron Moore for the very kind loan of his records spanning the last 27 years and finally to my wife Christine for her forbearance at seeing the lounge littered with research notes for weeks on end and her more than valuable help in deciphering my long hand to type the copy for the publishers.

PHILLIP J. TRICKER



*George Duck challenges Dorchester's keeper*

## "WHAT IS A SUPPORTER"

Hello there, yes it's you the supporters that I am calling. What is a supporter? Well I think it's a person who supports the team whether they are on top or bottom. Last season was great for all of us and I hope this one will be as good as well. If it isn't and the going gets a bit hard don't give up, keep cheering as it can do wonders for the team. After all our team is only human same as you and I and a loyal crowd is a great asset to any club. This season will see the 'Stones' breaking yet more new ground and again the "Yellow Perils" as our Supporters' Club coaches are affectionately known will be hitting the road looking for new grounds in new towns so why not join the Supporters' Club and travel with us. We are only able to accept bookings from members because of insurance cover. After all it only costs 10p to join (half for juniors and Senior Citizens). So come you 'Stones' fans your team has reached the top flight of the Southern League now you can help by keeping them there.

BARBARA ROBSON,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Supporters' Club.

## THINKING AHEAD — FROM AMATEUR TO PROFESSIONAL

By KEN WILTSHIRE (Hon. Secretary)

When Wealdstone Football Club received the invitation to join the Southern League we received it with some circumspection. Having been an Amateur Club for 70 odd years the caution was justifiable. Having won the Football Association Amateur Cup in 1966 we had achieved every honour to be won in the Amateur game with the exception of the Isthmian League Championship. With one of the highest attendance averages in the amateur world, we were always looking for something new to present to our supporters. We therefore decided to attend this special meeting of the Southern League without prejudice.

### Professional Men

When the due day arrived the Club Treasurer Dennis Lyons and myself attended the meeting at the Great Western Hotel, Paddington Station. There we were confronted with a meeting held by professional men run on professional lines. This was a far cry from the friendly atmosphere of any Amateur League meetings that I had attended in the past.

Nevertheless let me hasten to add that after the days business was over a friendly and congenial spirit did prevail in the bars in the hotel.

In the meeting the chairman outlined the reasons for the invitations, the reasons made sense and slowly we began to sit up and take notice. The plans envisaged the Southern League taking part, within the next few years, in a Pyramid Scheme whereby the Southern League, the Northern Premier League and the Football League would join forces in making one National Football League with various lower Leagues forming the basis of the pyramid.

## Excitement and enthusiasm

We therefore returned from that meeting full of excitement and enthusiasm for the future. After a lot of research we strongly recommended that our club should accept the invitation. Having thus taken the plunge our main task was to see that we had the necessary financial support for such a radical change.

Not having the immediate capital to go out and purchase players strong enough to take us into the Premier Division, we decided on a policy of building the team over the next three to four years.

## Financial build up

We therefore set about thinking of ways to build up our financial resources. Firstly we had to consider turning the club into a limited company in order to build on capital; but in order to sell the necessary shares we had to offer more than just a football team. Thus we had to think of ways of making the freehold property of Lower Mead Stadium work for us. Our ground now worth between £700,00 and one million for development could be made to work for the club. Thus, we approached a development company with the object of raising money from renting part of the clubs property.

Plans are now in the advanced stage whereby an office complex, combined with a twin-deck car park and flats will be built on part of the ground. Incorporated in the scheme will be a new Stadium, complete with new stands, super dressing rooms, administration block for the football club, a club house with three large bars and a sunken ballroom, together with a further hall for private letting, banquets, conferences, dances, etc., and finally two squash courts. The whole scheme will bring us a very substantial income annually, thereby making the future financially sound and secure for the club.

## The right step

In our minds we feel we have taken the right step, but first and foremost it is most important that one does not depend upon the revenue from the gates alone, there must be always revenue from other sources, if you are to make a success in professional football. Subject to planning permission being granted by the London Borough of Harrow, we feel we can find that success.

We at Wealdstone feel that we have found our goal at last. We have achieved the first step within the time limit we set for ourselves gaining admission into the Premier Division. Now the second step is to see that the development of the Stadium is achieved in a reasonable time in order to help us financially. When that is achieved we can then apply for Football League status. If the pyramid scheme goes through — who knows — perhaps our playing ability might take us into the Fourth Division and thereby saving us the trouble of applying. We sincerely hope it is the latter, for in that way we can truly say we have made it on the field of play.

K. E. WILTSHIRE,  
Hon. Secretary.

# MEMORIES OF THE COLTS

By BILL EMERSON

In these days of sky-high overheads, many clubs are forced for economic reasons, to field only one team, operating on a squad system. This system worked well for the 'Stones' last season, and we became League Champions using only 14 players.

Back in the palmy days of the fifties, when a cup of tea cost two old pennies, and 20 cigarettes 4s. 6d., the cost factor was not so pressing. In those days Wealdstone ran four teams — first, and reserve teams, 'A' side, and the Juniors, known as the Colts.

I counted myself lucky to be connected with the Colts from their birth, in the winter of 1957, and watch their meteoric path across the soccer firmament, for the next seven years. During that time they brought a new dimension to youth football, and a level of skill which was unusual in youth teams at that time.

Hand-picked for their above average ability as they were nearing the end of their schooldays, the team was trained at Lower Mead by Edgar Francis, and they achieved a high degree of physical fitness to blend with their soccer skill.

The first honour they claimed was the Harrow Youth League Senior Cup, in the spring of 1958, when they defeated Shaftesbury Rovers 2-1, after extra time. No mean feat, when it is remembered the Colts were operating as an under 16 team, in an under 18 competition.

In each of the succeeding three seasons the Colts retained this trophy, thereby establishing an all-time record of four successive wins. This record still stands today, no other club having ever won the trophy more than twice in succession.

At the same time, the Colts made their mark in the Harrow Youth League. Disdaining to play in the under 16 competition, they gave away two years to play in the Senior section, and during the next six years they were League champions three times, and became runners up on the other three occasions. The age limit was deliberately kept down each year, when replacements came in for the lads who had moved on to the 'A' side. It can therefore be seen that the calibre of player remained consistently high.

A few of the Colts graduated through to the first team. A difficult feat in those days, as Vin Burgess was building the team which ultimately won the Amateur Cup in 1966, and most of the players joining the 'Stones' were experienced campaigners from far and wide.

Many more Colts players reached the Reserves and countless others were absorbed by other senior clubs in the area.

It would be a long job listing all the players who went through the ranks of the Colts in those halcyon days. "Bomber" Burns, a slightly built inside forward, with a killer kick in either foot. Colin Pearce who left the 'Stones' for Edgware's first team. Mel Emerson, who played his way through to the first team, and then went to Hayes and Hounslow. Mal Kingsley a stylish right back. Ray Pottle, hard-tackling wing half. Del Carpenter who was always in the news with Kingsbury Town.

There were many games which hit the high spots. One which leaves a vivid memory is a Middlesex County Cup tie against the formidable Arsenal Juniors. The Colts entertained their more illustrious opponents on the windy spaces of Byron Rec. Overawed in the first half, the Colts came in trailing 2-1. In the second half, however, their inherent ability and guts came to the fore, and they scored three times without reply. A great performance by a great side.

It is a pity that rising costs forced the Colts into obscurity and a place in the memory. They became legends in their day for skill, discipline and character.

### F.A. CUP

Marlow (Preliminary Qualifying Round) ... ..	H	2-0
Chesham United (1st Qualifying Round) ... ..	A	1-1
Chesham United (1st Qualifying Round replay) ...	H	2-4

### F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY

Hatfield Town (1st Qualifying Round) ... ..	H	4-0
Dunstable Town (2nd Qualifying Round) ... ..	H	3-0
Boston (3rd Qualifying Round) ... ..	H	6-0
Wimbledon (1st Round) ... ..	A	1-0
Hastings United (2nd Round) ... ..	H	5-2
South Shields (3rd Round) ... ..	H	1-1
South Shields (3rd Round replay) ... ..	A	1-2 aet

### LONDON CHALLENGE CUP

Barnet (1st Round) ... ..	H	4-1
Tottenham Hotspur (2nd Round) ... ..	A	0-4

### SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP

Bletchley (1st Round 1st Leg) ... ..	H	4-1
Bletchley (1st Round 2nd Leg) ... ..	A	4-1
Wimbledon (2nd Round) ... ..	H	1-1
Wimbledon (2nd Round replay) ... ..	A	2-2 aet
Wimbledon (2nd Round 2nd replay) ... ..	H	3-3 aet
Wimbledon (2nd Round 3rd replay) ... ..	A	0-3

### FRIENDLIES

Skelmersdale United ... ..	H	1-0
Barnet ... ..	H	3-1
Leytonstone ... ..	H	2-4
Watford (John Pearce Testimonial) ... ..	H	2-5
Bletchley ... ..	A	1-1
Gibraltar National XI (opening of new stadium) ...	A	4-1

### MID-SURREY PROFESSIONAL FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE

Crawley Town ... ..	A	1-1
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(Competition abandoned owing to "energy crisis")

### SOUTHERN LEAGUE (Division One South) 1973/74 Season

	HOME			AWAY			Pts.	WEALDSTONE RESULTS	
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WEALDSTONE .....	38	14	3	2	42	18	59		
Bath City .....	38	12	4	3	33	17	59	W	3-0
Waterlooville .....	38	10	4	3	32	9	48	D	1-1
Minehead .....	38	10	9	0	33	15	47	W	2-1
Bideford .....	38	7	8	4	32	23	47	W	3-1
Poole Town .....	38	12	5	2	36	17	46	W	2-0
Bexley United .....	38	12	4	3	41	20	45	W	3-0
Hastings United .....	38	12	3	4	30	19	43	W	2-1
Basingstoke Town ...	38	10	4	5	26	16	41	D	0-0
Gravesend & Northfleet	38	11	4	4	38	17	39	W	2-0
Bognor Regis Town ...	38	8	7	4	34	23	39	D	0-0
Ashford Town .....	38	8	6	6	21	23	38	W	2-1
Ramsgate Athletic ...	38	8	5	6	22	17	35	W	1-0
Dorchester Town ...	38	9	5	5	31	20	35	L	2-3
Canterbury City .....	38	9	6	4	27	19	33	W	2-1
Trowbridge Town ...	38	4	8	7	19	19	30	W	3-1
Salisbury .....	38	6	7	6	31	29	30	D	1-1
Metropolitan Police	38	8	3	8	24	26	29	W	2-1
Andover .....	38	4	6	9	20	31	29	W	4-0
Crawley Town .....	38	5	1	13	16	33	25	L	1-5
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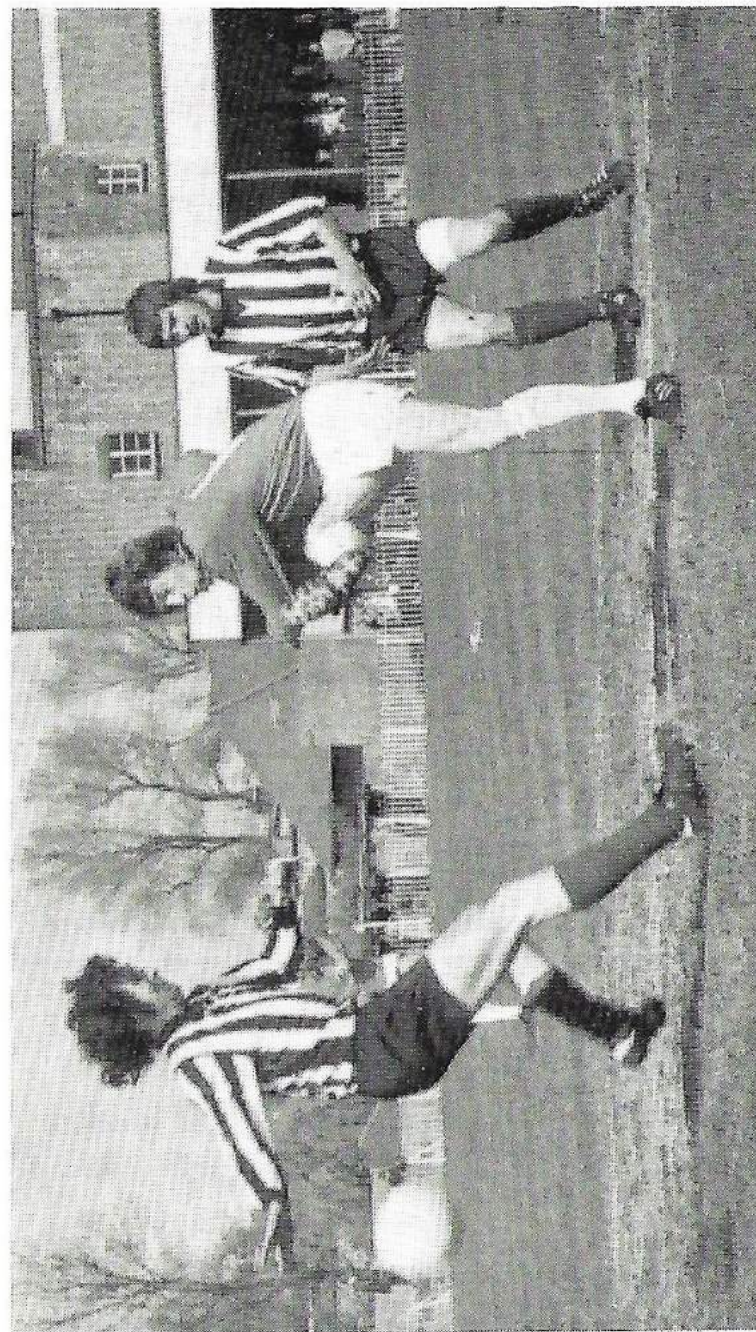
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Waterlooville .....	38	10	9	0	33	15	6	6	7	22	23	47	D 1-1	D 0-0
Minehead .....	38	7	8	4	32	23	9	7	3	37	29	47	W 2-1	W 4-3
Bideford .....	38	12	5	2	36	17	5	7	7	25	34	46	W 3-1	D 0-0
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Bexley United .....	38	12	3	4	30	19	6	4	9	20	23	43	W 3-0	W 2-0
Hastings United ...	38	10	4	5	26	16	6	5	8	20	20	41	W 2-1	D 0-0
Basingstoke Town ...	38	11	4	4	38	17	3	7	9	17	27	39	W 2-0	W 2-0
Gravesend & Northfleet	38	8	7	4	34	23	5	6	8	24	29	39	W 2-1	W 2-0
Bognor Regis Town	38	7	6	6	21	23	6	3	10	19	25	38	D 0-0	W 2-1
Ashford Town .....	38	8	5	6	22	17	6	3	10	19	25	36	W 4-1	W 1-0
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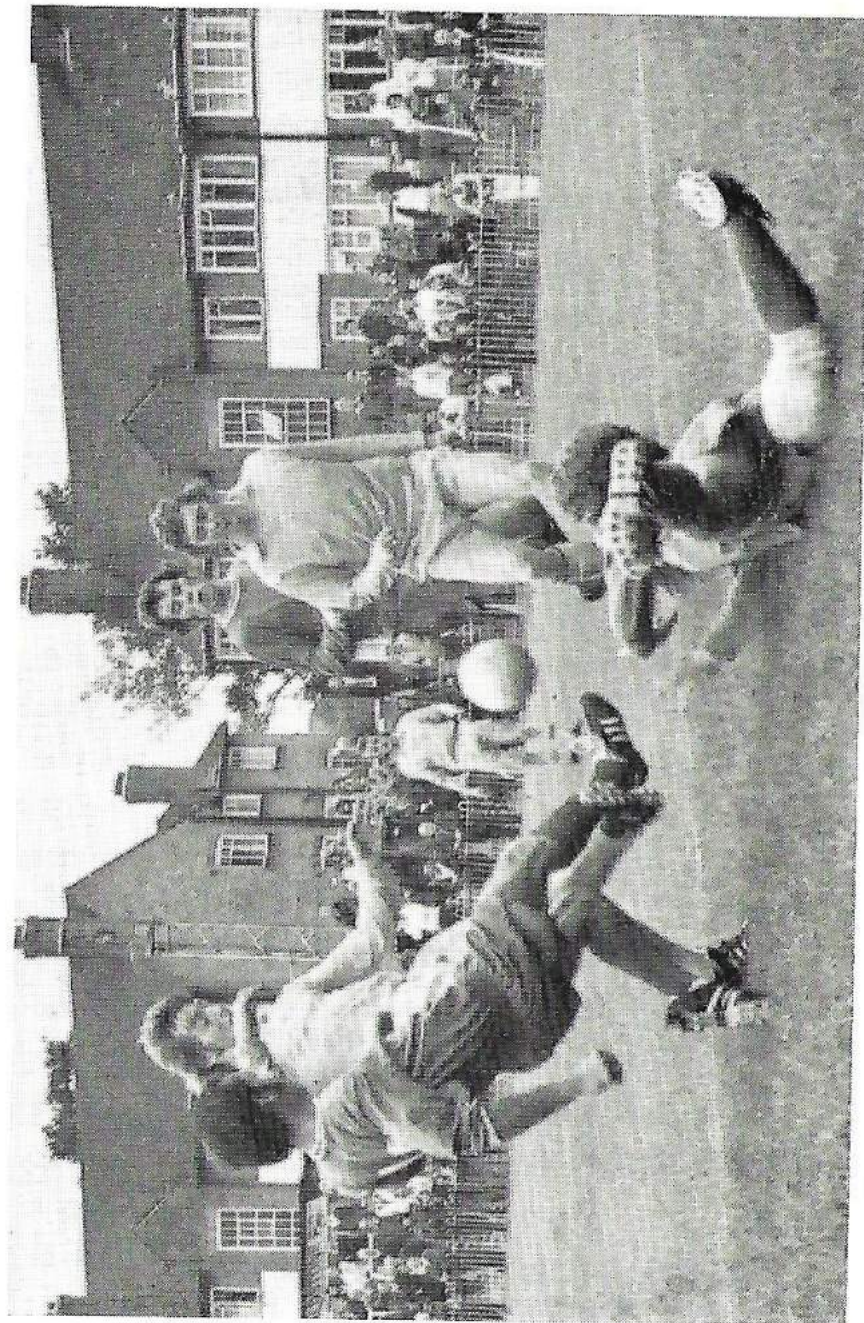
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