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Welcome back for a second go at the SAL Standard. The production of the inaugural issue went fairly well (albeit it came out a week later than intended) and my fears that we would be lacking in content for the second have proved unfounded.

We have a report from Old Wilsonians' Stuart Paton on the club's annual School Day as well as Civil Service's international friendly against Italian side ASD La Fenice while South Bank Cuaco are the focus of our club profile this month.

Elsewhere we speak to one of the SAL's newest committee members – Merton's Alex Herbert – and London 2012 Games Maker, Old Finchleians and SAL Rep Team manager Bob Leeds.

Graeme Wilson rounds-up the recent action amongst the clubs and finally, for something a little lighter, there is a new Quiz Page where you can test your knowledge of the SAL, football and the world!



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Editorial

Andy Copeland

Before we go any further I would like to clarify that the SAL Standard will not be publishing any photographs of the Duchess of Cambridge in any state of undress.

This publication will not sink to the levels of some others who see fit to invade the privacy of our royal family. Nor, indeed, do I have access to such photographs no matter how hard I may have tried...

Now that's out the way I will start with the good news which is that, due to the extensive amount of material provided this month, my editorial will be restricted to just one page.

My first visit to an SAL ground this season came on Saturday when I visited South Bank Cuaco at Dulwich. This was partly to complete the club profile I had planned but also because it is one of only 4 current SAL grounds I haven't yet visited.

More about the club itself follows in the profile on the next page but the day itself was a fine one. The rain had softened the pitches but made way for the sun to encourage spectators. With the 1s and 2s away I saw the 3rd XI play HSBC and the 4th XI play Ibis. SBC fought back for a point in both games.

The matches themselves passed off without incident despite the lack of any hand shaking beforehand. The usual three cheers for the opposition was heard after the final whistles sounded and the players retired to the bar to wind down.



THE EDITOR: ANDY COPELAND



South Bank and Ibis players shake hands after Saturday's 2-2 draw at Dulwich

The reason I mention the hand shake is that far too much fuss has been made of late about the refusal of certain high profile players to engage in this obligatory pre-match ritual. Initially I felt that the players concerned should just 'grow up' and do as they were told but on closer inspection I have my doubts about the whole procedure.

On the face of it it seems like a nice idea. Everyone must show 'respect' to everyone else before the game. But this belies the truth. Many players in amateur football show respect to their opponents every week without shaking their hands before kick-off. They do it by playing as well as they can and not subjecting them – or the officials –

to abuse at regular intervals. Back to the Premier League where players do the reverse. Handshakes all round before 90 minutes of petulant, spiteful behaviour in a win-at-all-costs environment.

Rather than being a show of respect it undermines the entire concept. Respect must be voluntary or it is nothing more than facile pretence. I would prefer that players refrained from cheating and abusing the referee.

Well, that's that sorted and hopefully one or two of you will disagree with me enough to write in for the next issue. Nothing better than a good old fashioned public disagreement to get the readers hooked! Of course, I'd be happy to hear about any other issues you feel are pressing at the moment. I hog the conversation enough as it is without needing another outlet to continue the trend.

If you have anything you'd like to say please email me not later than Monday 23 October at andrew.copeland@yahoo.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you!

CLUB PROFILE



Founded: 2002

Home Ground

Dulwich Sports Ground
Turney Road
Dulwich SE21 7JH

www.southbankcuaco.com
[@SouthBankCuaco](https://www.instagram.com/SouthBankCuaco)

South Bank Cuaco was formed as recently as 2002 although this belies not one, but two long histories belonging to the clubs which joined together to create this new entity.

The Commercial Union Assurances Company (CUACo) joined the Southern Amateur League in 1919 having previously competed in the London Insurance Offices F.A. league competitions before World War I.

The club played its games initially at Southend Lane and then Elm Lane in Catford. It later moved to Copers Cope Road, Beckenham where it enjoyed near neighbours in Midland, Nat West and Lloyds Banks. The facilities at Copers Cope were second to none and after the club moved out the facilities were taken over for training purposes by Crystal Palace F.C.



The company merged with General Accident in 1998 with the football club taking on the title CGU Cuaco (the General Accident club had been known as GAFLAC) and then again with Norwich Union in 2000. That company was known, briefly as CGNU before adopting the now well-known name, Aviva.

The new company's decision to sell the ground spelled the end of the road for Cuaco who were faced with the prospect of disappearing off the football map until the merger with South Bank came about.

On the playing side, Cuaco was possibly the strongest of the insurance clubs winning the London Insurance FA Charity Cup on 19 occasions. In SAL circles they were not quite so dominant but when it rained it certainly poured.

The 1st team were twice champions of the Southern Amateur League (in 1957-58 and 1961-62) and on both occasions they also lifted the AFA Senior Cup. The 1961-62 team completed a treble by adding the LIOFA Charity Cup as well as achieving the best record in the



South Bank Cuaco

Honours Board

2002-03 4th XI – 4th XI Division 3

2004-05 5th XI – Minor Div 3 South

2004-05 6th XI – Minor Div 6 South

2006-07 1st XI – Senior Division 3

2006-07 4th XI – SAL Minor Cup

2010-11 6th XI – Minor Div 5 South

2010-11 6th XI – SAL Inter Nov Cup



THE 3RD XI DEFEND AGAINST HSBC IN THE 1-1 DRAW

SAL's top division ever with 20 wins and 2 draws from their 22 matches.

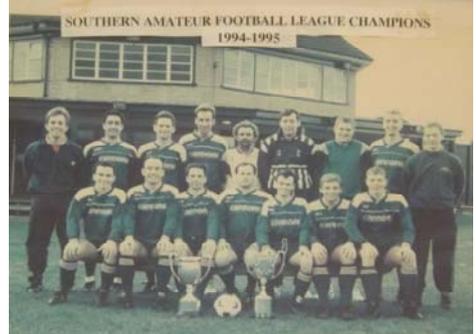


THE TREBLE WINNERS OF 1961-62

Meanwhile, Borough Polytechnic had been playing in AFA football since its foundation in 1892 with spells in the Nemean and Southern Olympian League before joining the SAL in 1946

The 1948-49 SAL handbook lists one Douglas Mumford as the match secretary for the club – a name which has remained in that place until only two seasons ago. 'Dougie' is the current SAL president and is popular with all throughout the SAL and beyond. His lack of height belies his prowess as an agile goalkeeper during his hey day.

The club itself was renamed in 1973 as Polytechnic of the South Bank, a title it kept for just two seasons before it changed again to South Bank Polytechnic. The club won the first of two SAL championships in 1994 before winning the second the following year as South Bank AFC.



SOUTH BANK'S TWO CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS IN 1993-94 AND 1994-95

The separation from the university led, in the long run, to a decline in numbers which saw the club compete in 2001-02 with only one team in the SAL.

A merger between the two clubs – one short on players and one short on grounds – was a marriage of convenience which helped both groups. The fact that Cuaco had not long changed from their traditional white shirts with black shorts to blue shirts made things all the simpler.

The club has bounced back to run 6 teams for season 2012-13 and, after a scare over the future of the ground two years ago, now has its future secured thanks to the hard work of Colin Ferris at SBC and representatives of the other clubs which use the ground in forming Southwark Community Sports Trust to run what is now called Dulwich Sports Ground.

This is obviously excellent news for South Bank Cuaco but also for the rest of us. The ground is a fine example of the sort of top amateur sports facilities found in SAL and AFA football and we have seen far too many of those go by the wayside over the past 25 years due to the demise of various banks and business house sports clubs.



England Over 50s with Watson and Bravenboer back, 2nd and 3rd from right

The club itself is in good hands with Chairman Darryll Bravenboer supported by ever reliable Colin Ferris as Secretary and Mark Caskey as Treasurer. Meanwhile Comms Officer Dylan Parry has overseen a new website this season and forays into the world of Twitter.

Since returning to the Third Division in 2008 the 1st XI have hovered in mid-table although last season they were in the hunt for a promotion place going into the final few games. This season the team will be pushing for promotion under the tutelage of Lithuanian manager Evaldas Biecus.

The side is captained by Christian Paschina while the other sides are organised by Alex Gritton (2nd XI), Ian Pareira (3rd XI), Laurence

Collings (4th XI), Steve Pranter (5th XI) and Joe Sutton who runs the 6th XI and doubles as Social Secretary.

Coaching is overseen by veteran midfielder Ed Watson who, alongside Bravenboer, appeared for the England Over 50s team earlier this year. Both players represented their country against Wales in March in a warm up for the Home International (Vets) Championship in Newcastle, Ireland in June.

The future looks bright for South Bank Cuaco with new blood on the committee and a secure lease on one of the SAL's finest grounds just 4 miles from the centre of London.

Apart from South Bank Cuaco themselves, Old Belgravians and Old Josephians of the Amateur Football Combination also call the ground home in the winter time and Dulwich Cricket Club use the facilities during the summer. The addition of a rugby club to the list of tenants this season only strengthens the position of the trust.

Ian Watkins in England garb (above, right) and shooting at goal for SBC (below)



CHAIRMAN DARRYLL BRANVENBOER

Alex Herbert

Key facts

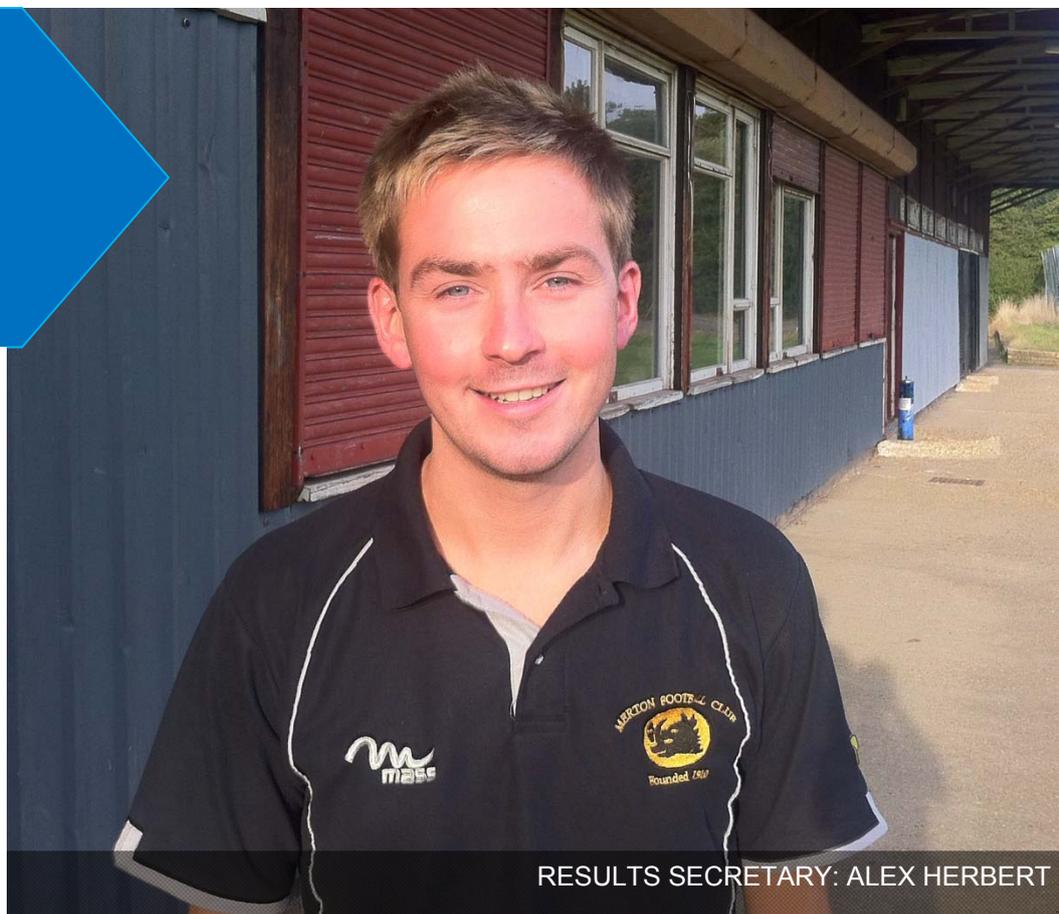
Age: 30

SAL role: Results Secretary

Club: Merton

Position: GK / Right-back

Supports: Wimbledon FC – the original Crazy Gang!



RESULTS SECRETARY: ALEX HERBERT

Hi Alex, and welcome to the SAL. What were you drinking when accepting the role of SAL results secretary?

Too much!

How long have you been at Merton FC and how did you come to join the club?

This will be my 12th or 13th season at the club - our club secretary Mike Reed will undoubtedly correct me on this and be able to confirm number of appearances, bookings, missed headers etc. Having first joined when I was 18 and on a Gap year – I saw an advert in the local paper and went down! The rest is history!

Can you remember your first match?

Certainly can - as a brand new 1st XI team we unexpectedly won 2-1 at home against South Bank - and I missed one absolute sitter.

What is the highlight of your footballing career so far?

Hmmmm - winning the Algarve trophy in Portugal with Merton FC – I was injured for the whole tour - but had a cracking time. We attributed our tournament victory largely down to our strict obedience of the agreed night time curfews!!

What do you do when you're not playing or organising football? Do you have any other hobbies?

I play and watch all other sports with a round shape ball - Its tough fitting them all in.

At a time when professional footballers are very much under the public microscope, what do you think are the biggest challenges facing the game at the top level?

I think the Olympics have actually put things into perspective and helped highlight some of the major issues! Them being: the behaviour on and off the pitch of these supposed role model professionals - and the love of the game - as football seems to be moving further and further away from a game and more to a business where TV, Clubs and players are more commercially

mindful - than actually passionate about their results. I mean how can you re-name a historic ground like St. James Park as The Sports Direct Arena!

And what about the SAL? What do you think our challenges are?

Well it's not goal line technology and sock tape! Infiltrating young players into the club sides is certainly something that I know the committee are keen to promote and I agree - And one for amateur football in general - I believe overly dangerous tackles should be dealt with as vociferously as they are in top flight football.

Anything to add?

The SAL and Merton FC have provided me with an incredibly enjoyable football career to date - built on good football, hospitality, atmosphere and club members new and old. For that I am very grateful - and long may it continue.

Thanks, Alex – it's good to see someone putting something back in return for the years of enjoyment they've had.

International Break

Key facts

ASD La Fenice

Mogliano, Veneto, Italy

Founded 2006

Treviso Amateur League
(Lega Amatori Treviso),
Serie A

Website (Italian):

asdlafenice.blogspot.co.uk



ASD La Fenice (red) line-up with Civil Service after the two sides met on 23 September

The European club season began in earnest last month with an Anglo-Italian goal-fest taking place in west London. You may be forgiven for thinking of Chelsea's 2-2 draw with Juventus at Stamford Bridge but that was just a warm up show.

On Sunday 23 September Civil Service played host to Italian side A.S.D. La Fenice who hail from Mogliano, near Venice in north-east Italy where they play in the Treviso Amateur League, Serie A.

'The Phoenix', as the name translates, are looking to push for championship honours this season when they kick-off their season on 8 October at home to G.C.A Santa Bona after a 7th place finish last season. The match against Civil Service was just what the doctor ordered to get them raring to go.

Club Secretary Stefano Mognato originally got in touch with the SAL via Andy Copeland in January to find a club to visit before popping over to take in a game in February. The weather played its hand that day as the only ground in the AFA which beat the snow was Civil Service at Chiswick so the

players made their way there.

A home win and several beers later they had made friends with the Civil Service hierarchy and had set about planning a visit to test their mettle against one of the SAL's oldest and finest clubs.

The match itself saw nine goals as a Civil Service XI representing a cross-section of the club stormed into a 5-0 lead before the visitors pulled a goal back before half time.

The second half was more even with Fenice coming out 2-1 to the good to complete a 6-3 win for Civil who have been invited for a return match at the end of the season.

"We were helped in part by some of their lads being a little hung over much to the annoyance of their manager" said CSFC Secretary Jim Kellett. "However, the game was

played in an excellent spirit, and we have been invited to Italy to play them in a return game. We have yet to decide if away goals will count double. According to Fenice's website the match may take place in May where the team swear they will take revenge for their defeat, hoping also to remain sober for the event.

While Civil Service will be celebrating their 150th anniversary next year Fenice were only formed as recently as 2006. Originally formed to represent a local restaurant, the club have succeeded in climbing their local league where they play in the top division.

Civil will be quietly confident of securing the aggregate win in the return although it is likely they will see that as secondary to securing yet another overseas friend.



Bob Leeds

Key facts

Club: Old Finchleians

Position: Centre Midfield

AFA role: Football Development Officer

SAL role: Representative Team manager

Club role: Drinker, Codger, Critic



Bob Leeds is well known in SAL and AFA circles having taken Old Finchleians to AFA Cup glory in his years as the 1st XI manager before taking over both the SAL and AFA representative teams. He led the SAL to glory in the FA National League System Cup victory in 2008 followed my leading the team out as 'England D' in the UEFA Regions Cup in Italy later the same year.

As a day job Bob is the Football Development Officer for the AFA and he is also the Secretary of the Old Boys Cup competition. When he isn't doing football-related stuff he is asleep.

Bob, thank you for agreeing to be interviewed. To start with, can you tell me how long you have been involved with Old Finchleians?

Since about 1980, prior to that I played AFA football for 10 years in the London Banks League for my employers, Standard Chartered Bank. When I left the bank to join a

Money Broking Company, I wanted to continue to play in AFA football, luckily my new boss, Alan Nicholls was 1st team captain at OFs and he invited me to join him at Southover (although not in the 1st team I hasten to add!)

Can you tell us about your first ever game for the club?

It was at Southover on the top pitch against Old Monovians, in the Southern Olympian League. I played up front with Peter Moody, who is the clubs all time leading goalscorer, we won, he scored. I didn't.

What has been the highlight of your footballing career?

As a player? A hat trick of headers against Williams & Glyn's at the Wilderness in about 1978.

As a coach winning The Rural Friendly League Cup with Potters Bar United Under 12s has given me the most satisfaction.

When did you first get involved in club administration and how did that come about?

I was captain of the Banks team and had to attend committee meetings, I attended an AGM of the LBFA in about 1972 and was talked into joining their committee after a few jars in the 'Square Rigger' on London Bridge as they wanted some younger members.

Also on that committee was Barry Pollentine and Del Saunders. According to Del, I never spoke a word at meetings for two years!

How long have you been involved with the AFA and in what capacity?

I joined the AFA Council in 2000 as the Old Boys Cup representative. I started working at the AFA in 2004. The Football Development Officer – John Bayer – asked me to help run the U16 and U18 youth teams and I became his assistant working part time. When John moved on to work at Arsenal ladies, I took over the job as FDO full time.

You have put a lot of work into helping clubs attain Charter Status which is great news for the SAL as it means the league can proceed in its bid to become a Charter Standard League. Why is it so important to get clubs on board with this, and for the League?

The Charter Standard status is a kite mark for good practice and the more teams that sign up to the ethos, the better the football experience will be for all concerned in AFA football, players, coaches, supporters, volunteers and referees.

I am passionate about football in the AFA and although we have mainly been discussing on the 'good old days' I am very conscious that the grassroots football landscape is constantly changing and that clubs, county FAs and in particular leagues have got to move with the times and adapt to suit the participants.

This inevitably means change and for some that is difficult, but we are losing teams year on year and something has to be done to stop the rot. We can't continue to use a template used since the 60s and expect it to be efficient and workable today.

A major problem facing all clubs is the recruitment of volunteers, and I think a fresh approach is needed in order to engage the younger generation.

Things are changing slowly and I really believe that the roll on roll off substitute's initiative will have a positive effect on our football, especially lower down the teams.

This summer just gone you were a Games Maker at the London 2012 Games. What made you decide to volunteer for that?



Bob giving orders at the 2008 UEFA Regions Cup in Italy

I simply wanted to be a part of the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and this was the best way, seeing as I can't run, jump, throw, cycle, swim, row, box or ride a horse to a decent standard.

I am glad I did it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life

Where were you working and what were you doing?

I was based at ExCel driving clients to and from venues. The clients were mainly VIPs, Sports Ministers, Sponsors and media. I went to every Olympic & Paralympics venue used in the 2012 games with the exception of Weymouth.

What was the highlight of your experience as a Games Maker?

Driving in the Games lanes during rush hour waving at all the black cab drivers

Did you attend any of the events yourself? If so, what, and what were your thoughts?

At the Olympics, I saw a bit of kayaking and some Taekwondo, but the highlight for me was being in the stadium on 'Thriller Thursday' seeing Hurricane Hannah, Johnnie P

and the Weirwolf win Gold medals,. Simply the biggest, noisiest and most emotional sporting occasion I have ever attended.

The Olympics and Paralympics were a great success, but I knew that they would be, no one does these things as good as the British.

Some people question football's place in the Olympics. What do you think about it? (i.e. do you think it should be in or out, or in under a different format such as the National Game XI etc, etc) I strongly believe that Football does not belong at the Olympics.

I feel that if the Olympics is the pinnacle of the sport as it is in Athletics, Gymnastics, amateur boxing, swimming etc then it has a place.



BOB LEEDS: GAMES MAKER

Wilson's School Day

Old Wilsonians

Website: football.oldwilsonians.com

Twitter: [@oldwilsonians](https://twitter.com/oldwilsonians)

YouTube: [OWFCtv](https://www.youtube.com/OWFCtv)



The 1st XI line-up before teaching the boys a thing or two

A report of the annual school day from club chairman Stuart Paton.

Old Wilsonians hosted the annual games against Wilson's School on 22 September 2012 on a glorious sunny autumn afternoon at the club's ground in Hayes, Kent.

Wilson's School was founded in 1615 by Edward Wilson based in the then 'hamlet' village of Camberwell, South London and received royal assent to be a grammar school. The original

school motto '*Non Sibi Sed Omnibus*' (*Not for one but for all*) still remains and reflects the philosophy of the school and old boys association.

The school moved to a site in Wallington, Surrey on the old Croydon Airport in the 1970's, consist of 150 boys per year group and has an enviable record of academic and sporting achievements. Whilst OWFC was formed in 1888 (we celebrate our 125th anniversary in 2013) the

annual school games actually began in 1885 when the Old Boys 'thrashed' the Boys 7-0.

Fast forward to this year which saw OWFC for the first time in recent history with top three sides in the respective top divisions of the SAL. The club has a young, progressive committee who are determined to continue the clubs tradition of providing football for all old boys, sons of old boys, teachers and pupils of the school regardless of ability.

This philosophy creates a unique atmosphere as friendships and school associations are renewed each Saturday across nine XI's alongside a number of non-old boys who are also welcome to play.

Of course, our 'football for all' policy means as well as the 1's towards the top of the SAL pyramid, our 9th XI provide the foundations in Minor Division 6. Despite finishing bottom last year our erstwhile 9th XI skipper pointed out on *OWFCtv* that the team were actually 'promoted' from Division 7 last year!



The School 1st XI

Wilson's School

Founded: 1615

Site: Wallington, Surrey

Website: wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk



The original school at Camberley

We currently have six teachers including the senior PE staff who regularly play, with Andy Parkinson the player/manager of our 1's so the annual School games are always competitive as boys wish to give their teachers a 'footballing lesson'.

Four games were held with honours remaining even this year, the 1's fielded a strong side whilst the School 1's also had two boys who have featured in 1st XI games this

year, indeed two of them played in the recent hard fought last minute win at Nottsborough.

The 1st XI ran out 5-0 winners though the game was more even than the score line. The 2nd XI playing their respective team in a cracking game with the School pulling back a two goal deficit in the last ten minutes and the game was decided on penalties (more later).

The 5th XI played the School 3's and it was the boys whose young legs ran the show winning comfortably 4-1. These type of games enable us to accurately gauge the right level for boys who occasionally play during the season ensuring our sectional strength is correct at all times.

Lastly the 7th XI hosted the School 4's and whilst the game was fiercely competitive both sides missed a host of chances and the game finished in an honourable and entertaining 1-1 draw.

So, honours were even with the School winning one game, the old boys one and two draws, there was only one way to settle matters: not, as Harry Hill might say, 'fight' but – a penalty shoot out!

The 2nd XI's obliged and the day's ultimate bragging rights were settled with the 5th penalty kick as the boys emerged victorious to spend the rest of the season reminding their teachers of the footballing lesson. (Footage on *OWFCtv* – You tube).



Wilson's School, Wallington, on the site of the former Croydon Airport

Of course the day forges even closer bonds with the school and showcases OWFC's excellent facilities to them with traditional after match 'games' and frivolity. Our current President, Lou Barry with over 1000 appearances for OWFC and club captain Richard Smart made a number of presentations to the School sides' captains.

With 95% of Schoolboys going on to University this annual event 'captures' the future of the club and with our current dynamic social media strategy on [Twitter](#), [OWFCtv on YouTube](#) and the [OWFC website](#) we remain in constant touch through university years. This ensures the Boys remain engaged and seamlessly become old boys on graduating so the club can consolidate for the future as an integral member of the SAL at all levels in this prestigious amateur football 'family'.

Stuart Paton



Old Wilsonians 5th XI (above) were matched by the School 3rd XI (below)



Old Wilsonians 7th took on the School 5th XI

Around the Clubs



Senior Section

Division 1

Fresh from their Greenland Cup win, Winchmore Hill started the season with a bang by thrashing West Wickham 5-0, following up with further wins over Alleyn Old Boys and Civil Service to set the early pace. Joining them at the top are Old Wilsonians who have also have a 100% record, quickly followed by Old Owens and Old Parkonians - both enjoying a good start and still unbeaten. Last season's winners Old Salesians were held to a goalless draw on the opening day by Old Owens. The dominant force of Nottsborough have had a tough start, picking up 1 point from their first two fixtures although it must be noted they faced the top two sides from last season. At the foot of the table, EBOG, Broomfield plus the promoted duo Civil Service and Alleyn Old Boys have yet to register a win and all hope for fortunes to pick up otherwise it could be a long winter.

In the cups, all 11 top flight teams in action have safely negotiated any potential banana skins, with a lot of big wins to report, the pick of them a 9-0 thrashing of Glyn Old Boys by Old Salesians in the Old Boys Cup.

Division 2

Crouch End Vampires are the early leaders of Division 2, picking up maximum points from their 3 league matches in Sept. Polytechic trail the North Londoners, taking 7 from 9 as they seek to make an instant return to the top flight. The other relegated team - Norsemen - have had an indifferent start, winning one and losing one so far. The two promoted teams from Div 3 - HSBC and Alexandra Park - have made a successful return to the 2nd tier and occupy top 4 places respectively. Old Esthameians and Merton are still winless however remain off the bottom, that accolade belongs to Carshalton who have lost their first 4 league matches.

Most of the Division 2 sides progressed to the next round of cup

matches, with 2 sides exiting early. BB Eagles took a heavy beating from local rivals Civil Service in the AFA Middlesex/Essex Cup 1st Round. Old Esthameians belied their poor league start by taking their opponents, Old Owens, to extra time in the Old Boys Cup Preliminary Round, eventually losing 2-1.

Division 3

Old Garchonians were making their debut in SAL competition this season and what a debut it has been. 4 wins and 26 goals have been empathetically plundered to leave all in no doubt they are the team to beat. In 2nd place are Lloyds TSB who remain unbeaten, closely followed by South Bank Cuaco, Bank of England and Weirside Rangers. Old Westminster Citizens also tasted their 1st league win in over a season after last year's winless campaign in

Division 2. Southgate Olympic and Kew Association have both sought re-election in the last 2 seasons and it looks likely these teams will be fighting to avoid an unwanted treble this year too as both remain pointless suffering heavy defeats in the process.

Not too much cup action to report in Division 3, Old Westminster Citizens surprisingly went down 6-3 at home to Old Wokingians in the AFA Surrey/Kent Cup. In the same competition, South Bank Cuaco were thumped by Nottsborough and Lloyds TSB edged out fellow Div 3 side Ibis.

Intermediate Section

Reigning champions Nottsborough 2nd XI have started the season in imperious form, showing they are once again the team to beat in Reserve football. Old Salesians 2nd XI look like they will be one of Nottsborough's closest challengers in 2nd place. In the AFA Cup, Old Wilsonians 2nd XI were the biggest casualties, slipping to a penalty shoot-out defeat to Wandsworth Borough 1st XI.

In Div 2, Alexandra Park 2nd XI are the early front runners, notching up 8 pts from a possible 12. 3 sides remain pointless in the division and prop up the rest - Old Stationers 2nd XI, Weirside Rangers 2nd XI and Lloyds TSB 2nd XI. Bank of England 2nd XI and Weirside Rangers 2nd were the unfortunate teams not able to make it beyond the 1st round stage of the AFA Cup this season, both suffering narrow defeats to AFC opponents.

Div 3 saw the introduction of two new teams to SAL football with

contrasting fortunes. Old Blues 1st XI have been at the wrong end of 3 narrow defeats, however fellow debutants Old Garchonians 2nd XI have begun life with a 100% record. A number of sides have tumbled out of the AFA Cup at the first stage – Old Latymerians, Kew Association, Ibis, Old Lyonians, Old Blues 1st, HSBC, Old Finchleians and Southgate Olympic.

Junior Section

At the risk of repeating myself, reigning champions Nottsborough lead the way in the 3rd XI Section with a 100% record. Expected challengers Winchmore Hill, West Wickham and Old Owens have all started indifferently, summed up by the latter team's surprise AFA Cup exit in the 1st Round. They weren't the only teams to exit the AFA Cup however – EBOG and Old Parkonians also had their AFA Cup dreams extinguished for another year.

Looking to improve their 4th place finish from last year, BB Eagles have flown out of the traps in Div 2, picking up 3 wins out of 3 to go top. Kew Association remain the only team without a point although 2nd bottom Weirside Rangers won't feel much better following their 15–0 shellacking to 2nd placed Broomfield. Kew Association and Crouch End Vampires were the only Div 2 teams not to make into the next round of the AFA Cup.

Mirroring Intermediate Div 3, new boys Old Garchonians 3rd XI have started the season well and remain unbeaten, unlike Old Blues 2nd XI who are still to register a point. HSBC lead the way however with 7 points from their 3 league matches. Most Div 3 teams had a bye to the AFA Cup 2nd Round, however Southgate Olympic were on the wrong end of a 8–1 defeat to Old Edmontonians 3rd. Old Blues picked up the club's first positive result of the season, seeing off fellow Div 3 opponents South Bank Cuaco on penalties.

Minor Section

The two Old Owens teams (4th and 5th XI) have made a great start to their respective Minor Div 1 seasons, and both remain unbeaten, as are the early leaders Old Actonians 4th XI. Not too much cup action to report although Old Parkonians 4th XI and Norsemen 4th XI both exited early from the AFA Minor Cup.

Into Minor Div 2 North and the pacesetters are Old Stationers 4th XI, picking up maximum points from their 3 league matches. At the other end, Crouch End Vampires 4th XI and Winchmore Hill 6th XI remain the only teams without a point to their name. Last season's runners-up – EBOG 4th XI – have made a slow start to their campaign and are currently are mid-table.

Crouch End Vampires 5th XI have been in impressive form following their promotion from Div 4 North, leading the way in Minor Div 3 North with a 100% record. Broomfield 5th XI have matched them every step of the way though and sit joint top with their fellow North London counterparts.

After last year's relegation escape, Old Owens 7th XI have started this season in fine form, racking up 3 wins from 3 to top Minor Div 4 North. They are closely followed by unbeaten Old Parkonians 7th XI and Alexandra Park 6th XI. Runaway Div 5 North winners have struggled to adjust to the higher division however, losing all of their opening matches so far.

Broomfield 6th XI are the early table toppers in Minor Div 5 North and are one of 4 teams on 6 pts – the others being Old Finchleians 7th XI, Old Parkonians 9th XI and Crouch End Vampires 6th XI. The two Alexandra Park teams (7th and 8th XIs) are yet to register a point yet and currently prop up the division.

The opening month in Minor Div 2 South sees West Wickham 4th XI begin October sitting pretty at the top, followed by the only other 100 percenters BB Eagles 5th XI – last year's runners-up. After narrowly missing out on relegation last term, HSBC 4th XI are set for another season of season, following 3 defeats from 3.

Old Actonians 6th XI have stormed into an early leader in Div 3 South with 3 wins from their 3 games. Alleyn Old Boys 4th XI look like they will challenge once again after last year's mid-table finish and they are nicely placed in 2nd place. The same cannot be said for Alleyn Old Boys 5th XI who occupy last place after 3 opening losses.

Into Div 4 South and there were contrasting fortunes for two of the promoted sides from Div 5 South – Merton 5th XI sit top with maximum points whereas West Wickham 6th XI are joint bottom with nil return from their matches so far. It's not all doom for the men from Kent – their 5th XI are level pegging with Merton at the top.

Old Wilsonians have made a barn-storming start to Div 5 South with a 9pt haul from their 3 matches. There haven't been too many games played so far however one side has made an ignominious start – Old Actonians 8th XI have lost their opening two fixtures 8–1 and 14–2. Hopefully things will improve soon for the West Londoners.

Merton 6th XI belied their lowly finish last season to start this year with a bang, leading the way with 3 wins from 3. It's been a fairly lop-sided start to the campaign in Div 6 South, with some sides playing 3 games whilst others have yet to play at all. Only one cup result to report and it was certainly an eyebrow raiser – Old Wilsonians 9th XI were humbled by Shene Old Grammarians 4th XI 16–0 in the LOB Cup to end their interest in that tournament for another season.

Club Circular

The following items are taken from the monthly circular which goes to Club Secretaries.

Friendly Teams

On a more positive note, I can report there are a few clubs who have experienced an increase in numbers, so much so they have raised an additional side:

- Old Lyonians 5th XI
- Old Salesians 5th XI
- West Wickham 7th XI
- Crouch End Vampires 8th XI

Although none of these teams are participating in SAL competition this season, all are available for friendly fixtures over the course of the season. Please get in touch with the respective club match secretary should you wish to arrange a friendly against them.

SAL Rep Team

After last's season heroics, the SAL Rep Team kicked off their campaign season in more subdued fashion, falling to a 1-0 defeat to Old Salesians in the annual Stuart Hyde Cup. A goal from Nick Haynes was good enough to secure the trophy for

last season's SAL Champions as they add yet more silverware to the trophy cabinet - remarkably this is Old Salesians' 4th trophy in under 18 months.

Next up for the SAL Rep team is the eagerly awaited clash against rivals the AFC in the Steve Langley Cup on 21st Nov at Potters Bar Town FC. Further matches are scheduled against Cambridge University and also the Arthurian League.

Repeat Substitutions

15th September saw the Minor Section start its season and - fingers crossed - no major dramas so far regarding the introduction of repeat subs.

That said we ask all teams to keep up the good work by producing their teamsheets in a timely fashion to the match official before the match. We also ask all clubs to keep records of player appearances.

The SAL will have to collate participation figures to send to the AFA at the end of the season and it would greatly assist the committee in assessing whether this trial has had a material affect if you could do this.

Pitchside Conduct

I would like to remind all clubs that they are responsible for the conduct of their supporters and also to ensure the safety of players and match officials alike when taking part in a football match. We respectfully ask clubs to rope or cone off 1st XI pitchsides wherever possible. This will greatly assist the linesmen who often struggle to see (no sniggering there) whether the ball is out of play due to the amount of spectators standing on the line. Furthermore standing on the line also obstructs linesmen as they operate up and down the touchline assisting the man in the middle.

Jose Figura

And finally, a great news story to share with you courtesy of the *Iford Recorder*. Winchmore Hill's Jose Figura is heading to Barcelona to test his football skills against some of the world's best young players after winning the UK-edition of a worldwide competition.

Jose beat off competition to be one of just three players chosen to represent Britain at the eight-day final of The Chance, organised by Nike. After impressing Nike scouts at his college in May, Jose was invited to attend the national final at Manchester United's Carrington ground last week, where he was selected for the final.



JOSE FIGURA

The SAL representative team which reached the semi-finals of the FA Inter-League Cup last season

Quiz Time



Obviously you can Google to your heart's content but that rather ruins the fun somewhat. See how many of the following questions you can get right before next month's issue reveals the answers.

SAL

1. Name the 3 current SAL clubs never to have appeared in Senior Division 1.
2. Who was the first official 'rolling substitute' in an SAL match?
3. Who were the last SAL team to feature in the FA Vase?
4. Which 2 current SAL member clubs have completed the SAL and AFA Senior Cup 'double'?
5. Which 1st team has been in its current division the longest?
6. Which was the last SAL team to appear in the FA Cup?
7. Who won the first ever AFA Senior Cup?
8. Which former SAL club played its home games on the back field at Norsemen's ground?

Home

1. Name the last Englishman to manage an FA Cup winning team?
2. What is the greatest number of FA Cup ties it is possible to play in single season under the 2012-13 format of the competition?
3. What unique feat in English football did Aston Villa achieve on 10 April 1897?
4. Which club plays its home games at Highbury Stadium?
5. Which Third Division team completed a league and cup 'double' in 1967.
6. Who were the first team to win the English championship on goal-difference, and when did it happen?

Away

1. Which German team entered the European Cup in 1955-56 but did not represent either East or West Germany?
2. Name the only club ever to compete in two European club competitions during the same season.
3. How did Rangers win their Cup Winners Cup tie against Sporting Lisbon in the 1971-72 season despite losing the penalty shoot-out 0-3?
4. List the home nations in order of their FIFA ranking as of September 2012.
5. Which Englishman has won the most European Cups (inc. Champions League)?

General Knowledge

1. Which county do you come from if you are a 'Tyke'?
2. Which three flags make up the Union Flag (aka Union Jack)?
3. What are Hastings, New Romney, Dover, Sandwich and Hythe?
4. What does the term 'Mardi Gras' mean in English?
5. 'Anyone Can Fall In Love' is the theme tune to which soap opera?
6. Which fruit was previously known as a Chinese gooseberry?
7. What is John Ronald Reuel's surname?
8. What happened to the Tokyo Olympics?
9. What is a 'title'?
10. What do Egypt, Lebanon, Sudan, Syrian and the UK have in common?

Beer

Name the country for each brand:

1. Red Stripe
2. Corona
3. Chimay
4. Bavaria
5. Pilsköl
6. Palm
7. Tolstyak (Fat Man)
8. Brahma

Identikit

Identify the following London clubs:



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A.F.A. Update



Rep Teams

Seniors • Under 18 • Under 16

The AFA representative teams began their season this week with the Under 16s suffering a narrow defeat to Kent at Enfield Town on Sunday. Winchmore Hill's Alex Brennan scored the AFA's goal in a 1-2 defeat to a strong Kent side who are regular favourites to win the competition.

On Wednesday, 3 October the Seniors opened their account with a 1-1 draw against Oxford University at Uxbridge F.C. Oxford scored on the hour and looked in control until Old Owens' Liam Roche equalised with a headed goal three minutes from time.

This is followed next week by a match against Cambridge University at Potters Bar Town F.C. The full fixture lists are shown here. Please check the [AFA website](http://www.amateur-fa.com) for up to date details of all matches.



Seniors 2012-13

10-Oct v Cambridge University
7.30pm at Potters Bar Town F.C.

07-Nov v Sussex FA
7.30pm at Lancing F.C.

14-Nov v Royal Navy FA
7.30pm at Corinthian-Casuals F.C.

16-Jan v Army FA
7.30pm at Hanwell Town F.C.

06-Feb v Royal Air Force FA
7.30pm at Dulwich Hamlet F.C.

27-Feb v Middlesex FA
7.30pm at Hanwell Town F.C.

13-Mar v London FA
7.30pm, venue to be confirmed

Under 18s 2012-13

28-Oct v Sussex FA
1.00pm at Colney Heath F.C.

On or before 20 November
FA County Youth Cup (Round 2)

09-Dec v Royal Navy FA
1.00pm at Colney Heath F.C.

20-Jan v Kent FA
1.00pm at Corinthian F.C.

17-Feb v Middlesex FA
1.00pm, venue to be confirmed

10-Mar v London FA
1.00pm at A.F.C. Hornchurch

Under 16s 2012-13

18-Nov v Middlesex FA
1.00pm at Colney Heath F.C.

02-Dec v London FA
1.00pm at A.F.C. Hornchurch

27-Jan v Sussex FA
1.00pm at Colney Heath F.C.

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