

PURPLE PARADOX

**A PERSIFLAGE OF THE
WINCHMORE HILL
FOOTBALL CLUB**

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Editorial

This could be considered as a bumper bundle with two editions in one, due to a combination of laziness and other pressures. However, the high standard of previous seasons has been well carried out to the last two when four championships and one cup have been gained, and the lowest position in any league was seventh. There have been two Easter tours, two five-a-sides and two club suppers, one in the usual venue and the other to celebrate the Golden Jubilee at the Press Club. As far as the much maligned rota is concerned, we have had a season when the rota did not apply above the fifth team and a season where it applied, including the Reserves, without proving the advantages of one view or the other. It appears from bar conversation that we are in for another session of it at the next A.G.M. when at least we can only hope that some firm decision is made that will give a system a fair trial of at least three years without alteration.

With regard to season 1969/70, as the results will show it was one of the most successful in our history and if only the first team had not been beaten in their last four consecutive home games, their championship could have been won and made it one of the best of all time. However, in Paul Knight's first year of captaining, a very creditable third was obtained. John Hardman in his last season as captain of the reserves steered them to the championship and a vote of thanks must be given to him for the great run he has had with his side and the many manoeuvrings and conjolings that made them into such a well-knit unit. The thirds under Lionel Rogers reached second place, four points behind the leaders; the fourths, with Derek Englefield, finished third and went out in the semi final of the Cup to that very fine side, Civil Service. The glorious fifths under Mick Robbins only failed to win their championship by goal average after a recount, while Charlie Burrett already has the picture of his 6th team champions on the wall. Eric Sturge's seventh finished a very creditable third.

At this time we would like to say how sorry we are that the following people are packing up and thanks for all their efforts in the past - Billy Milne, Brian Felton, Norman Ratcliffe, Lionel Rogers, Laurie (The Cat) Jay, Harold Jackson, Bill Brooks and anyone else whom I may have forgotten.

It has been decided by your Committee that, due to the increase in postage of cards to 5d. and a subsequent likely increase, that it would be fairer to the club finances if our match secretaries contacted you by telephone to tell you your selection. Therefore, a trial period in the month of October has been decided when you will be rung on a Tuesday evening. We trust you will either be able to take the call personally or make sure somebody will be able to pass the message on to you. All messages passed on, however, must be confirmed back to the team secretary by yourself. If you are not on the telephone, the normal carding system will still apply. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

First Team report for 1968-69 - Captain Derek Crotty.

From February onwards we had a great run of six games without loss but defeats by Westminster Bank and West Wickham in the last games of the season meant that we only finished third instead of the runners-up position we hoped for behind Civil Service.

Feb.15 Cancelled

Feb.23 Merton H. (F) Won 3-1 Jones, B. Davis

Mar.1 Old Stationers A. (L) Won 2-0 Milton, O.G.

Mar.8 Alleyn O.B. A. (L) Won 2-1 B. Davis, Jones

Mar.15 Barclays Bank A. (F) Won 2-1 Pearman, O.G.

Mar.18 Lloyds Bank H. (L) Won 3-0 Jones, B. Davis, Fanoni

Mar.22 Norsemen H. (L) Won 2-1 B. Davis

Mar.26 Civil Service H. (L) Won 1-0 B. Davis

Mar.29 Alleyn O.B. H. (L) Won 3-0 B. Davis, Jones, Milton

Apr.12 Finchley All Blacks A. (F) Drew 0-0

Apr.16 Westminster Bank A. (L) Lost 0-3

Apr.22 West Wickham A. (L) Lost 0-1

	Home													
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	
L	22	9	1	1	27	8	4	1	6	15	24	28	3	
C	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	4			
F	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	2	1			

League			Cup		Friendly	
B. Davis	12	Knight 3	B. Davis	1	B. Davis	1
Milton	8	McWilliam 2	Fanoni	1	Stainsby	1
Jones	6	Crotty 2	B. Davies		Pearman	1
Grainger	4	O.G. 1			Jones	1
Fanoni	4				O.G.	1

Reserves report for 1968-69 - Captain John Hardman

Despite keeping us on tenderhooks by only obtaining three points from their last eight, earlier season performances were more than good enough to win the league and so we now have all seven sides in the senior sections of their respective leagues.

Reserves

Feb.15. Broomfield H.(L) Won 2-0 Matthews 2

Feb.23 Ibis A.(L) Won 5-0 Matthews, Saunders, Tait, B. Davies, Jackson.

Mar.1 Old West.Cits. H.(L) Won 4-0 B. Davies 2, Matthews, Ward

Mar 8 Carshalton Won A.(L) 3-0 Matthews, Sweeney, Jackson

Mar.15 Alexandra Park H.(L) Won 3-0 Smith 2, Jackson

Mar.19 Old Parks. H.(L) Won 5-0 Matthews 3, Jackson, Ward

Mar.22 Catford A.(L) Drew 0-0

Mar.29 Alexandra Park A.(L) Lost 1-2 Jackson

April 10 Crouch End.V.A. (L) Lost 0-3

April 19 West Wickham A. (L) Won 2-0 Jackson, O.G.

	Home						Away					Pts	Pos.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
L	22	10	1	0	38	7	7	2	2	27	8	37	1
C	3	1	0	1	5	5	1	0	0	3	1		
F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	3		

League

Matthews 21	Smith 3
Jackson 10	B. Davies 3
Saunders 9	Day 2
Burfield 5	Sweeney 1
McWilliam 5	Tait 1
Ward 3	Jones 1
	O.G. 1

Cup

Matthews 2
Day 2
Fanoni 1
Hulme 1
Jackson 1
Saunders 1

Third team report for 1968-69 - Captain John Howarth

A somewhat inauspicious season for the thirds, finishing sixth in the table, the side very often being used to promote young players through the elevens.

Third Eleven

Feb.15 Barclays Drew (L) A. 1-1 Fisk
 Feb.22 Midland Won (L) H. 1-0 Burfield
 Mar.1 Cuaco lost (L) H. 1-2 McWilliam
 Mar.8 Southampton Univ. Won (F) H.4-2 Fisk, Day, Salt,
 O.G.
 Mar.15 Westminster Won (L) A. 3-2 J. Potter 2, Day
 Mar.13 Norsemen Lost (L) H. 1-3 Howarth
 Mar.22 Old Stationers Won (L) H. 6-0 Scott 3, J. Potter 2,
 Day
 Mar.26 Norsemen Lost (L) A. 0-2
 Mar.29 Carshalton Won (L) H. 4-1 Day 2, Fisk, Howarth
 April 5 Old Stationers Drew (L) A. 2-2 Rhodes-Hole, Avent
 April 12 Crouch End Vamps. Lost (L) A. 0-2

	<u>Home</u>						<u>Away</u>					Pts.	Pos.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
L	20	7	0	3	30	19	1	2	7	14	19	18	6
C	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	4		
F	4	2	0	0	7	5	1	1	0	2	1		

<u>League</u>			<u>Cup</u>			<u>Friendly</u>		
Walsh 7	Stainsby 1		Stainsby 6			Fisk 1		
Fisk 7	Day 4		B.C. Pearce 2			Day 1		
Jones 3	Potter J. 4		Fisk 1			Salt 1		
Burfield 3	Scott 3		Rogers 1			Coburn 1		
Hulme 3	Tattershall 1		Presser 1			Tattershall 1		
B.C. Pearce 2	Presser 1		Clifton 1			O.G. 1		
Howarth 3	Avant 1		Jones 1					
McWilliam 1	Rhodes-Hole 1							

Fourth Team report for 1968-69. Captain Sid Stainsby
 Finished seventh but nobody was bothering too much about that
 because they won the second only A.F.A. cup when they brought
 the Novets cup back to the club. A fine win against Leicester
 University in the semi-final, and a fine 3-0 win against
 Barclays in the final itself brought the cup home. No more
 need be said - Sid said it all.

Feb.15 Winchmore Hill 5th A.(C) Won 6-1 Walsh 3, Stainsby, Potter, O.G.

Feb.22 Cancelled

Mar.1 Alleyn O.B. H.(L) Won 1-0 Daniels

Mar.8 Leicester Univ. Cup semi-final Won 3-0 Stainsby 2, Walsh

Mar.15 Southampton Univ. Cancelled

Mar.18 Norsesmen H. (L) Lost 0-2

Mar.22 Midland A.(L) Lost 2-5 Stainsby, Tattershall

Mar.25 Old Stationers H.(L) Won 3-2 Stainsby 3

Mar.27 Midland H.(L) Lost 1-3 Daniels

Mar.29 Barclays Cup Final Won 3-0 Potter J.2, Tattershall

Apr.1 Norsesmen A. (L) Won 4-0 Stainsby 2, Daniels 2

Apr.10 Old Stationers A.(L) Lost 0-2

Apr.12 Olympic A.(L) Drew 0-0

L	P	Home					W	D	Away			Pts.	Pos.
		W	D	L	F	A			L	F	A		
L	18	4	1	4	16	17	2	2	5	10	24	15	7
C	7	3	0	0	15	2	4	0	0	18	2	Cup winners	
F	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	6	3		

League
Stainsby 10, Daniels 5,
Tattershall 3, Wildman 2,
B. Pearce 1, Walsh 1,
Parker 1, Rhodes-Hole 1.

Cup
Walsh 9
Stainsby 8
Potter J.3
Metson 3
Clifton 2
Daniels 2
B.C. Pearce 2
B. Pearce 1
Tattershall 2
O.G. 1

Friendly
Tattershall 2
Stainsby 1
B. Pearce 1
R. Smith 1
Daniels 1
Sears 1
Dickman 1
Boaz 1

Fifth Team report for 1968-69 - Captain Brian Felton.

With a run of five successive wins at the end of the season, the side pushed itself up to second and just failed to snatch the championship. In fact, the three losses in November cost them dearly as it is the whole season, alas, that counts.

Feb.15 Winchmore Hill 4th H.(C) Lost 1-6 Metson

Mar.1 Westminster A.(L) Drew 3-3 Metson, Lindsey, O.G.

Mar.8 Old Uffingtonians A.(F) Won 3-0 Lindsey, Goodwin, Clifton

Mar.15 Carshalton H.(L) Won 3-2 Lindsey 2, Dickman

Mar.17 Poly. H.(L) Lost 2-3 Lindsey, Rhodes-Hole.

Mar.19 Norsesmen H. (L) Drew 2-2 Lindsey, O'Conner

Mar.22 Midland H.(L) Lost 0-2

Mar.26 Nat.Prov.H. (L) Won 5-1 Lindsey 2, Goodwin 2, Rhodes-Hole

Apr.1 Norsesmen A. (L) Won 4-0 Lindsey 2, Metson 2, Milne

Apr.5 Old Stationers A.(L) Won 1-0 Milne

Apr.19 Carshalton A.(L) Won 4-0 Haslam 2, Metson, Potter J.

Apr.26 Crouch End V. A.(L) Won 6-0 Potter J.3, Haslam, Salt
Rhodes-Hole.

L. C. F. Home.														
L C F	<u>Home</u>						<u>Away</u>						Pts.	Pos.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
	22	8	1	2	42	14	5	2	4	29	24			
	5	1	1	1	9	11	2	0	0	13	3			
	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0			

<u>League</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Friendly</u>
Lindsey 23 Goodwin 6, O'Connor 5	Lindsey 7 Sears 1	Lindsey 1
Clifton 5 Metson 5 Potter J. 4	Metson 5 Watkins 1	Goodwin 1
Walsh 4 Haslam 3 Rhodes-Hole 3	Prior 3	Clifton 1
Watkins 3 Prior 3 Dickman 1	Felton 2	
Salt 1 Milne 1 Davis G. 1 Fisk 1	Greeves 2	
Mackrill 1 O.G. 2	Mackrill 1	

Sixth Team report for 1968-69 - Captain Charlie Burrett.

By the end of the season Charlie had welded a team of new youngsters and veterans to a side that was going to get its picture on the wall of the club. They just failed to achieve this by being beaten by Polytechnic into second place.

Feb. 5 Old Stationers H. (L) Won 3-0 Sturge 2, Bailey

Mar. 1 Norsesmen H. (L) Won 2-1 Mackrill, Greeves

Mar. 8 Nat. Prov. A. (L) Won 3-1 Mackrill 2, Greeves

Mar. 15 Polytechnic H. (L) Lost 0-2

Mar. 22 Midland H. (L) Won 4-1 Coburn 3, Wildman

Mar. 29 Pearl Assur. H. (F) Lost 1-2 Coburn

Apr. 19 West Wickham A. (L) Won 3-0 Day 2, Greeves.

	<u>Home</u>						<u>Away</u>					Pts.	Pos.
	P.	W.	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
L	14	5	1	1	25	13	4	1	2	21	16	20	2
	8	3	0	2	15	8	0	1	2	7	3		

<u>League</u>	<u>Friendly</u>
Greeves 9	Turner 4
Mackrill 7	Levett 3
Bailey 6	Greeves 2
Lindsey 4	Potter M. 2
Coburn 3	O'Connor 2
Glennister 3	Davis G. 2
Campbell 2	Reynolds 1
Hollingsworth 2	Dredge 1
Day 2	Rapacioli 1
Sturge 2	Campbell 1
Davis G. 1	Mackrill 1
Rapacioli 1	Botterill 1
Goodwin 1	Coburn 1
O'Connor 1	O.G. 1
Wildman 1	
O.G. 1	

Seventh Team report for 1968-69 - Captain Eric Sturge.

Their first season in the league and finished fifth which was an extremely good effort against strong opposition in this section. They certainly were not goal shy finishing with seventy seven goals in their opponents' net in twenty games.

Feb.15. Cancelled
 Feb.22. Midland H.(L) Won 4-2 Goodwin 2, O'Connor, Coburn
 Mar.1 Cuaco A.(L) Lost 1-11 Hollingsworth
 Mar.8 Boro.Poly. H.(L) Drew 2-2 Sturge, Botterill
 Mar.15. Polytechnic H.(L) Lost 2-3 Wynn 2
 Mar.22. Ibis A.(L) Lost 0-4
 Mar.29. Midland H.(F) Won 7-0 Coburn 3, Wynn 2, Lindsey 2
 Apr. 1 Norsenen A. (L) Won 7-1 Lindsey 4, Clifton, Miller, Jackoby
 Apr.16. Old Stationers A.(L) Drew 3-3 Coburn 2, Wynn.

	Home						Away					Pts.	Pos.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
L	20	5	1	4	43	22	5	1	4	34	34	22	5
F	2	2	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0		

League

Wynn 10	O.G. 3
Coburn 10	Ronane 2
Goodwin 8	Sturge 2
Rapacioli 7	Botterill 2
Hollinsworth 7	Glennister 1
O'Connor 6	Stretton 1
Jones 4	James 1
Bacon 4	Doyle 1
Lindsey 4	Clifton 1
	Miller 1
	Jackoby 1

Friendly

Coburn 4
 Wynn 2
 Lindsey 2
 Prior 1

In the past, I have written the last six issues with the great assistance of Tony Smith. In future, Tony is taking over the Paradox with the assistance of myself. Thanking you for your kindnesses, putting up with same and trusting you will give Tony the same sterling support that you have given me -

Ken Parsons.

Sunday section for 1968/69.

This page should have dealt with the progress and details of the Sunday Section but at the time of this issue I received no information. The task of the secretary in getting teams out for a Sunday is not an easy one. Our thanks to John Hardman for his hard work to promote football on Sunday mornings which often attract a modest number of spectators and consequently augment bar funds.

FOOTBALL MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE

Below is a list of future dances for 1970.

October 31st. (Group to be arranged)

November 20th. SHAPES AND SIZES

December 31st. (Group to be arranged)

Your secretary, Aubrey Gleed, was reading new application forms to an enrapt football committee, mentioning the previous clubs that various players had been associated with. As usual there were quite a good crop from the universities and having passed through East Anglia, Exeter and Leeds he finally read out Swansea and exclaimed, 'Oh, good, that is the one we needed for our set'.

During a particularly strenuous game last season, Roger Pearnan tangled rather violently with a member of the opposition who, when the bodies had finally sorted themselves out, began a string of abuse intermingled with four-letter words that would have done credit to a Robbins' volley at its best. Milton, passing by on his way for the resultant free quick asked Pearnan if he could ask the gentleman if it would be possible for him to speak at our dinner later in the year.

Dennis Metson who, rather unkindly and possibly unjustly is referred to by his friends as the tubby hubby, said that he had obtained an isometric wheel to try and combat the slight failing in his physique. Unfortunately, all that he had attained was a ridge down the centre of his stomach.

They tell me this is true, but it does seem rather incredible. Our tane, 9st. 4 lbs, Jin Gallagher cried off one Friday because he had been taken to hospital after arresting a circus dwarf on Paddington Green for being drunk and disorderly, and being bitten by him on the knee-cap. (Well, I suppose it is better than going Christmas shopping with the wife!).

First Team report for 1969-70 - Captain Paul Knight.

Another successful season without reaching the heights that Midland Bank reached to win the league. Five defeats in our last six games, four of them at home, certainly won't win you anything and we finally finished third. However, Paul Knight, following the most difficult task taking over from Derek Crotty, introduced several new young men to the side and will no doubt go to further strengths next season having now found his feet.

Oct. 4. Norsenen H.(L) Lost 1-2 B. Davis.
 Oct.11. Barclays A. (L) Won 1-0 Jones
 Oct.18. Civil Service H.(L) Won 2-1 Grainger, Milton
 Oct.25. Boro Poly.A. (L) Drew 1-1 Grainger
 Nov. 1. Boro Poly.A. (L) Won 7-2 Grainger 4, Davis 3.
 Nov. 8. Broomfield A.(L) Drew 1-1 Davis
 Nov.22. Southampton U.H. (F) Won 4-1 Jones, Ward, Fanoni, Grainger
 Nov.29. Cancelled
 Dec. 6. Westminster Bank H.(L) Won 3-2 Jones, Ward, Fanoni
 Dec.13. Lat.O.B. H(C) Won 3-1 Knight, Fanoni, Davis
 Dec.20. Midland Bank A(L) Won 1-0 Grainger
 Dec.27. Old Parks A.(L) Won 3-2 Ward 2, Jones
 Jan. 3. Norsenen A.(L) Drew 2-2 Fanoni, Jones
 Jan.10. Boro Poly.A.(C) Lost 3-4 Grainger 2, Jones
 Jan.17. Broomfield H.(L) Lost 1-3 Grainger
 Jan.24. Old Lats. A.(L) Drew 1-1 Jones
 Jan.31. Old Lats. H.(L) Won 3-2 Jones, Seenan, Fanoni
 Feb.7. Old Stationers A.(L) Won 1-0 Jones
 Feb.14. Ealing Rovers H.(F) Won 5-0 Seenan 2, Attwood 2, Jones
 Feb.21. Old Parks. H.(L) Won 2-1 Davis, Grainger
 Feb.28. Civil Service A.(L) Won 1-0 O.G.
 Mar. 7. Cancelled
 Mar.14. Barclays H.(L) Lost 1-3 Ward
 Mar.21. Old Stationers H.(L) Lost 1-2 Ward
 Mar.24. Midland H.(L) Lost 0-2
 Apr. 1. West Wickham H.(L) Lost 1-2 Bryan Davies.
 Apr. 4. Westminster Bank A.(L) Won 2-1 Bryan Davies, O.G.
 Apr.18. West Wickham A.(L) Lost 1-2 Crotty.

<u>League</u>		<u>Cup</u>	<u>Friendly</u>
Grainger 9	B.Davies 2	Davis 2	Jones 2
Jones 7	O.G. 2	Grainger 2	Seenan 2
Davis 6	Crotty 1	Fanoni 1	Attwood 2
Ward 5	Milton 1	Knight 1	Grainger 1
Fanoni 3	Seenan 1		Ward 1
			Fanoni 1

Total: Grainger 12, Jones 9, Davis 8.

Reserves report for 1969-70. - Captain John Hardman.

The reserves started off where they left last season with a steady run of wins in both cup and league, finally being beaten by East Barnet Old Grammarians in the quarter final and never quite shaking Broomfield from their heels until virtually the last match of the season when they won 2-0 on their ground, so clinching the championship. This was a really great team effort.

- Oct. 4. Norsenen A. (L) Won 1-0 Jackson
- Oct. 11. Old Westminster Cits. A. (C) Won 1-0 Haslam
- Oct. 18. Polytechnic A. (L) Won 2-1 Jackson, O.G.
- Oct. 25. Cuaco H. (L) Lost 1-2 Hardman
- Nov. 1. Cancelled
- Nov. 8. Inland Revenue A. (C) Won 8-1 Haslam 2, Jackson 2,
Smith, Burfield, Matthews, O.G.
- Nov. 15. Southgate O. A. (L) Won 4-0 Matthews, Burfield, Haslam,
Jackson.
- Nov. 22. Old Stationers A. (L) Drew 1-1 Jackson
- Nov. 29. Cancelled
- Dec. 6. Leyton County O. B. H. (C) Won 1-0 Bryan Davies
- Dec. 13. Westminster Bank A. (L) Won 3-2 Milton 2, Selwood
- Dec. 20. Midland Bank H. (L) Lost 2-3 Selwood, Crotty
- Dec. 27. Alleyn Old Boys H. (L) Won 2-1 Milton, Attwood
- Jan. 3. Norsenen H. (L) Won 3-1 V. Davis, Stainsby, O.G.
- Jan. 10. Cancelled
- Jan. 17. E. B. O. G. A. (C) Lost 2-3 Matthews 2
- Jan. 24. Polytechnic H. (L) Won 3-0 Attwood, Jackson, O.G.
- Jan. 31. Cuaco A. (L) Won 4-0 Johnson 3, Stainsby
- Feb. 7. Old Stationers H. (L) Won 3-0 B. Davis, Bryan Davies,
Stainsby
- Feb. 14. Cancelled
- Feb. 21. Southgate O. H. (L) Lost 0-1
- Feb. 28. Civil Service A. (L) Won 1-0 Hulne
- Mar. 7. Westminster Bank H. (L) Drew 3-3 Hardman, Stainsby,
Shipley.
- Mar. 14. Midland Bank A. (L) Won 3-1 B. Davis 2, Attwood.
- Mar. 21. Old Alleyns. A. (L) Won 4-0 ?
- Mar. 28. Broomfield H. (L) Lost 0-2
- Apr. 4. Barclays H. (L) Won 4-0 Haslam, Attwood, Edney, Stainsby
- Apr. 7. Barclays A. (L) Won 2-0 B. Davis, O.G.
- Apr. 11. Broomfield A. (L) Won 2-0 Attwood 2
- Apr. 18. Civil Service H. (L) Lost 1-2 ?

Home							Away					Pts.	Pos.
P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A		
L 22	5	1	5	22	15		10	1	0	27	5	32	1
C 4	1	0	0	1	0		2	0	1	11	4		

League

Attwood 8 Jackson 5 Stainsby 4 B.Davis 4 O.G.4
Milton 3 Johnson 3 Davies 2 Haslan 2 Hardnan 2
Selwood 2 Matthews 1 Burfield 1 Crotty 1 Shipley 1
Edney 1 Hulne 1

Cup

Matthews 3
Haslan 3 Jackson 2
Snith 1 Davies 1
Burfield 1 O.G. 1

Third Team report for 1969-70 - Captain Lionel Rogers. A disappointing conclusion to the season after early promise which indicated a league winning season. However, two losses in Feb. robbed them of the championship.

Oct. 4. Norsenen H. (L) Lost 1-4 Attwood
Oct. 11. Midland A. (L) Won 1-0 Saunders
Oct. 18. O. Southalls A. (C) Lost 3-4 Stainsby 2, Rogers
Oct. 25. Nat. Prov. A. (L) Won 6-2 Stainsby 2, Attwood, Walsh
Burfield, Saunders
Nov. 1. Crouch End V. H. (L) Won 7-0 Walsh 3, Stainsby 3, Saunders
Nov. 8. Civil Service A. (L) Drew 2-2 Walsh, Fisk
Nov. 15. Carshalton H. (L) Won 8-1 Stainsby 4, Fisk 2, Walsh, Presser
Nov. 22. Southampton Univ. H. (F) Lost 1-3 Stainsby
Nov. 29. Cancelled
Dec. 6. Catford W. A. (L) Drew 1-1 Cooke
Dec. 13. Westminster H. (L) Won 2-1 Attwood, Howarth
Dec. 20. Nat. Prov. H. (L) Won 10-1 Attwood 4, Burfield 3, Snith R
Parker, Presser
Dec. 27. Catford W. A. (L) Drew 3-3 Haslan 2, Rogers
Jan. 3. Norsenen A. (L) Won 3-0 Gyles, Howarth, Fisk
Jan. 10. W.G.O.B. H. (F) Won 5-0 Haslan 2, Rogers, Stainsby, Howarth
Jan. 17. Barclays A. (L) Lost 0-1
Jan. 24. Crouch End V. A. (L) Won 5-1 Fisk 3, Haslan 2
Jan. 31. Carshalton A. (L) Lost 2-3 Gyles 2
Feb. 7. Midland H. (L) Won 4-1 Attwood 2, B.C. Pearce, Burfield.
Feb. 14. Cancelled
Feb. 21. Barclays H. (L) Lost 1-3 ?
Feb. 28. Civil Service H. (L) Lost 1-3 Burfield
Mar. 14. Old Parks A. (L) Lost 2-4 Snith T, Burfield
Mar. 21. A.P. Reserves H. (F) Won 2-0 B.C. Pearce, Stainsby
Mar. 23. Old Parks H. (L) Won 3-2 B.C. Pearce 2, Burfield
Apr. 7. Westminster A. (L) Won 1-0 Burfield.

Home							Away					Pts.	Pos.
P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A		
L	20	6	0	3	37	16	5	3	3	26	17	25	
C	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4		
F	3	2	-	1	8	3	-	-	-	-	-		

League

Attwood 9 Burfield 9 Stainsby 9
Fisk 7 Walsh 6 Haslan 4 Gyles 3
Saunders 3 P.C. Pearce 3 Presser 2

Cup

Stainsby 2
Rogers 1
Howarth 1 Rogers 1
R. Snith 1 T. Snith 1 Cooke 1

Friendly

Stainsby 3 Haslan 2
Rogers 1 Howarth 1
B.C. Pearce 1

Fourth Team report for 1969-70 - Captain Derek Englefield.

An undistinguished league performance when we finished but the side rose above itself in its defence of the cup won the season before and were only beaten by that fine fourth team, Civil Service, in the semi-final, and were considered on the day to be very unlucky.

- Oct. 4. Lonsenen A.(L) Won 4-1 Englefield, Sadgrove, Gyles, Walsh
Oct. 11. Midland H.(L) Lost 0-2
Oct. 18. West Wickham A.(L) Won 2-0 Sadgrove 2
Oct. 25. Witan A.(C) Won 3-2 Salt, Sadgrove, Gyles
Nov. 1. Crouch End V. A.(L) Won 4-3 Salt 2, Sadgrove, B. Pearce
Nov. 8. Civil Service H.(L) Lost 1-6 McWilliam
Nov. 15. Southgate O. A.(L) Lost 0-3
Nov. 22. O. Stationers H.(F) Won 2-1 Salt, Gyles
Nov. 29. Cancelled
Dec. 6. O. Lats. A.(C) Won 5-2 B.C. Pearce 3, Sadgrove 2
Dec. 13. Lloyds Sports A.(F) Won 12-5 Salt 6, Wildman, Englefield
Gyles, Dear, Millar, O.G.
Dec. 20. Midland H.(C) Won 3-0 B.C. Pearce 2, Englefield
Jan. 3. Horsenen H.(L) Won 3-0 Englefield, Clifton, O.G.
Jan. 10. West Wickham H.(L) Won 8-1 Walsh 3, B.C. Pearce 2, Gyles,
Salt, Metson
Jan. 17. (. East Ham. H.(C) Won 3-1 Salt, Fisk, Dear
Jan. 24. Crouch End V. H.(L) Won 2-1 Dear, Walsh
Jan. 31. Civil Service A.(L) Lost 1-4 Wildman
Feb. 7. Midland Bank A.(L) Won 3-2 Lindsay, Walsh, Shipley
Feb. 14. Brookfield H.(C) Won 4-2 Gyles 2, Walsh 2
Feb. 21. Southgate O.H.(L) Won 6-0 Haslam 4, ?
Feb. 28. O. Stationers H.(F) Won 3-2 Millar, Parker, Gyles
Mar. 7. Civil Service A.(C) Lost 3-4 Metson, Gyles, B.C. Pearce
Mar. 14. Guaco H.(L) Won 2-0 Lindsey, Gyles
Mar. 21. Alleyn C.B.A.(L) Won 6-0 Gyles 3, Dear, Lindsey, Dickman
Mar. 23. Westminster Bank H.(L) Lost 1-3 O.G.
Apr. 4. Alleyn C.B. H.(L) Won 3-2 Gyles 2, Salt
Apr. 7. Westminster Bank A.(L) Won 2-1 Sadgrove, O.G.
Apr. 11. Guaco A.(L) Lost 0-2

	Home						Away					Pts.	Pos.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
L.	18	5	0	3	26	15	7	0	3	22	16	24	
C.	6	3	0	0	10	3	2	0	1	11	8		
M.	3	2	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	12	5		

League

Gyles 8, Sadgrove 5, Englefield 2,
Walsh 5, Salt 4, Haslan 4, Lindsey 3,
O.G. 3, B.C. Pearce 2, Dear 2, B. Pearce 1
McWilliam 1, Blifton 1, Wildman 1,
Snipley 1, Dickman 1, Metson 1

Cup.

B.C. Pearce 6
Gyles 4 Walsh 2
Sadgrove 3 Salt 2
Metson 1 Dear 1
Fisk 1 Englefield 1

Friendly

Salt 7
Gyles 3
Miller 2
Parker 1
Englefield
Dear 1 O.G
Wildman 1

Fifth Team report for 1969-70 - Captain Mick Robbins. - It is not known at this time whether the side are champions or runners-up due to a mix-up in the points in the league's table. Again, five points dropped in November would have been so precious the following April but the side certainly came through with a great run with seventeen points from twenty in the last ten games.

Oct. 4. Horsenen H. (L) Lost 2-5 Robbins 2
 Oct. 11. Midland A. (L) Won 4-2 Sadgrove, B. Pearce, Watkins, Lindsey
 Oct. 18. Polytechnic A. (L) Won 4-2 Lindsey 2, Tadnan 2
 Oct. 25. Ealing Assoc. H. (C) Won 5-0 B.C. Pearce 2, Tadnan, Lindsey, O.G.
 Nov. 1. Crouch End V. H. (L) Lost 3-4 Selwood 2, Clifton
 Nov. 8. Polytechnic H. (L) Drew 3-3 Rogers, Bailey, Goodwin
 Nov. 15. Southgate O. H. (L) Lost 0-3
 Nov. 22. Nat. Prov. A. (L) Drew 3-3 Goodwin 2, Rhodes
 Nov. 29. Cancelled
 Dec. 6. Alexandra Park H. (C) Won 3-2 Watkins, Bailey, Lindsey
 Dec. 13. Westminster Bank H. (L) Lost 2-6 Botterill, O.G.
 Dec. 20. Civil Service 4th XI A. (C) Lost 1-5 Lindsey
 Dec. 27. Pearl Assur. H. (L) Won 5-1 Lindsey 4, Rhodes
 Jan. 3. Norsenen A. (L) Won 5-0 Lindsey 3, Rhodes, Tadnan
 Jan. 10. Nat. Prov. H. (L) Won 7-1 Lindsey 4, Tadnan, Watkins 2
 Jan. 17. West Wickham H. (L) Won 5-1 Goodwin 3, Lindsey 2
 Jan. 24. Crouch End V. A. (L) Won 2-0 Midgley, Watkins
 Jan. 31. Cuaco H. (L) Won 2-1 ?
 Feb. 7. Midland H. (L) Lost 1-2 Sadgrove
 Feb. 14. Cancelled
 Feb. 28. Pearl Assur. A. (L) Won 2-0 Dear, Tadnan
 Mar. 7. Cancelled
 Mar. 14. Cuaco A. (L) Won 5-2 Tadnan 3, Bailey, B. Pearce
 Mar. 21. West Wickham A. (L) Won 4-3 Avent 2, Goodwin, Tadnan
 Apr. 1. Southgate O. A. (L) Won 5-2 Wildman 2, Bailey, Salt, Gyles
 Apr. 4. Carshalton H. (L) Won 8-2 Tadnan 4, B. Pearce, Rhodes 2
 Apr. 7. Carshalton A. (L) Drew 2-2 Tadnan 2
 Apr. 18. Westminster A. (L) Won 3-2 Dear 2, Rhodes.

	Home							Away					Pts.	Pos.
	P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A		
L	22	5	1	5	33	29		9	2	0	39	18	31	
C	3	2	0	0	8	2		1	0	1	1	5		

League

Lindsey 16 Tadnan 15 Goodwin 7 Rhodes 6
 Watkins 4 Dear 3 B. Pearce 3 Bailey 3
 Selwood 2 Wildman 2 Robbins 2 Sadgrove 2
 Salt 1 Gyles 1 Jackson 1 Botterill 1
 Midgley 1 Clifton 1 Rogers 1 O.G. 1

Cup

Lindsey 3
 B.C. Pearce 2
 Watkins 1
 Bailey 1
 Tadnan 1
 O.G. 1

Hins (Ancient and Modern) - John Potter - The immaculate, debonair, unflappable John was born in 1925, which makes one of the editors feel more at home with him. John, in accompaniment with other stalwarts in the club, like Aubrey Gleed, went to Old Stationers school but whether or not he'd had an inkling from his school-days as to what the pitches were like at Underhill on a wet Saturday afternoon, we shall never know.

However, on leaving the forces the Potter charm appeared on the scene in 1947 and has been working hard in the interests of the club ever since. Having played the 47/48 season he naturally slipped into the 48 cricket side to graduate to the football committee itself in 1949, and then a succession of jobs within the section, team and match, secretaries at various periods, vice-chairman and finally chairman of the club from 1967-69, during which time our most successful season ever of four S.A.L. championships was acquired. Upon vacating the Chair, John unobtrusively slid back on to the committee to keep up an unbroken run of twenty one years, and immediately did a wonderful job of organising our Golden Jubilee dinner at the Press Club.

During the last war John was in the silent service which is possibly the reason he manages to do these jobs with the minimum of self-advertisement. He served in His Majesty's submarines during this time and admits ruefully that the only thing that they ever sunk was, unfortunately, a frigate which belonged to us. Despite all the obvious charms of wrens and naafi girls at that time and female tennis members afterwards at Winchmore Hill, John managed to found a bachelors' club and whilst his fellow members fell all around him, he was able to survive. However, Viviane, his wife, decided when she joined the hockey section that his bachelorhood should cease and John obviously agreed with her and in no time had joined the other happy members of the band. Since then, Gordon and Catherine have joined the Potters in their charming abode.

John is one of the controllers of the Hackney Gazette which is one of England's eldest local newspapers and although I keep asking him for a job, he still ignores my request. It is only recently that John has stopped playing football but for a number of years he had the occasional game for the first team, played regularly in the reserves and in the latter stages captained the thirds. John would be embarrassed by too much laudation. Nevertheless, we thank him deeply for his splendid service and admirable devotion to our club.

Hims (Ancient and Modern) - Malcolm Potter - Every two or three years the club requires officials to run a football section. A couple of years ago a young lad turned up with the enthusiasm to actually do something and not just talk about it, and subsequently became our lower team secretary. Malcolm can be described as something between a U-boat commander and a Scottish gamekeeper, but apart from the with-it kit he has shown tremendous willingness for any job that he's been asked to do whether it be ringing up Bernard Avent to tell him he's been placed on rota or using a screwdriver to put nails in the five-a-side posts. Malcolm was born in 1947, a year when your editors were in their prime and still obsessed by sex (we were both early developers). He had a sheltered childhood during which period he attended Winchmore Hill secondary school, and, wishing to see more of the world he moved on to St. Egbert's at Chingford where he left to train as a chef in a cordon bleu establishment in the better part of Palmers Green, 'George's Cafe'. Having learnt to burn sausages to George's satisfaction he put this knowledge to full use by becoming a rep. for Lyons.

After several excursions on Grovelands Lake, the call of the sea became too strong for him to ignore and he enlisted upon Her Majesty's merchant ship 'Canberra', first ascertaining that barrels were no longer carried as a steward. His gastronomic and acrobatic talents were required during subsequent voyages to Japan, Fiji, Australia and Hong Kong where, due to his angelic appearance, he was taken under the wing of more experienced members of the crew who showed him the evil ways of the world in the flesh spots of these various ports. Nevertheless, he still thinks a Kehiner is a Jewish prostitute. He was nearly done a terrible injury when a Japanese lady insisted on walking on his back on bare feet. Whilst in Hong Kong he played for the ship against the police and swears to this day that a mad Irishman called Sweeney kicked him every five minutes. At present he is the current left back in Charlie Burrett's side and will get his picture on the wall in his second season which is fairly unusual these days.

At the moment he is a rep. with 'Elliot's', the office equipment firm, and has territories that reach as far as East Anglia. With his normal enthusiasm he seems to cover these twice as fast as anybody else could.

Despite the friendly jibes that Malcolm takes so well, it is widely known how well he has served his club. Apart from the administrative duties already mentioned, he has taken a great active part in the social committee. As a footnote, Malcolm joined the Young Conservatives not for political reasons but rather that it gave him a greater opportunity to meet members of the opposite sex.

Sixth Team report for 1969-70 - Captain Charlie Burrett.

The picture is now on the wall as Charlie predicted, as after a first class season the sixth clinched the title with a win against Midland.

Oct 4. Norsesen A.(L) Drew 1-1 Rapacioli
 Oct.11. Leicester Univ. 3rd XI H.(F) Won 6-1 Coburn 3, Rhodes 2, Burfield
 Oct.18. Polytechnic H.(L) Drew 4-4 Felton 2, Coburn, Betterill
 Oct.25. West Wickham A.(L) Won 4-2 O'Connor 2, Goodwin 2
 Nov. 1. Crouch End V. A.(L) Won 3-0 Dear 2, O'Connor
 Nov. 8. Polytechnic A.(L) Won 2-0 Levett, Coburn
 Nov.15. Lloyds Bank H. (L) Lost 2-4 Tadman, O'Connor
 Nov.22. Midland A.(L) Drew 4-4 Crotty, Couzens, O'Connor, O.G.
 Nov.29 Cancelled
 Dec. 6. Ravenbourne O.B. H.(F) Won 6-0 Stainsby 4, Miller 2
 Dec.13. Crouch End V. A.(F) Won 2-1 Mackrill, Booler
 Dec.20. Centra YMCA A (F) Drew 2-2 O'Connor 2
 Jan. 3. Norsesen H.(L) Won 6-2 Coburn 2, O'Connor 2, Greeves, Mackrill
 Jan.10. Civil Service A.(F) Won 8-2 Coburn 4, Goodwin 3, Mackrill
 Jan.17. Cuaco A.(L) Won 3-0 Betterill, Wynn, Davies
 Jan.24. Crouch End V. H.(L) Won 3-2 O'Connor, Couzens, Coburn
 Jan.31. Cuaco A.(F) Won 4-1 Coburn, O'Connor, O.G.2
 Feb. 7. Norsesen Monads H.(F) Won 4-1 O'Conner 3, G. Davies
 Feb.14. Cancelled
 Feb.21. West Wickham H.(L) Won 6-2 Coburn 2, Couzens, G. Davis, Mackrill, O'Conner
 Feb.29. O.Chigs. H.(F) Won 5-3 Sadgrove 2, Burrett, Clifton, Couzens
 Mar. 3. Cancelled
 Mar.14. Cuaco H.(L) Won 8-0 Coburn 4, Betterill, Goodwin, Clifton, O'Conner.
 Mar.21. Midland H.(L) Won 5-2 O'Conner 3, Mackrill, Couzens
 Apr. 4. Lloyds Bank A.(L) Won 5-2 Coburn 2, Davis, O'Conner, Mackrill

<u>Home</u>							<u>Away</u>					Pts.	Pos.
P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A		
L	14	5	1	1	34	16	5	2	0	22	9	23	1
F	8	4	0	0	21	5	3	1	0	16	6		

League

Coburn 14 O'Conner 14 Couzens 4 Mackrill 4
 Davis 3 Goodwin 3 Betterill 3 Felton 2
 Dear 2 Greeves 1 Wynn 1 Clifton 1 Tadman 1
 Levett 1 Rapacioli 1 Crotty 1 O.G. 1

Friendly

Coburn 8 O'Conner 6
 Stainsby 4 Goodwin 3
 Rhodes 2 Miller 2
 Sadgrove 2 Mackrill 2
 O.G. 2 Couzens 1 Davis 1
 Clifton 1 Burfield 1
 Booler 1 Burrett 1

Seventh Team report for 1969-70 - ^{17.} Captain Eric Sturge. A three place improvement on the previous year as they finished third behind Polytechnic.

Oct 4. Norsenen H. (L) Won 2-1 Coburn, Harding
Oct.11. Midland A.(L) Won 6-0 Goodwin 2, Watson, Felton, Ingall, Pitt
Oct.18. O.Stationers H.(L) Won 4-1 Wynn 2, Dredge, Couzens
Oct.25. Ibis H.(L) Won 2-0 Coburn, Betterill
Nov. 1. Crouch End V. H.(L) Lost 0-3
Nov. 8. Polytechnic A.(L) Lost 2-3 Tadnan, Ingall
Nov.15. O.Choln. A.(F) Won 4-2 Saunders 2, Tadnan 2
Nov.29. Cancelled.
Dec. 6. Boro.Poly. A.(L) Won 6-2 Coburn, Sears, Wynn, Greeves,
Goodwin, Hollingsworth
Dec.13. Westminster H.(L) Won 14-0 Wynn 4, Goodwin 3, Greeves 3
Coburn 2, Clark 2
Dec.2). Lloyds A.(F) Lost 1-11 O.G.
Dec.27. O.Stationers A.(L) Lost 4-5 Peskett, Botterill 2, Rapacioli.
Jan. 3. Norsenen A.(L) Won 4-0 Wynn 2, Goodwin, Hollingsworth
Jan.10. Cancelled
Jan.17. Ibis A.(L) Lost 2-3 Gallagher, Greeves
Jan.24. Crouch End V. A.(L) Lost 0-2
Jan.31. Cuaco H.(L) Won 5-3 Greeves 2, Wynn 2, Rapacioli
Feb. 7. Midland H.(L) Won 3-1 Greeves 2 Rapacioli
Feb.14. O.Choln. H.(F) Won 8-1 Stainsby 4, Greeves, Rapacioli, Wynn,
Hollingsworth
Feb.21. Ealing Assoc. A.(F) ?
Feb.28. Duncombe Sports H.(F) Won 2-1 Wynn, Rapacioli
Mar. 7. Cancelled
Mar.14. ?
Mar.21. Boro.Pbly H.(L) Won 5-1 Greeves, Wynn, Wootton, Ingall, O.G.
Apr.4. Polytechnic H.(L) Lost 0-4

League

Wynn 14	Greeves 10	Goodwin 7	Coburn 5	Steinsby 4	Wynn 2
Ingall 3	Rapacioli 3	Potterill 3		Rapacioli 2	Greeves 1
Tadman 3	Saunders 3	Hollingsworth 2	Clark 2	Hollingsworth 1	O.G. 1
Couzens 2	Gallagher 1	Peskett 1	Wootton 1		
Dredge 1	Sears 1	Pitt 1	Felton 1		
Watson 1					
Harding 1	O.G. 1				

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Sunday Section for 1970.

The following gives details of our two teams in the Waltham and District Sunday League up to and including the week ending March 15th, 1970.

<u>Premier Division</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Town	15	11	3	1	41	11	25
Manchester Utd.S.C.	15	10	3	2	42	21	23
Raven	13	7	4	2	39	16	18
Matthey Sports	13	8	1	4	46	22	17
Hoddesdon Rovers	14	6	3	5	30	29	15
WINCHMORE HILL	16	4	3	9	35	45	11
Gladiators	16	3	4	9	24	55	10
Waltham New Town	15	3	2	10	22	53	8
Windnill Estate	15	2	1	12	29	56	5

Second Division

Capel Manor	15	11	2	2	50	15	24
Woodbine Close	16	10	2	4	40	16	22
Russells Ride	12	10	0	2	50	15	20
Southgate Olynpic	13	8	3	2	39	17	19
Ajax	15	6	3	6	27	28	15
Northmet	16	6	2	8	25	40	14
WINCHMORE HILL RES.	16	6	1	9	37	36	13
Temple	15	4	2	9	31	56	10
Windnill Estate Res.	15	3	2	10	25	38	8
G.O.C. Res.	15	1	1	13	17	80	3

1st Team Goalscorers cup and league

Haslan 8 Roger Smith 7 Tattersall 5 Parrish 4 Attwood 3
Hulne 3 Pearnan 2 Wright 2 Selwood 2 Stainsby 2 Jones 1
Cooke 1 Fanoni 1 Johnson 1 Milton 1 B. Davis 1.

Reserve Team Goalscorers cup and league.

B.C. Pearce 11 Roger Smith 7 Harris 6 Scott 4 Attwood 3
Haslan 3 Crump 3 Salt 2 Martin 2 Langford 2 Robbins 1
Watt 1 Williams 1 Stainsby 1 Mackrill 1 Parker 1

The following extract is taken from a letter by Jim Ferraby whose amendment of a previous issue is gratefully received.

'To the Editor, Purple Paradox.

29th April, 1969.

Dear Sir,

On Page 24 of your recent issue it states,..."Norsemen, Crouch End Vampires... Alleyn O.B..... were early Champions". In fact, C.E.V. and Alleyns have never won the Championship, and Norsemen had to wait until two or three seasons ago.

However, all won the 2nd Division in the very early days of the league and it may be that the article refers to those occasions.

The 1st. and Reserve XIs never played in the Nenean League. The Club had one season in the Middlesex County Amateur League. They won the League Championship and the League Challenge Cup and in the following season entered the Southern Olympian League. They were elected to the Southern Amateur League in 1928 after winning the Middlesex A.F.A. Senior Cup, the previous season.

When the Club were able to field four elevens, the S.A.L. had only 1st and Reserve Sections so, in order to give them league football, the 3rd XI was entered in the Nenean League. This was the only association with the Nenean League and it ended when, in 1948, the S.A.L. introduced 3rd and 4th Team Sections.'

The following is a copy of a letter written by Tin Law who is now in Australia.

'On Top Down Under!!!'

'It doesn't seem six months since I left the "Old Country" but events have moved very quickly since the "Faissly" left Southampton on a foggy day in March.

After a five week trip, docking at Las Palmas, Capetown and Perth, we docked in Sydney in early May. After three weeks there, I moved to Melbourne for my job. The Australian way of life is surprisingly similar to England, but much more easy-going - the main difference is, of course, the weather. Could you imagine taking a bird to a Drive-In Movie in mid winter! Luckily, the Australians have their priorities right - they are great boozers and are sports mad. The big winter game is Aussie Rules Football which is a riot and draws huge crowds to the Melbourne cricket ground. I am playing a lot of tennis, squash and soccer out here; I play for Brighton F.C. who have just got promotion to Victoria League Div.2 - The standard is very good indeed with a good cross section of nationalities involved. The one thing I miss is the atmosphere and characters at the Hill. It really is amazing the way one just accepts the Hill because being away from it makes one realise how unique it is. Good wishes to everybody - Tin Law'

Heard in the Bar

John Hardman handed out green forms to get registration for the Sunday section and hoped that the recipients did not automatically assume this entitled them to British nationality.

A gentleman at Southgate Cricket Club replied to a remark of Bailey's in an accent that would have made Mike Sturt sound like a fish porter.

"I thought she was a virgin until I realised she hadn't taken her tights off."

It may be that you cannot keep up with Malcolm Potter's many names. "Dustbin Hoffman" is due to his resemblance to the film star of similar looks but "Coconut" is not due to the shape or hair but because his batting scores look like the form sheet of one of A.R. Bailey's racehorses; -0,0,0,0, and carrying top weight.

Exaggerations heard in the bar.

An event at the club when Enfield Hockey Club were playing the Indian Gynkhana. Eggs Bacon requested, "Would somebody tell one of the players that an elephant has broken loose in the car park?"

Eggs was bringing the jug round the bar when he came across the then Tottenham player, Laurie Brown who had come as somebody's guest. He was just about to fill the said person's glass when he asked Laurie when he had played against that day. "Burnley", he replied. "Oh sorry," said Eggs. "You're not in our kitty."

One day last summer Eggs could not understand why he had been dropped after having scored 102 runs against A.P. the previous week. Upon asking the captain the incredible reason for this decision he was informed that as he'd let 106 runs through during fielding the side would be four runs better off.

Club Dinner 1968-69

Two events stand out in my mind in retrospect of the club dinner held in the pavilion in May, 1969. The first was that it heralded a new dawn in my career as a nonentity for it saw my maiden speech at functions like these. But the less said about it the better. Secondly I can only recall, in my own experience, that this was the only occasion when Lou Moore finished all courses of the meal to delight members with his characteristic brand of repartee late into the night. The reason presumably was mainly due to the fact that his guest, Mr. L. Kingston, President of Middlesex Wanderers, was proposing a toast to the club. The above named gentleman did so by opening the procedure with a speech eulogising the club, evoking memories of the past by his connection with some of the older members of Winchmore Hill. (Lou, strapped to his chair for support, sat at the top table beaming with pride at his stamina like one of the Quality Street gang.)

It was conspicuous, by the lack of decoration on the black screen, that we had not been quite as successful as we had been the previous season but, in view of that extraordinarily wonderful year, it was understandable. Nevertheless, the club had enjoyed a most satisfactory season with the elevens finishing third, first, sixth, seventh, second, second and fifth respectively. Derek Crotty, the club captain, who had by now become well versed in the art of club oratory, pointed out these facts and hoped that we would continue successfully and further implement a youth policy throughout the elevens. This was Derek's last season as skipper and it was evident by the applause at the end of his speech how popular and respected he was.

Throughout the evening Ken Parsons, sufficiently thawed out since the escape from his flat, had been introducing the speakers with 'Palace of Varieties-lie' aplomb, using visual aids with such inscriptions as "Belt up, Sid" and "Shut up, Bert". Ken called upon me to welcome our guests of whom many were very old friends of Winchmore Hill. I did so and attempted to parody characters and situations which seem to be indicative of every club in the S.A.L. However, I knew the speech had been too long when the toastmaster called for a break in the proceedings and people stampeded to the bar.

After this marathon, our good friend, Dave Parrish of Cuaco, stood to reply on behalf of the guests. Dave makes speeches with a flair and calmness that can only be admired and this one

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was no exception. His homework on our club members was beautifully and accurately compiled by taking a list of hit tunes which had an appropriate and pertinent inference to some of our famous and infamous members.

The night drew to a close in usual style with heavy drinking exchanges. I believe Lou was still on his feet although I cannot be sure since I wasn't on nine.

Golden Jubilee Dinner.

The Golden Jubilee dinner took place at the Press Club instead of the normal venue at the club pavilion. One hundred and sixty five guests sat down in this historic room to welcome their Chairman, Glyn Wilson. This is not strictly true; it should read one and sixty four as Uncle Lou Moore had presented himself in the pub below three quarters of an hour earlier and had been carried triumphantly to a taxi thirty minutes later requesting the driver to do his flies up before being transported to his loving spouse in North London.

The Chairman took his place in the Edgar Wallace chair and after grace had been said he moved that a football, which had been lacquered in gold with purple, black and white panels and presented by a good friend of the club, Ted Kynaston, be seen for members to admire. To the amazement of all, Sid Stainsby actually passed it on to somebody. It reached Jeffrey Baker in sprig eight whence it was transported to sprig one in two seconds flat. After an excellent meal with the usual by-play Gus Gowers rose amidst the flowers to propose a toast to the Club which he did in his own inimitable style, commenting that looking around the football committee of today it was strange that it always seemed that the rebels of yesteryear were the establishment of the future. Replying to this toast Paul Knight, Captain of the club, thanked everybody for his efforts which at that moment had all seven teams in the top four positions of the table and the fourth eleven reaching the semi-final of the Novets Cup. However, he did not spare us criticism of our shortcomings during the present season.

There was then an excellent speech by F.G. Lavers who, although seventy four years of age, had a wonderful memory for some of the incidents that had happened in the early days of Winchmore Hill Football Club. He was in attendance with V.W. Gower, J. Fellitt and W. Heald, four of whom were founder members of the club in 1920 and as every football club appears to have been started under a lamp-post somewhere or other I'm sure ours is no exception. Then there was a slight pause while members relieved pressure built up during the

dinner. One of your editors, however, had the pleasure of sitting between Stew Hyde of Olympic and Jack Drake of A.P. who are the joint Sir Alf Ramseys of the S.A.L. and was too busy to join the exodus consuming the spare liqueurs sent up by aspiring candidates for the league side. Lionel Rogers, the third team skipper, a solicitor (fee say 10 guineas) proposed a toast to the guests of which we were fortunate to have more than 25 in attendance, all of whom have been good friends to the club for many years. It showed the quality of Lionel's speech and his court room experience that he was able to work everybody in in ten minutes, including Hardman and his teeth. A rather subdued George Warner of A.P., an old enemy but a good friend, replied to this toast and was in such a benign mood that he even said something nice about Arthur Bailey. The evening closed at an amazing late hour as there appear to be no licensing laws in Fleet Street and the members departed in a fleet (three is a fleet) of mini coaches to their homes in North London.

We cannot leave the dinner without thanking John Potter for the magnificent organisation and tremendous amount of work put in to make this occasion such a great success. However, it is likely to be the committee's view that we return to the club next year as (a) we need the money on the bar and (b) the dry cleaners of North London require the business.

VIRGIN ON THE RIDICULOUS

All your editor's stories are true, but this one happens to be so. And if you've ever been in a better position please let us know about it. Once upon a time in Brixton there was a Christmas party that your correspondent finally appeared at late, as usual, with a friend of his called John Glendenning, whose party trick was to inform young ladies that he was the consultant gynaecologist at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington and as they always used to hold conversations with him with their legs stuck over the back of a chair, it always seemed to work. Leaving him holding a conversation in this manner I departed to see if the secretaries of the office were enjoying themselves. All seemed to be doing extremely well except one of over six feet who seemed to be doing too well, having consumed considerable quantities of brown ale followed by rum and when that had run out, Tia Maria, as it had a rum base. In fact, my trips to the bar to keep her well supplied ended up in our being the last to leave, obviously leaving me the dubious pleasure of transporting a rather under-the-weather young lady, who, in her high-heels towered above me, safely home to her mother. Fortunately this was merely half a mile so this was hardly an arduous task.

We negotiated the journey to the car safely and managed to fold into the passenger seat without incident. Alas, whilst circling the car to get into my own position, the passenger door opened and she slid most gracefully into the road, unfortunately sliding her legs between the spokes of the steering wheel before neatly depositing her head in the drain of the kerb. I circled the car and surveyed the situation; three quarters of a bottle of wine, five pints of beer and two scotches is not really the best ground for explaining to any policeman likely to appear on the scene exactly what you are doing. However, after much manoeuvring and with my experience of Chinese puzzles, we managed to get her unravelled. During this period my gear column had been forced into her prostate gland and a combination of this and the couple of gallons consumed had caused an unfortunate incident to occur. Being a most fastidious and hygienic young lady the offensive and rather soggy articles were removed and deposited in my glove compartment. The short journey home was comparatively uneventful after what had transpired. Upon arriving at her door I managed to lean her against it, pressed the bell, and heard her mother descend the stairs before I departed. I worried about this subsequently because this nasty streak of decency had crept into my nature and I made rigid efforts never to allow this to happen again if the opportunity presented itself. Arriving next day at the office, I thought it best for all concerned if the articles in my glove compartment should be discreetly forgotten and to treat the incident as if the matter had never occurred. This, at the time, seemed to be the right move because, apart from sidelong glances from under the eyes and the occasional pinkening of the cheeks, no comment was made.

Nothing more was said until about a fortnight later. I was passing her desk when my hand was gently squeezed and a confiding voice said 'It's alright dear, we don't have to worry any more.' I smiled sickly and passed on my way, wondering who would have believed me in court if an application for maintenance had been forthcoming.

Eric Sturge at selection, reporting on a new player he had been requested to try out, commented that in the dressing room before the game he asked innumerable questions on tactics, took the field a full 15 minutes early in a most impressive track suit to complete a warm up period with advanced gymnastics, and at the kick-off time asked whether Eric played 3-3-4 or 2-4-2 to which Eric replied 'No, 2-3-5 and wait until we have lined up and then fill up the hole'.

Five-a-Side Tournament 1969-70

It was decided that as our Jubilee year was approaching we should run a five-a-side competition in April each year. A great number put in much effort to organise these events and so far we believe they have been successful both socially and financially. In 1969 the cruellest fate of all was the weather when it began raining on Saturday and was still going full blast when volunteers were trying to erect the posts and mark the pitches on Sunday morning. The posts had been obtained by the kind courtesy of Lloyd Sports and transported through the kindness of Herts Cars and Restmore Prams. The state of the pitches by kick-off time can only be described as deplorable. However, it was decided to go ahead and with the help of the showers running continuously the sixteen teams managed to get through the competition. In the final of the cup, Barclays Bank beat East Barnet O.G. and Old Parks beat Winchmore Hill in the final of the Plate. Whether it was an attempt to get warm or the atmosphere of the evening, a riotous night ensued with E.B.O.G. finally beating Old Parks in the Boat Race for the Winchmore Hill Chamber Pot. Sid Stainsby won the Bottles Championship and Malcolm Potter the Press-ups.

In 1970 the weather this time smiled on the brave, the pitches had been re-sited to do the minimum amount of damage to the ground, we hope, the snags in the rules had been ironed out and some willing helpers had made our own sets of posts. Sixteen teams had again been asked to compete in four leagues of four, the winners of which went on to the cup semi-finals and the runners-up to the plate. We had gone outside the local league this year and asked our friends, Tic-tacs, who are a local bookmakers side, to compete. As we see them most Saturdays we thought we might see them on a Sunday also. However, they sent their strong team, not the betting shop owners themselves, to compete and ended by beating Winchmore Hill in the final of the cup. Nevertheless, this was all to the good as their excellent play seemed to raise the standard of the game for other competitors and provided fine entertainment for the hundred and fifty or so spectators. A magnificent silver salver had been presented for the plate this year by Lowery Flower to whom we are indebted and thank him deeply. This was played for between Old Stationers and Palmers Green Ath. with the Old Boys winning a close game. The evening's entertainment was even more hectic than the year before with Old Parks in great form, although as a casual observer I did feel they were unlucky to lose the chamber pot once more to E.B.O.G. We look forward to more profitable and enjoyable competitions now that equipment and trophies are in our possession.

Easter Tour 1969
Walton-sur-le-naze

There is nothing quite so dead as yesterday's news so this should really hum a bit. It is nice, however, to keep a report for future years. It was decided by the committee that we would change our venue away from Wimbourne as it had been established that Lance had filled up two more rooms of the Griffin Hotel with beer crates and there would not be sufficient space for those going.

As Johnny Metcalf, an old player of ours, now owned a fishing shop at Walton, it was decided to see if he could organise us some fixtures and Sid Stainsby was detailed as the man to run the liaison. This he duly did and a party of sixteen players and twelve drinkers, which equals twenty eight drinkers, booked in at the Albion and Portobello hotels respectively. The officers (The Crotty male line, Garbett and Taylor) were at the Portobello and the other ranks (Parsons, Bailey, Robbins, Baker) at the Albion. Uncle Lou booked in at both so that wherever he fell down he could be taken straight to bed. This, of course, failed because he would fall down immediately between the two leaving somebody else to make the major decision. The first game on the Friday against Walton Town ended in an honourable draw, mainly thanks to a magnificent through ball by Sid Stainsby to their centre forward which enabled them to equalise. Various expeditions were going out to find the best boozers being led by Robbins, Jim Crotty and Lou but being Good Friday their religious convictions kept them under control.

On Saturday morning Metcalf finally surfaced surrounded by three females to inform us that he had been unable to organise a side to play us that day unless we wanted to take turns in a different type of game with his ladies over his shop. The majority preferred to go and watch Colchester United play Exeter so no further comment is needed. The younger lads were happy because there was a dance every evening at the Albion, if that is the correct word, and Malcolm Potter on this occasion had convinced one of the Walton debutantes to go to his room.

By even neater manipulation he had her spreadeagled on the bed when the call of nature caused him to leave the room. Speedy Gonzales, in the form of Mick Miller, was performing in the manner true to the tale when Coconut returned.

The next morning we had to wait twice as long for breakfast because Salt had been looking after our waitress the previous night; consequently her reactions were about as slow as his are on the football field.

It had been decided this year to inaugurate a 'pest of the tour' award, and Robbins with some magnificent volleys both verbally and vocally was building up a commanding lead. He stretched this to a distance by his antics during the afternoon when we played Wivenhoe Rangers on the side of a cliff. Mick, fully tanked, attempted to make Lou Moore's car from the halfway flag. His progress via the corner flag, ditch, their goalkeeper's arms, through and under the net had to be seen to be believed. Believe me, it was better if you hadn't. He then proceeded to annoy the 'jam roll' in the local pub who was not very happy as his crack side had only managed a draw 3-3 against a load of drunks. Mick carried this situation on until the evening when he danced continuously among the tables in the back room of the Portobello where entertainments were conducted. This became increasingly embarrassing when he almost upset Crotty, Lou Moore and relatives table containing roughly fifteen pounds' worth of gin.

Meanwhile, back at the Albion, Jeffrey Baker had met the Scots newspaper salesman, who when asked how he had reached Walton, replied he'd been a milestone inspector and informed us that Celtic had won the league 'four years in concussion'. His party trick was to throw his newspapers inexplicably up into the air and I will leave you to imagine the confrontation when this pair met. The rest of the evening is slightly mixed. I know that several of the members were pushed out of the Portobello because of the fear of police interference and this thwarted Charlie Burrett's attentions with the barmaid. A rumour had it when they reached the Albion that Barry Rhodes was the cause. During the ensuing spot waltz with Charlie and Barry there could be only one peacemaker at that time of night. You're right, it was John Hardman.

Surplus energies were funnelled into bottle, thighs and press-up contests, the best contenders being Sam, the owner, and the barnan, although Sid and Pasty Harris upheld the club tradition.

Upon returning to the club we discovered that the team we were due to play had failed to make an appearance, so we picked up sides with the assistance of tennis members trying to enjoy the facilities of their particular section. We finished off an enjoyable tour with a pleasant meal prepared by Sid Stainsby's future wife and mother-in-law.

For a remittance of one pound the editors will pay out nineteen and six to members who supply club names which are appropriate to the type of players described in the following extract taken from an A.F.A. magazine.

Randon Thoughts - by Fred Atkins

He is a big, awkward so and so who usually plays as an old-fashioned full-back in one of the lower wing overlapping as part of a 4-3-3 system. He is an elevens of his club. Not for him the speeding up the common A.F.A. type. He lumbers about the field getting in everybody's way and his own idea when he gets the ball is to belt it as far as possible. Any idea of foul play would be anathema to his good nature but unfortunately he is slow in the tackle and often gets an opponent's legs. Also, when he starts running he can usually only stop when he hits something or somebody. He himself is as strong as an ox and can take any amount of buffeting. After the game he drinks gallons of beer.

Then there's the fantastically keen chap who knows all the systems, plans and ploys and will discuss any aspect of football in the most knowledgeable manner. He is usually an official of the club and works very hard for them. But when he turns out to play he's absolutely hopeless and has no inkling of the elementary skills of the game. Somehow, one feels sorry for these chaps; they put so much into it both on and off the field that in equity they ought to be stars of their first elevens. Instead, the best players in a club just turn up and play as if the whole thing's a bore, and then go home till next week. There ain't no justice.

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