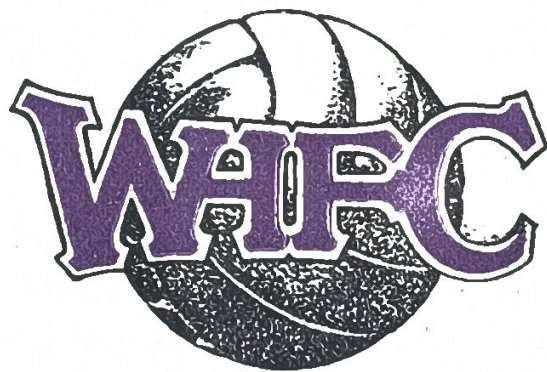


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Editorial

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THE "Hill" has made a good start in the first month of the season. Membership is flourishing and five teams are now fielded. Enquiries continue to be made from prospective members and the return of old ones is unabated. The most urgent problem is not players, but the provision of fixtures for the Strollers' XI.

Results have also been encouraging, as out of 18 games, 12 have been won, one drawn and only five lost. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI's have each three wins and one defeat, while the 4th have won three and drawn one. The Strollers have lost both games which have been played.

Wednesday night's training continues to attract the same modest group of old faithfuls, and the Committee are most anxious that more members should take advantage of facilities for keeping fit and for taking part in Len Thompson's tactical discussions.

The two pitches, thanks to pre-war drainage schemes and to Carter's present care, have never looked better, and the new 1st XI pitch in particular contrasts vividly with the old top mud-patch. Perhaps few people realise how much that conditioned an earlier style of play. A higher standard of football should now be possible.

The Hill have the material conditions—good ground and strong finances—worthy of a 1st Division S.A.L. club. Have we the requisite playing ability? Our objective in 1946-7 should be to prove that our football and our club spirit are worthy of the material conditions. Both are vital to the achievement of 1st Division status.

1ST XI REPORT.

October 5th, 1946.

The Old Parkonians, leaders of Division "B" of the Southern Amateur League during the whole of last season, were our opponents for the first match.

Play opened quietly, but as the players settled down the "Hill" took the initiative, largely through the excellent combination of the right-wing pair, Haskell and Les. Lambert.

The "Park's" backs and goal-keeper gave a good account of themselves, but after twenty minutes play a combined movement by the Hill's forwards gave Bernard Thompson the opportunity to open the account with a good goal.

Inspired by this success, the home team maintained the pressure and before the interval Wade made an excellent run and pushed the ball through for Thompson to score again.

There was no doubt about the Hill's superiority during the second half and ten minutes after the resumption Alec. Lambert sent a long accurate pass to Thompson, who, though impeded by the visitors' right-back, scored his third goal. The Park's defence were now called upon to give of their best and only the excellent work of their right back and, in particular, their goal-keeper, saved them from a heavier defeat. Before the close Thompson scored again.

Winchmore Hill 4, Old Parkonians 0.

October 12, 1946.

In this game the "Hill" side was re-arranged, with a view to future team building and the "new" team took some time to settle down. In the first half the small pitch proved a great disadvantage and while the forwards began to find each other, and launched many attacks, the centre of the field was overworked and Mayfield were able to clear as we hung on too long.

Mayfield were quick to take advantage of an uncertain defence and many dangerous raids on their right wing finally resulted in a fine goal from their inside right. A second goal followed shortly after. Play was evenly shared throughout the half and "Hill" scored through Bailey with what was very nearly their first shot at goal. A lesson to remember.

The second half started with a repetition of the first and Mayfield added a third goal when a cross shot from the left caught the defence wide open and the outside right volleyed high into the net. Ernie Wiseman at left-half seemed less of his dominating self, while Jack Pearl was rather slow on the turn for a centre-half. A late switch with Dennis Wade moving from left-back to left-half proved very successful and a strong rally ended in Vic. Haskell scoring from a right-wing attack. Mayfield staved off the onslaught until the final whistle but could not have held out much longer.

Winchmore Hill 2, Mayfield 3.

October 19th, 1946.

Under the captaincy of "Gus." Gowers, Winchmore Hill at home, gained two Southern Amateur League points at the expense of Reigate Priory.

Outstanding in the "Hill" side were Alec Lambert at outside-left, Wiseman at centre-half and Peters in goal. Saw, a recent acquisition, playing inside-left in his initial appearance for the 1st XI fitted well into an effective forward line.

The first half was played at a fast pace and in the early stages Reigate's forwards appeared the more dangerous but though Peters had some awkward shots to deal with their finishing, on the whole, was poor. The "Hill" forwards also met with some resolute goal-keeping but after about fifteen minutes play Leslie Lambert snapped up a clearance and drove hard and low into the corner of the net.

In a matter of minutes the "Hill" were again on the attack, Hasemore taking the ball through and from his final pass Bernard Thompson scored. Reigate's defence was kept at full stretch and from a corner taken by Haskell, Hasemore worked his way over to the left and from his accurate centre Saw put the Hill three up. Towards the interval Reigate set up a hot attack and in attempting to clear his line a "Hill" defender turned the ball into the net.

The pace was not maintained during the second half and in rain and a poor light play became somewhat scrappy with neither side markedly superior. Halfway through this period Alec Lambert crowned a fine afternoon's work when he cut in and shot hard. Reigate's goalie blocked the shot but could not hold it and Haskell ran in to make the score:—

Winchmore Hill 4, Reigate Priory 1.

October 26th, 1946.

No match.

November 2nd, 1946.

Playing a friendly at Dulwich against Borough Polytechnic, the "Hill" attacked from the start and within five minutes a goal by Bernard Thompson was disallowed. Immediately afterwards, following a weak "Poly" goal-kick, Thompson received a quick through pass and scored by a well-placed shot from 15 yards with the "Poly" defence spreadeagled. The "Hill" maintained pressure and from a melee in the "Poly" goal-mouth, a loose ball came out to Les. Lambert who drove in a hard shot from the edge of the penalty area. A further goal was added by Alec. Lambert from short range and at the end of twenty minutes the "Hill" were 3 up. Before half-time the "Hill" increased their lead with a fine header from Alec Lambert.

In the second half "Poly" played better together and the game speeded up, their Captain, at inside-left, initiated some clever movements and Peters did well to keep his charge intact. After a delightful dribble Alec. Lambert closed on goal and unselfishly made a back pass to Bernard Thompson who tapped the ball in.

Soon afterwards the "Hill" were fortunate to be awarded a penalty for accidental hands near the corner of the penalty area. The kick was converted by Alec. Lambert. Before the end Thompson received the ball near the half-way line and although hampered by two defenders he ran through to score a fine goal.

In defence, Ernie Wiseman was again outstanding in strength of tackling, length of clearance and mastery of the opposing centre-forward, while Pearle and Hasemore gave improved displays and showed good understanding. Thompson and the brothers Lambert were prominent in the attack and after a poor first half Saw provided some of the best open passes of the afternoon.

Winchmore Hill 7, Borough Poly. 1.

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2ND XI REPORT.

October 5th, 1946.

The opening game of the season for the 2nd XI was against Southgate County Old Boys and played at Palmers Green. Any description would be rather superfluous, the score being 9—1 in favour of the "Hill" in fact, all the goals coming from "Hill" players. The pitch was small, very small, but the score large. The scorers being Bell 4, Bailey 2, Harold Lambert 2 (from right-half), and Ward 1. Of the new players, Ward showed good form and should be an acquisition at outside-right.

Winchmore Hill 9, Southgate County Old Boys 1.

October 12th, 1946.

Playing at home, the 2nd XI met the 3rd XI. The 2nd built up a substantial lead in the first half of the game, and in the second half the sides were re-arranged. Several "unknowns" were on view and the selection Committee acquired much valuable information for future team building.

October 19th, 1946.

The 2nd XI breaking new ground at Reigate won this game by a more convincing margin than the score suggests. They completely dominated the first half of the game although only scoring one goal through Manners from a pass by Harold Lambert. A penalty was missed by the Hill during this half.

After the interval Reigate Priory pressed for ten minutes but the Hill returned to the attack and scored through F. Ward and W. Bailey, only to see these goals nullified by two from the Reigate players. These goals were rather fortunate affairs, coming from mix-ups in front of goal.

This was a pleasant game in very pleasant surroundings, fully compensating those who travelled the distance.

Winchmore Hill 3, Reigate Priory 2.

October 26th, 1946.

The 2nd XI, at home to Mayfield 2nds in a friendly match, gave a sound display and had the visitors pegged in their own half during most of the first period. Moving the ball freely from wing to wing, the "Hill" held the initiative and only a fine performance by Mayfield's goal-keeper prevented an early penetration, but eventually, Manners at outside-left opened the scoring with a shot from close range. With two further goals, both scored by Bailey, the "Hill" were in a strong position at half-time, but on resuming, it was soon apparent that Mayfield were going to make a fight for it. Exploiting a good outside-right they initiated some dangerous moves and from one of these the outside-right scored a beautiful goal. Mayfield further reduced the arrears but with the "Hill's" defence reasserting itself the equaliser was denied them. Play swung in favour of the "Hill" and Bailey scored again. Five minutes from time Mayfield obtained another goal to make the final score :—

Winchmore Hill 4, Mayfield 3.

November 2nd, 1946.

Although losing 5—1 to a strong Metropolitan Police side the "Hill" were in no way disgraced, they held their own fully right through the first half, but could not last the fast pace maintained throughout the game on a very heavy pitch. The strong man of the Police side, centre-half Martin, who many will remember, played a number of sterling games for the "Hill" during the war. The "Hill's" failure was, that during the last 25 minutes they did not get rid of the ball quickly enough after beating their opponent. This Police side was easily the best team the Seconds have met this season so far. Manners scored the "Hill's" only goal.

Winchmore Hill 1, Metropolitan Police 5.

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3RD XI REPORT.**October 5th, 1946.**

The 3rd XI opened their Nemean League fixtures with a very well-deserved win against Lensbury. Attacking straight from the kick-off the "Hill" held the initiative throughout and apart from spasmodic raids, which were always dangerous, Lensbury were seldom in the picture. Our defence working like a machine and never faltering.

Most credit for our success must go to Ken. Bain at inside-right for his unceasing efforts both in defensive and attacking play. Although not scoring himself, his ball distribution and individual efforts bore fruitful results, being responsible for at least three goals. The best goal of the game came from Murray, who, playing at centre-half, brought the ball right through and netted with a grand forty yards drive. Willcocks, Barrett and Jacques (2) added to Murray's attempt.

Winchmore Hill 5, Lensbury 2.

October 12th, 1946.

See report of 2nd XI.

October 19th, 1946.

Winchmore Hill playing Norsemen started strongly and pressing on the right, play became fast, the ball moving quickly from end to end. Norseman opened the scoring, their centre-forward netting from close range.

"Hill" then pressed and gained a well-deserved equaliser. However, from a break-away Norsemen's forwards crowded the goal and back-heeled the ball into the net. A brilliant goal! Norsemen continued at this stage to force the play and at half-time the score was 3—1.

In the second half the "Hill" had all the play but poor finishing spoilt their efforts. A further goal from Norsemen was nullified by a goal from Barrett. The closing score with the "Hill" pressing hard was :—

Winchmore Hill 2, Norsemen 4.

October 26th, 1946.

Playing away to Borough Poly in a Nemean League fixture Winchmore Hill deservedly won by four goals to two. The "Hill" started with nine men owing to late arrivals. However, by fast open play they created an opening in the first five minutes from which Barret opened the scoring.

With the arrival of the late-comers the "hill" went further ahead with a neat header by Bell and another goal was added by Wiseman.

After the interval the "Boro" pressed and were rewarded when the centre-forward broke clean through and shot past the advancing goal-keeper. Soon after Bell forced his way through on the left, tricked the keeper, and drove into an empty net. In the closing stages "Boro" scored as the result of neat passing from short range.

Winchmore Hill 4, Borough Poly 2.

November 2nd, 1946.

The 3rd XI met the Old Stationers at Fords Grove and maintained their recent form. Bell scored the first goal for the "Hill," but pressure by Old Stationers resulted in a well-deserved equaliser. Soon after half-time Old Stationers took the lead, the ball screwing off a defender to enter the net.

Play became scrappy, both sides making bad passes and generally showing marked lack of cohesion. The "Hill" however, were the first to recover and from this stage a series of combined movements resulted in four quick goals. Geary, Barrett and Jacques (2) being the scorers. This put the result beyond doubt and the "Hill" easily held their own until the final whistle.

Winchmore Hill 5, Old Stationers 2.

4TH XI REPORT.

October 5th, 1946.

Our opponents for the first match were Allenbury's and the "Hill" started one man short. After ten minutes play we were left with nine men owing to an unfortunate injury to Johnny Haynes.

The whole of the first half, the "Hill" were pressed very hard indeed and only first class goal-keeping by Meakin prevented Allenbury's scoring. Peacock at left-back and Ackland at centre-half were very sound in defence.

A few minutes after half-time Alan Bacon took a loose ball on the wing and put a good centre across for Chesher to head the first goal. Within twenty minutes three more goals came, one from a scramble in the goal mouth scored by Smith, the next, from a long pass by Cooper into the centre was also scored by Smith. The fourth goal was scored by Alan Bacon after a run on his own.

Although Allenbury's worked hard in the last quarter of an hour, our defence held out.

Winchmore Hill 4, Allenbury's 0.

October 12th, 1946.

Although the "Hill" pressed hard from the start the Old Stationers were first to score from a shot by their inside-left, after about fifteen minutes play. They continued to press and it was only a few minutes before half time that the Hill equalised through a snap goal by Cooper.

Straight from the change over the "Hill" pressed hard and were unlucky not to score on several occasions. It was not until another quarter of an hour that French running on to a long pass, across the centre, put the Hill ahead. Almost immediately French repeated the move to make "Hill" 3—1 up. Old Stationers were not beaten though and a little against the run of the play scored again and their inside-left equalised within a few minutes. The "Hill" kept pressing to the last but could not get that extra goal.

Winchmore Hill 3, Old Stationers 3.

October 19th, 1946.

The "Hill" took the field with a fairly strong side, but the Midland Bank, unfortunately, were one man short. "Hill" took the advantage right away and within a few minutes were one up, thanks to a nicely placed shot from Fink (inside-left). The upper hand was held throughout the first half, with Brand scoring the second goal. The "Bank" rarely approached the far end and at half time the "Hill" were two up.

The second half saw a little more effort from the "Bank," but they never looked like scoring. Smith increased the Hill's lead with a nice drive from about twenty yards.

Winchmore Hill 3, Midland Bank 0.

October 26th, 1946.

The Old Aloysians were our visitors on this occasion but were overwhelmed despite the assistance of Sid. Hasemore who was lent to our visitors as they were a man short. The scorers for the "Hill" were :—Brand 5, Bacon, Chesher, Geary, Hays, Barker and Old Aloysians O.G.

Winchmore Hill 11, Old Aloysians 0.

November 2, 1946.

Our 4th XI played a practice match with the Strollers XI which gave our selectors a further opportunity to spot any promising talent amongst our younger members.

FORCES REMINISCENCES.

The Gateway to the East.

Good impressions are somewhat difficult after a voyage that is far from pleasant in "Mess Decks," the glories of which have to be experienced to be believed.

The first thing that strikes one on disembarking is the most peculiar odour that seems to prevail in cities and villages of the Far East (I could express myself more fully if I could use a little Army language, particularly in reference to those odours!) One gets used to it in time, as one gets used to most unpleasant things if one has to endure them long enough, even as one gets used to the blood-red blotches of the betel nut juice variegating the pavements and the roadways.

Then came one of the thrills of travel in India, a train journey in a military coach. It is not easy to describe the "joys" of these coaches with their wooden benches and most upright backs, which usually have to be endured, not for a few hours, but for days. The monotony is broken by the stops en route; the larger stations are usually a seething mass of humanity, all pushing and fighting to board the train, and crowds of urchins crying for the inevitable backsheesh. Someone in our coach suggests a much-needed cup of "char." The can is produced from a dark corner, a handful of tea is put into it, then a dash is made up to the engine for boiling water. Anyway, it is welcome as the heat is becoming more and more oppressive as one leaves the coast behind.

A few months of acclimatization and equipping, then off by road and rail to Imphal. A most pleasant place in the Manipur Hills and it would have been a good station but for the aspirations of the "yellow blighters" in their bid to invade India. This caused a rather hurried removal from fairly comfortable Bashas to defensive positions in the hills; to bunkers, slit-trenches and boxes. Imphal was to be defended at all costs.

The Japs eventually cut the Imphal-Dinapur Road; the last remaining link with the outside world, except by air and wireless. The Fifth Division was flown in from the Arakan to assist in the defence of Imphal and the subsequent breaking out.

Our counter-offensive was opened with the 33rd Corps, brought into the attack from India, and the 4th Corps troops pushing out from the Imphal area.

The Road itself takes a course over mountainous hills with precarious curves and deep ravines, and some of the fiercest encounters of the Burma campaign took place along it, particularly at Kohima, the half-way house. The Japs were gradually being squeezed from both ends until, between the 108th and 109th milestones our two forces met; a most memorable day, Imphal was relieved.

Forgetting the unpleasantness of war and thinking only in terms of scenery and climate, Imphal was delightful after the heat of India. It was delicious to lie in bed at night, under the inevitable Mosquito Net of course, and not be in the perpetual pool of perspiration.

Then came the advance through Burma, the first stages of which were over roads in much need of repair, over hills with many precarious twists and bends, and through unbelievably thick jungle.

A number of Burmese were to be found along the roads near the villages offering to barter such things as chickens, eggs, tomatoes, fruit, etc., and many an Army meal was improved by the inclusion of one or more of these commodities.

From Imphal, via Indangi(?), Monywa, and Meiktila, to Rangoon.

Recollections of these places are INDANGI for its Elephant grass, terrific stuff about twelve feet high; MONYWA for its scorpions, snakes and centipedes, but far more pleasantly for its lovely bathing in the Chindwin and its beautiful building—the Hall of Memories. This had, unfortunately, been badly damaged during operations. This building contained more than 700 Marble Placates which were engraved with the history of the country; MEIKTILA for its lakes and the colossal amount of damage done.

Then RANGOON with its famous Golden Pagoda, a most impressive sight. The city still has plenty of traces of Western architecture left standing, giving the impression of an imposing city in peace time.

Finally, PADANG, SUMATRA, after peace had been declared—quite a pleasant city—and plenty of bananas and pineapples to be had by barter—a few cigarettes for a bunch of bananas.

The average Indonesian seemed friendly, and on the third day after arrival a football match was arranged. Their team was largely composed of the local police and they most certainly knew quite a goodly bit about the game. Quick on their feet and perfect combination: the results after a few games, were about even.

Then the DAY OF DAYS—"The BOAT" back to "blighty."

E. P. WILLIAMS.

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PASTURES NEW.

Favourable comment having been made by members on the lay-out of the new 1st XI pitch it may be of interest to trace the development of what is undoubtedly an improvement.

For some years groans and lamentations arose from the 1st XI compelled to play on the top pitch. The moans were particularly fierce from outside-lefts who suffered tribulation week after week in the south-east corner, where they lived the lives of Gadarene swine.

In the meantime, however, the much-abused Reconstruction Committee, which worked during the war years, had not overlooked the possibilities of providing a better pitch for the 1st XI. In its Report it recommended a new pitch running parallel to the pavilion on the Fords Grove side, a scheme first outlined by Len Thompson some ten years ago.

During the past spring and summer the scheme was actively considered by the Management Committee, but owing to prior commitments to the Collegiate School it was found impossible to run the pitch parallel to the pavilion, since this would have necessitated playing over the Collegiate table, and the risk of destroying it for cricket could not be taken. A compromise was reached whereby a pitch, 110 yds. x 75 yds., should be laid out running north and south, and this has now been done, cutting off only a small corner of the table.

Although the Football Club is not unhopeful, in the coming years, of having a fine pitch running parallel to the pavilion, they are satisfied to have made some progress towards providing a level surface in a position where games may be watched from the pavilion. As soon as circumstances permit it is intended to erect a verandah along the back of the pavilion.

We wish to make one very important request to spectators—to keep off the east touch-line, as far as possible, where it crosses the corner of the cricket table. This will ease the groundsmen's work when cricket starts each spring.

Thanks are due to all who co-operated to make this new pitch possible. First, to the Chairman of the Cricket Club, Mr. Charles Baker, who gave every encouragement and kept things moving so that it could be got ready in time for use this season. To Mr. Fred Huson, who conducted the negotiations with Mr. Drakes, acting for the School; and to Mr. Drakes himself for generously allowing the School pavilion to be moved a few yards to the East. To Mr. Geoffrey Watson, who surveyed and superintended the lay-out of the pitch and prepared the plan. And last, but by no means least, to Carter and his ground-staff who did the returfing, levelling, etc.

We are sure the players appreciate these efforts; may they enjoy many fine games on an excellent pitch.

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10th October, 1946.

Dear Mr. Welsford,

My apologies for not writing to you sooner (and writing to you is synonymous with writing to the Winchmore Hill Club) but each week I have been anticipating returning home within a few days. Now it is definite that I shall be here for at least another month, maybe longer. I will not weary you with a description of Oslo night-life except to mention that there are no pubs and that all drinking is done in restaurants of which there is one per ten yards; there is plenty of lager beer very cold and very weak (perhaps sitting down to drink it makes it taste different) and one brand of spirit only, namely "Karver Aqua-Vite" which is made from wood-alcohol, which has a kick in it greater than Ernie Wiseman's left foot. I am afraid that I am badly out of condition because at this time of the year in Norway, the Norwegians rest between strenuous summer pastimes and vigorous winter sports. Later, everyone goes to the hills for ski-ing, and from what I can gather, that is prolonged excursion into danger—something like playing a "local derby" for about six hours without a break.

Food here is more plentiful than in London and of course there is an endless variety of fish, but the meat is not so familiar, being mostly ox, reindeer and whale. Tea is unrationed but they do not know how to make it (a cup of Sunday afternoon W.H.C.C. tea would taste like the wine of the Gods at the moment). Coffee is quite good and cigarettes plentiful but sharper in taste than ours. The Norwegians are still recovering from the occupation and take life very easily. To come to a Norwegian factory after the hustle of London is at once relaxing and frustrating. The day after tomorrow is even better than tomorrow for getting things done.

London papers are a day old in Oslo, and I noticed that the "Hill" beat Old Parkonians 4—0 at home. Now that football has started I am itching to get home again and you can have the rugged grandeur of blue mountains rising sheer out of winding fiords and the novelty of restaurant life and stranger customs for just one wallop at a leather ball on Saturday afternoon. I regret that I was unable to get in touch with Len before I left because there was a chance that he would have been able to fix me up with a game over here but it would be difficult, I think, because this is the end of their season. (They start again in the Spring when the snow has cleared away.)

If you see Hedley Bennett or Iris will you thank them for me please for the introduction to Sverre Fjeld and perhaps you'd tell them that I'll drop them a line fairly soon. He's a hell of a good lad and knows more about the Arsenal than I do myself. If ever he comes to London again we must certainly introduce him to the "Hill."

Incidentally, what's the make-up of the "Hill" side at the moment? Maynard, Peters, Haskell, Wiseman, Lambert, ditto, Hatch, Pearl, Hasemore, Thompson, ditto? Did that centre-forward turn up and has Percy Attwood started again?

This Saturday I'm hoping to go for a five-hour hike into the woods, so think of me lost in the mountain when you are all boozing away on the "rough stuff from the barrel."

I've tried to introduce the Norwegians to cricket but they think you play it on horse back. Perhaps some of us do!

Be seeing you. My regards to Jim, Bill, Tiger and the rest of the boys.

FERDY INGS.

CLUB JOTTINGS.

We are greatly indebted to our good friend and staunch supporter, Syd. Kynaston, for arranging delivery of the "Evening Standard" (Classified Edition) to the Pavilion on Saturday evenings. It is very much appreciated by the "Boys" and to Syd. we tender our sincere thanks for this nice gesture.

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A word in the ear of the boys one and all. After a hard fought game when you retire to the dressing room to shed your muddy togs and have a bath, some of you want a "cup of tea quick." But what about those dirty cups you leave in the Dressing Room? Come along my lads and see that they are returned to the canteen; have a thought for those three unselfish ladies who have our Football Club so much at heart and who give up their afternoons to attend to our wants.

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Playing members are reminded that at the Annual General Meeting, last May, it was decided to revert to the pre-war basis of subscriptions, viz.:—

Senior members £1 10s. 0d., Junior members 15s. 0d.

We also remind you that Subscriptions are due at the beginning of the season.

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It was very unfortunate that our goal-keeper, Reg. Maynard, received an injury in his first match and broke his collar-bone. We hope he will have a speedy and complete recovery and that it will not be long before he is again performing between the "sticks."

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We very much regret that we are losing the services of our centre-forward, Bernard Thompson who sails for New Zealand on the 20th November. We wish him bon voyage and the very best of luck in his new life. Bernard, we shall miss you.

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We are sorry to be losing the services of Norman Chesher, one of our younger members, who joined the Forces on the 30th October. Our best wishes go with you Norman, and we shall await your return.

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We are particularly pleased to have Sergeant C. H. Ambridge back with us again. We thank him for his untiring efforts and the motherly care which he bestows upon all our players, in attending to their sprains, bruises, pulled muscles and other minor injuries. We tender to you "Sarge." our sincere thanks.

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BOXING DAY MATCH - COOPER'S BENEFIT

ROLL UP IN STRENGTH.

We are very pleased to welcome home the following members, who have returned from the Forces:—

C. H. Ambridge
P. A. Attwood
W. R. Bacon
F. Bailey
G. K. Barker
D. J. Bentham
D. Bingley
E. C. Boden
W. K. Brooks
R. G. Brown
B. V. Buck
B. E. Carter
S. C. H. Cooper
H. Dupont

O. S. Eve
A. W. Finke
R. C. Gowers
C. Grant
S. W. Hasemore
W. V. Hobbs
S. P. Hockley
J. Horwood
F. Hunter
W. E. Jacques
R. J. Judson
F. H. Kenyon
K. H. Norman
L. F. Offer

S. Pain
J. Pearl
J. W. Pickard
S. Plant
D. M. Robertson
H. V. Spence
V. S. Tyrrell
D. Wade
K. H. White
E. P. Williams
R. H. Wilson
E. G. Woollends
D. C. H. Wright

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SOUTHERN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

(DIVISION 2—SENIOR SECTION)

Positions as at 9-11-1946.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals agst.	Points
Alexandra Park ...	4	4	—	—	24	8	8
Winchmore Hill ...	3	3	—	—	19	2	6
Brentham ...	2	2	—	—	7	4	4
Kew Association ...	3	2	—	1	16	9	4
West Wickham ...	2	1	—	1	10	6	2
Ibis ...	2	1	—	1	5	13	2
Alleyn O.B. ...	4	—	1	3	7	22	1
Old Parkonians ...	5	—	1	4	9	24	1
Reigate Priory ...	2	—	—	2	3	9	0
Old Latymerians ...	1	—	—	1	1	4	0

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Old Stationers ...	2	2	—	—	9	3	4
Barclays Bank ...	3	2	—	1	9	5	4
Crouch End Vampires	3	2	—	1	5	5	4
Bank of England ...	4	1	2	1	9	10	4
Westminster Bank	3	1	1	1	9	6	3
Old Lyonians ...	1	1	—	—	3	2	2
Borough Polytechnic	2	1	—	1	5	3	2
Old Westminster Citizens	4	1	—	3	9	11	2
Pearl Assurance ...	4	—	2	2	3	15	2
Cuaco ...	2	—	1	1	4	5	1