

# OWFC NEWSLETTER



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Issue 2

## Words from our Chairman

As we enter 2026 and the first 6 months of my tenure in this role, it's been great to see the progress being made across the club, both on and off the pitch.

One of the most noticeable improvements has been with our playing surfaces. A huge amount of time and effort has gone into repairing and maintaining the pitches, with some clear improvements already starting to show.

While it will take a couple of seasons for the surface to fully recover, the early signs are very encouraging. The real test will come over the Christmas period with the weather turning wetter, so expect some potential disruptions during this period, but we are in a far better place than this time last year.

It's also been a pleasure to welcome so many new faces into the club. Across our open-age teams, numbers have been strong, and the enthusiasm around training has been brilliant to see. The vets' sides are still looking to bolster their squads, but overall, the club is in a healthy position.

On the pitch, results have been positive across the board, with every squad showing signs of growth and potential. It's shaping up to be an exciting season and I'm looking forward to seeing how things develop as we move into the new year.

- Zeki Akdeniz, OWFC Chairman

# Club Performance Recap

## Early-Season Form: Starting the Campaign

With the first months of the season now behind us, all eight sides have begun to shape their campaigns, from unbeaten streaks and big scorelines to early challenges and signs of improvement.

Here's how each side has fared so far

## Saturdays

### Saturday 1's

**Saturday 1's** had a slow start to the season as the team was building a new squad. They are now in 4th place, challenging for promotion, and the side is showing its quality but struggling to find rhythm due to fluctuating availability, with the potential for a strong season end.

### Saturday 2's

After a similar situation to the 1st team, the **Saturday 2's** have begun to hit their stride and now lead their division in the new year. With quality scattered across the squad and confidence growing, the season ahead looks promising

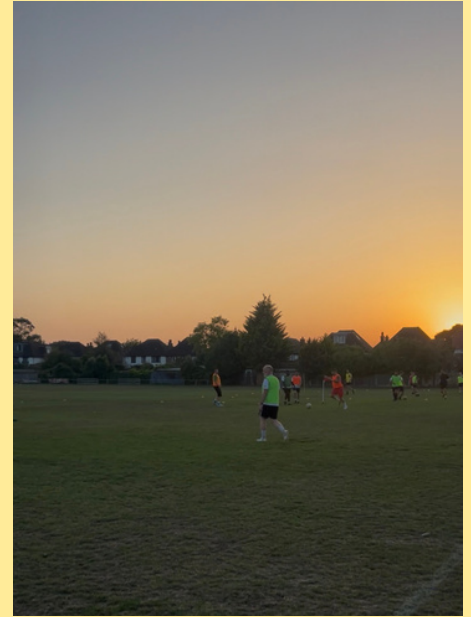
### Ramblers

The **Ramblers** remain the club's standout performers so far, being top of their division with only one loss in ten games. This shows a genuine statement of intent and a side aiming for silverware this season.



Saturday 1's enjoying a well-deserved drink after an emphatic 4-2 win earlier in the season

OW's hard at work maintaining fitness despite fixture cancellations



## Sundays

### Sunday 1's

Following a patchy pre-season, the **Sunday 1's** have now turned a corner, with performances improving and results beginning to reflect the work now put in on and off the pitch. 8 wins in the last 10 put the 1's in a strong position for promotion come the end of the season

### Sunday 2's

The **Sunday 2's** opened the season in outstanding form, winning their first three games, including a dominant 7-1 victory against Griffin Athletic. Injuries have disrupted momentum afterwards, but a strong response to back-to-back losses has left the reserves top of their division.

### Sunday 3's

With an almost entirely new squad as well as under new management, the **Sunday 3's** always faced a tough start to the season. Despite a strong pre-season, early league fixtures have proven to be challenging. However, the December results dramatically improved with key victories and a move up the division table and their progress will be watched closely



Double rainbow at the clubhouse - hopefully a sign of good luck for our teams this season!

## Sunday Vets

### Strollers

A limited run of fixtures have made it difficult for the **Strollers** to build any real momentum, but the performances have been competitive and the foundations for improvement are there.

### Amblers

Similarly to the Strollers, the **Amblers** have struggled to find rhythm due to inconsistent fixtures and changes within the squad. With more regular games ahead, the focus now shifts to settling the side and establishing themselves within the league.

# Club News

The Wimbledon college training pitch has been further booked on Tuesdays between 7pm and 8pm. The first session took place Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue into March 2026. Beyond this, training will continue at the home ground when the light improves.

There has been a recent photoshoot (link attached) of all the old kits being modelled by current players. Photos will be circulated - perhaps this will give an idea for styles and colours for new kits in the future!

<https://oldwimbledonians.co.uk/team-colours/>



A succesful christmas social down at the clubhouse

# Upcoming Events

Our new social secretary, Aran Hayashi, is planning for new events for the second half of the 2025/26 season.

As is usual, each year there will be at the end of season a club AGM (to elect office and managers etc) and an End of Year awards ceremony. Detail and dates will be confirmed in the next newsletter.



The Sunday 2's (and a few 3's) battling head to head in their Christmas quiz during their team Christmas Social

# The Big Overview - Stats & Trends

## Top Scorers of the Month:

September: **Dan Pearce** (Sunday 2's) - 6 Goals

October: **Leon Thorne** (Ramblers) - 5 Goals

November: **Will Wickham** (Saturday 1's),  
**James Brooke** (Sunday 1's),  
**Dan Pearce** (Sunday 2's) - 4 Goals

December: **Dan Pearce** (Sunday 2's),  
**David Taplin** (Ramblers) - 4 Goals

## Form Guide

(Last 5 Games)

Saturday 1's	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green
Saturday 2's	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
Ramblers	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green
Sunday 1's	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
Sunday 2's	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
Sunday 3's	Red	Green	Red	Green	Red
Strollers	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Amblers	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Green



- Social Media Secretary

*NCubbers*

Club members - what would you like to see here?  
Please let the committee know!