The Merton Way







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Note from the Chairman

Happy New Year to all our members old and new. I hope you have enjoyed your football up until now and enjoy it even more in 2019. The results could be a little better but it is essential it is fun. And there is plenty of time to get some wins under our belt. I travelled to Edgware last Saturday to see the 1s take on NUFC Oilers at Edgware, Barneys football complex at the Hive. It was a very good game. The Oilers played some very good football and obviously felt frustrated but our team put in a really good performance and deserved a point. It could have been three but for their keeper making a very good save in the last few moments.

The game was well refereed and played in a pretty good spirit. The game on the adjoining pitch seemed a very rough affair in comparison with lots of shouting and aggressive dissent. I was shocked to learn that it was in face an SAL Senior Div 1 game! That was a bit disappointing in truth. I thought by comparison Oilers and ourselves were paragons of virtue and flew the flag for competitive amateur sport.

This is an interesting year for us. The SAL (Andrew Copeland) has posted on Facebook that it is one hundred years since we won the SAL first division in 1919. That was the first year we joined the SAL so 2019 marks our centenary. There are not many clubs who have had one hundred years in the SAL and we will celebrate that pre-season.

So, as it is the New Year it is of course time to think about what we could do better and resolve to at least try. (New Year's Resolutions by another name). So here are some suggestions:

Please respond about your availability as soon as you possibly can Let your manager captain know so that teams can be selected. Thursday /Friday is a touch late.

Help your manager run the team Eg. Sort kit/write match report etc . He will need some help.

And on the pitch please no silly bookings or sin bins. No kicking the ball away and no dissent. Absolutely no dissent. And as we are in a public park please try not to swear.

After the game some of you may know we have showers but that is for you to wash your body NOT YOUR BOOTS. Please don't wash your boots in the shower it clogs up the drains and floods the changing rooms!!



Note from the Chairman

Get into the bar and have a drink with your team mates but don't forget the Ref and the oppo. Socialise and mix. It is particularly important to talk to the ref but not to challenge him about decisions but to make sure he enjoys coming to Merton.

So far we have been lucky with the weather but that wont last; the monsoons are late this year and when they come we will need some 'puddle busters' to come down to the Hood early to help. Be ready to volunteer!

And last but certainly not least, remember we have a youth section playing at the Hood on Sunday mornings and so when it is a nice day it is really good to get down to the Hood and give the lads some support and the managers too. They are doing a great job but can do with some encouragement. You can usually get a tea/coffee biscuit etc and it is a great way to support the club.

This weekend the 1s, 2s and 5s are all at home and we should have three home games and a lively bar so if you are not playing 'Come On Down.'

The Social Boar-terfly



MERTON FC Sunday 3rd FEBRUARY

PLUS - BBQ, DRINKS, FILMS & PROPER FOOTBALL:

14:05 LEICESTER vs MAN UTD 16:30 MAN CITY vs ARSENAL





Last week's results

League	NUFC Oilers	1	V	1	1s
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League	3s	0	V	3	Kew Assoc Res
League	4s	3	V	9	Polytechnic 7s
	D Zhurbiy (2), N Englefield				
League	Old Wilsonian 5s	3	V	2	5s
					A Bitmead (2)
League	South Bank Cuaco 7s	4	V	2	6s
League	Kew Park Rangers Blues	7	V	1	U14s
League	Claygate Royals Colts	2	V	3	U13s
					Brandon (2), Jonte
League	U10s	3	V	4	Sandgate Youth
	Percy, Rio, Maxwell				



This week's fixtures

of England
oomfield 'A'
3s
4s
ctonians 7s
6s
Wanderers
Town Colts
U10s



NUFC Oilers 1 – 1 Merton

The Saturday morning was bright and crisp as the Merton contingent made their way across the capital to North West London. Awaiting them was the impressive Hive Sports facilities, usually home to Barnet FC but today it was to host the gladiatorial encounter of Merton FC and NUFC Oilers.

The squad arrived with a bright, New Year optimism despite a mixed run of form. The usual stimulating conversation lit up the changing room; everything from consumer advice on sock purchases to insincere apologies for the toxic stench emanating from cubicle two.

The Merton team lined up in the tried and tested 4-3-3 formation with a balance of pace and strength. The first half was a fairly even encounter with Merton nullifying the creativity of the talented NUFC midfield and the back four standing resolutely to the physical prowess of the NUFC front line. The deadlock was broken through a first half goal from Josh who burst forward from midfield and after some slick link up play with George, slid it past the 6 ft 4 NUFC goalkeeper.

NUFC hit back almost instantly with a 25 yard strike that hit under the side of the bar. The away fans went silent as the ref looked down at his watch... VAR ruled no goal and the game carried on.

After more waves of pressure, NUFC scored an equaliser. Truth be told, I can't remember an awful lot about the goal but as I recall there was a good save from Sherbs and there player turned home the rebound. This could be completely wrong.

The second half was a far more drab affair with certain members of the team blowing a little harder than normal due to a lavish Christmas break. Despite this, the Merton team defended extremely well across the pitch and special mention goes to man of the match Max who despite setting up their striker in the 85th minute, defended with honour and deserved the title of MoM. DoD (yours truly) worked so hard during the match he forgot what the score line was and it wasn't until he tried to push the team into an 'all out attack' mentality that Browner reminded him that we were drawing 1-1 and not in fact losing 2-1.

All in all, a very good point earned against a good team a long way from home. Up the Merton.

Sherbs, Max, Browner, Jimbo, Rat, Sam Harvey, Josh FS, Joe Grew, George, Jamie, Ivan subs: Jonny (ht for Van), Clappers (unused)

NUFC Oilers 1 – 1 Merton









NUFC Oilers 1 – 1 Merton









NUFC Oilers 1 – 1 Merton

#SALSD2	SENIOR DIVISION 2					m	ntre		
POS		Р	w	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Norsemen	11	11	0	0	38	11	27	33
2	East Barnet Old Grammarians	11	7	2	2	30	20	10	23
3	Bank of England	9	6	0	3	32	17	15	18
4	Old Finchleians	9	4	2	3	22	18	4	14
5	NUFC Oilers	10	4	2	4	18	15	3	14
6	Alexandra Park	12	4	2	6	26	28	-2	14
7	Merton	11	3	3	5	17	20	-3	12
8	HSBC	10	3	1	6	13	31	-18	10
9	Carshalton	10	2	2	6	17	29	-12	8
10	Ibis Eagles	13	2	0	11	15	39	-24	6



<u>2s – no game</u>

	NTERMEDIATE DIVISION 3			5			mıt	re	
POS		Р	w	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 3rd	10	6	1	3	33	20	13	19
2	West Wickham 3rd	6	6	0	0	19	4	15	18
3	Alleyn Old Boys 3rd	10	6	0	4	36	27	9	18
4	Norsemen Res	6	5	1	0	16	2	14	16
5	Broomfield 'A'	5	5	0	0	19	9	10	15
6	Merton Res	11	4	1	6	18	26	-8	13
7	HSBC Res	11	1	5	5	19	33	-14	8
8	Weirside Rangers Res	9	2	1	6	10	25	-15	7
9	Old Parkonians 3rd	6	2	0	4	9	11	-2	6
10	Old Blues Res	6	1	1	4	9	20	-11	4
11	South Bank Cuaco Res	8	1	0	7	7	18	-11	3



3s 0 v 3 Kew Assoc Res

The first game of 2019 saw the 3s at the Hood, everyone was ready to run off all the turkey, mince pies and beer they had consumed over the festive period.

the opposition who sat 2nd in the league had narrowly claimed the reverse fixture early in the season 4-3 (the boars having been 4-0 down at half time) so revenge was on the cards.

The changing room was a buzz with the sounds from a medley of songs from Rocky (the film franchise) getting the lads in the mood.

The game kicked off with the boars adopting a 4-3-3 formation due to the lack of striking options at their disposal, Fitz spearheading our quest for glory. There was some early pressure from the home team with the midfield trio of Vin, Neal and Mustard working hard and the front three looking to unlock the away defence, the opening 25 minutes were closely contested with a lot of physical output from both teams but little in the way of cutting edge.

The break through went to the away, after the ball was played in from the boars right wing an the eagle eyed referee spotted a push by Ciaran McGowan on one of the opposing forwards and gave the penalty.

This was dispatched straight down the middle of the goal by the oppositions striker who looked as though he had enjoyed the last 5 christmas' far to much. There was further pain inflicted on the boars minutes later when after being played in behind a prosaic back line the away teams forward made no mistake with the one on one, 2-0 in the space of 5 minutes, which is how the half ended.

The half time team talk focused on the players being braver on the ball and trying to play our way out of tough spots not play direct balls up to an increasingly isolated Fitz.



3s 0 v 3 Kew Assoc Res

In truth second half was more notable for the amount of bookings handed out in what was not an overly rough game than the goal mouth action from either team. The main incidents of the second half occurred in the last few minutes of the match, having ventured up for a corner in search of a way back into the game lain was sent off for a handling the ball outside the area thus denying a goal scoring opportunity whilst trying to recover. Down to ten men Adam stepped in between the sticks but virtually his first job was to pick the ball out of the net after a Kew player nodded in, the referee seemingly missing the two handed shove in Grestys back allowing him the free header from six yards.

The game ended 3-0, I'm not sure it was a game that warranted that score line but in truth the Kew keeper was only forced into a couple of saves the entire match as the boars struggled to create any decent chances.

MoM - 'Big' Sam Kapadia - Great energy and quality on the ball DoD - Iain Evans - red card (worst refereeing decision since the triple booking from Graham Poll)

Special Mentions - Mustard - His Triple Denim ensemble was something even Hector Bellerin would struggle to pull off and finally Nathen - asking to be subbed off as he was tired... after coming on as sub and don't get me started on those pink boots!

We go again



3s 0 v 3 Kew Assoc Res

Junior Section Division 2 South

POS		Р	w	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Civil Service 4th	9	8	0	1	30	13	17	24
2	Kew Association Res	12	7	3	2	36	26	10	24
3	Polytechnic 5th	10	7	1	2	29	23	6	22
4	Actonians Association 6th	10	5	1	4	22	25	-3	16
5	Actonians Association 5th	10	4	2	4	18	15	3	14
6	Old Salesians	9	4	1	4	33	19	14	13
7	HSBC 3rd	9	3	1	5	29	33	-4	10
8	Merton 3rd	12	3	0	9	21	35	-14	9
9	Old Wilsonians 3rd	8	2	1	5	16	18	-2	7
10	Carshalton 4th	9	1	0	8	10	37	-27	3



<u>4s 3 – 9 Polytechnic 7s</u>

Junior Section Division 4 South

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	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
Polytechnic 6th	10	8	2	0	44	11	33	26
West Wickham 6th	12	7	1	4	29	30	-1	22
Polytechnic 7th	8	5	1	2	28	17	11	16
Actonians Association 7th	8	4	0	4	15	18	-3	12
Old Wilsonians 5th	8	3	2	3	20	20	0	11
Merton 4th	10	2	4	4	23	32	-9	10
Ibis Eagles 4th	6	1	1	4	10	16	-6	4
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5s 2 v 3 Old Wilsonians 5s

T'was the game after Christmas, and we were very much hoping to start the new year off with a bang against a tough but beatable opponent. It is fair to say our situation at the start of the day, on a scale of 1 to Danny, was already about 7.67 on the Dyer scale and only a win would improve that.

We started the first game of the New Year off in style. The first 20 minutes we dictated the pace of the game, had the best of possession and looked the more likely to score the first goal. We were unlucky very early on to be denied a very clear opportunity by a more-than dodgy offside decision. Although offside before the ball was played, D managed to get back clearly in line before the ball was played through. Unfortunately, the ref got the memo from the league that D, at all times, is indeed offside and blew when he would have been 1 on 1 with the keeper.

We didn't let that setback work against us, and continued to press. We had 1 or 2 long range shots before breaking the deadlock. A peach of a cross from our very own Danny Dyer, our gaffer Ackerz, to the far post found Bitmead. He hit an inch perfect volley square into the face of the defender's face next to him; a debate would ensue post-game whether it would have been off target but as the self-proclaimed independent goals panel, I decided that it may well have curled just inside the post [there has to be some benefit to writing these reports]. The rebound off the poor geeza's face nestled into the near top-corner leaving the keeper with no chance. 1 - 0. Pukka.

It did not take too long for us to get pegged back by what Whilst we were in control, it only took a moment of madness for the tide to change. A long throw in was flicked on from the edge on the 6-yard box, at a tight angle. It seemed like no one expected it, and the ball lobbed Kieran with players at the back post just unable to reach it. An avoidable goal, but a lucky one too. We always seem to concede those ones, and we couldn't Adam and Eve it.

We proved to be further architects of our own downfall just before half time. A harmless ball in to the box was met by their player, who was subsequently met by Matt who subsequently did not get near the ball. Penalty given. The effort was tame and well saved by Kieran, however he saved it too well and the ball went back out to the striker. We were scratching our heads over how we could be 2-1 down, but we were encouraged by the performance.



5s 2 v 3 Old Wilsonians 5s

We came out again firing in the second half, and created some really good chances. The pick of the bunch was Matt's; a rebounding ball in the box fell to him around 6 yards out. He opted to go for power, but unfortunately hit it straight at the keeper. Not long after, we were to go ahead with what was the best goal of the afternoon. Dwayne hit a felightful pass from deep beyond their defence, finding the run of Bitmead. His header infield was weighted perfectly, and left him one on one with the keeper. He casually slotted past to put us level at 2 - 2 and on the up.

Again, shortly after, we were pegged back by another outrageous refereeing decision. Their midfielder went on a run, and was closely followed by Delman. As if by magic, the second he got into the box he managed to feel contact and went down in the most elaborate way. It was a dive that Tom Daley would have been proud with. The problem was that it was incredibly blatant, but the ref fell for it and gave the pen. In all honesty I can't see how he didn't see it, but they scored it and went 3 - 2 up. Shortly after the pen, the player did exactly the same once again, although the pen was not given this time. It was disgraceful and even some of their players looked uncomfortable with the blatant attempt to cheat.

D was then involved in a couple of incidents which were both fortunate and unfortunate in equal measure. He crashed, both studs up, into the cheat which was a tackle that we welcomed but was, inconceivably, a challenge that deserved a straight red, but a card was not forthcoming. Then, at the other end, he managed to meet a brilliant ball to the back post [he claims it was his head, but to me it looked like he managed to whip his massive shlong over his head to tap it towards goal]. It beat the keeper, but their player just about made it to clear on the line. That was the last of our chances, and the game ended 3 -2 after all.

Whilst the result was less than desirable and placed us further down the Dyer scale, the performance was very encouraging. We were left frustrated by refereeing decisions, our own wastefulness at key points within the game and, the most classic for the 5s, mistakes that led to goals. But we played really well and deserved more from the game.

There were a few contenders for man of the match. Kieran made a couple of impressive saves, including a great save from a 1 on 1. The defence collectively was solid with Chris, Daz, Scott and Delman keeping their attacking players at bay. D was a threat, Dwayne got a great assist and a midfield combination of Pete, Matt and myself won the midfield for most of the game against the best part of their team. Man of the match, however, went to Bitmead for 2 goals and a terrific all round performance.

Next game becomes a must-win, and if we play like we did and show more composure in the big moments of the game, we will have every opportunity of getting the much-needed win.



5s 2 v 3 Old Wilsonians 5s

Junior Section Division 4 South

POS		Р	w	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Polytechnic 6th	10	8	2	0	44	11	33	26
2	West Wickham 6th	12	7	1	4	29	30	-1	22
3	Polytechnic 7th	8	5	1	2	28	17	11	16
4	Actonians Association 7th	8	4	0	4	15	18	-3	12
5	Old Wilsonians 5th	8	3	2	3	20	20	0	11
6	Merton 4th	10	2	4	4	23	32	-9	10
7	Ibis Eagles 4th	6	1	1	4	10	16	-6	4
8	Merton 5th	12	1	1	10	11	36	-25	4



6s 2 v 4 South Bank Cuaco 7th

Christmas & New Year break over, all looking to start football again, well if not snowboarding, shopping etc. didn't get in the way. So from a team of 13 in midweek we finally turned up with the bare 11. Daban's car not starting around 1.00pm.

We still had a reasonable line with youth up front and age at the back, however the pitch wasn't going to help longish grass and heavy plus South Bank had 14 players.

We Start well and scored reasonable early with a good finish by Ricardo from inside the box. We continued to frustrate South Bank's attack limiting them to long range efforts, whilst continuing to cause them problems but we did score again until nearly half time. Lewis continuing his fine scoring form.

Unfortunately we let our guard down just before half-time when we failed to clear full a free kick. So we go in at half time 2-1 up.

In the second half our efforts from the first half began to tell and the fact that South Bank had 3 sub meant our tired legs faced fresh legs and the number of free kick we (Ricardo) gave away told and South Bank scored 3 Goals including a OG.

Our attacking force also suffer with James having to good off for the last 10/15 minutes with an Achilles problem.

The good points were we didn't stop running and trying to score right to the end, but without any luck. Our 10 men attacking line did mean that holes appeared at the back and enable Martin in goal to make a few saves.

The final result being 2-4 was disappointing but there were positives. The centre midfield pair of Ricardo & Phil worked tirelessly as did Lewis & James up front and the defence was solid for the most.

It was between Ricardo who seemingly wanting to get into the referee's note book and Kevin get some early practice for the six Nation we giving away too many free kicks in dangerous areas.

MoM - Ricardo Inglesias with a mention to Tom Johnson DoD – Daban (my car doesn't Start) Babaker Team – Martin, Steve, Tom, Joe, Kevin, Andrew, Phil, Ricardo, Matt, James & Lewis



6s 2 v 4 South Bank Cuaco 7th

Junior Section Division 6 South

POS		P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	HSBC 6th	8	7	1	0	51	13	38	22
2	South Bank Cuaco 7th	9	6	2	1	33	26	7	20
3	City of London 3rd	8	3	4	1	30	15	15	13
4	Bank of England 5th	8	3	3	2	15	17	-2	12
5	Old Salesians Res	5	3	0	2	14	8	6	9
6	Merton 6th	8	2	3	3	17	22	-5	9
7	Old Wilsonians 8th	9	1	3	5	20	31	-11	6
8	Civil Service 8th	7	1	1	5	9	18	-9	4
9	Old Wilsonians 9th	10	0	3	7	13	52	-39	3



U10s 3 v 4 Sandgate Youth

News arrived over the Christmas break of a well-deserved promotion from the top of division 5 to division 4 after a consistently successful first half to the season.

First up was as tough as it gets with a visit from top of the table Sandgate U10s on a dry mild morning.

The game kicked off and saw some good interplay from both sides on the sticky home pitch. A number of passes never made it to their intended recipient as was becoming the norm in the early phases of home games.

With Harry unfortunately out ill Ollie was playing on his own at the back with a more loaded midfield needing to track back and support as needed.

Dave was also watching on today with an arm fracture and cast on. To compensate we had our new team mate Bobby able to step in and support.

In an early exchange Maxwell won the ball deep in his own half and played in Farris who was up front and went on to create a chance for Rio whose shot was deflected out for a corner. Nothing came of it and on we went.

The first Sandgate chance then followed and Max managed to get to it and shepherd it out for a corner from which Maxwell cleared. This resulted in a chance for Farris which led to a Merton corner but to no avail.

Ollie was looking very solid at the back and choosing his moments perfectly to step in and challenge vs dropping off to let others join in defending. It was like having all of the judgment of Harry and the application of Ollie in one player.

Sandgate broke away and forced a good save from Max in a 1 on 1. His judgment and timing has clearly been improving over recent months.

But the first goal was not far away. It came from a Sandgate break and what was thought to be a good challenge from Maxwell but the ref awarded a free kick just outside the Merton box. It was a cracker and nestled in the top corner to give the visitors the lead.



U10s 3 v 4 Sandgate Youth

Merton didn't let their heads drop and the next chance fell to the home side with Maxwell cutting in from the wing and clipping his shot in for a deflection out and corner. Nothing came of it again and Sandgate cleared.

Then the equaliser came. Percy showed great persistence in the Sandgate box and pushed through 2 challenges. The ball fell to the keeper who attempted a clearance but straight at the on-rushing Percy and the ball was in the net. 1-1.

Both sides were straight back on it from the kick off and some good interplay from Sandgate led to a sweet cross on the ground and tap in for 2-1 to the visitors.

Then, despite the Merton work rate another break led to another good cross and 3-1. The Sandgate number 11 in midfield was a very calm and direct player who had created 2 of their goals. Merton were up against it.

There followed some good play deep in our own half from Louis who played in Farris who in turn found Rio. Rio played a gorgeous little chip over the keeper for Merton's second of the match. 2-3 and game on.

The half time whistle blew and the boys stopped for a well-earned rest.

The second half started with more intense football and Ollie continuing his fine form.

As the game wore on there were chances at either end and Sandgate were shading it. Joe, Rio and Louis all looked shattered after their hard work and the Christmas break but kept going admirably. Max was called into action again and more often.

Some soft free kicks were being given now and another shot came in from the latest for Sandgate which led to another save from Max who was starting to play a central role in keeping Merton in this.

Suddenly Ollie won another ball and found Rio who played in Maxwell for his first one on one. He had a poor service since moving up front and was making no mistake with this one. He clipped it over the keeper and Merton were back level at 3-3. This was developing into a very good game but the opposition looking on were not best pleased and made their thoughts known through the odd questionable comment encouraging hard play from their team.



U10s 3 v 4 Sandgate Youth

Sandgate continued to have some good play and in the latest, just as it seemed they would score up popped Ollie to clear off the line. There was hardly a Merton player now who looked like they had much left in the tank. Even the relentless Percy was looking tired. Having Bobby in the team was a great help with his calm solidity wherever he played on the pitch.

Rio was in the middle of the next key play for Merton after being played through by Farris but this time shot wide left. A win against the top team in this new league seemed within reach as the minutes ticked down.

Farris had another opportunity soon after but shot straight at the keeper as the ball stuck under his feet.

Then the sucker punch as Sandgate broke forward again and after some tight play around the Merton box squeezed the ball in for 4-3 and the lead as we entered the final moments of the match.

There continued to be quick fire chances at both ends, of which Sandgate had the better and forced some brilliant goal keeping from Max. He clearly wanted to get his hands on the Man of the Match trophy today.

The ref blew the final whistle to the relief of the Sandgate team and Merton had shown that they were a match for this level having taken the top team very close to a result.

Man of the Match was a high quality problem for Neal and Roy with a number of good performances. In the end it was double awarded to Max and Ollie who both richly deserved the accolade.

Neal and Roy let the boys know after the game how proud they were of their work rate and determination throughout a tough match. On another day they could well have got a win. On to the next match!



Stats zone – Top Scorer

Denys Zhurbiy	7	1	8
Lewis Riches	6	1	7
Peter Obeng-Adu	5	1	6
Dom Plumridge	4	2	6
Andy Bitmead	3	3	6
Jamie Cross	5	0	5
Aaron Byrne	4	1	5
Glenn Pitman	4	0	4
Dulanie Richards	4	0	4
Dave Golding	4	0	4



Stats zone – Top Assists

Name	Total
George Brobbey	9
Dave Golding	6
Ryan Burchell	4
Glenn Pitman	4
Denys Zhurbiy	3
Dan Rist	3
Callum Fisher	3



Stats zone – Golden Glove

		n Gloves				
Name	Clean Sheets	Pen Saves	Total 1 Goal	Points	Goals Conceded	
Kieran Lee		2	1	1	10	31
Siraj Durrani		1	1	1	7	14
Simon Clapperton		2	0	0	6	2
Martin Quinlan		1	0	2	5	31
Alex Herbert		1	0	2	5	16
Lee Lenihan		1	0	0	3	36