



**THE FIRST
100 YEARS OF
THE OLD
PARMITERIANS'
FOOTBALL CLUB
1898 – 1998**

A SHORT HISTORY

by

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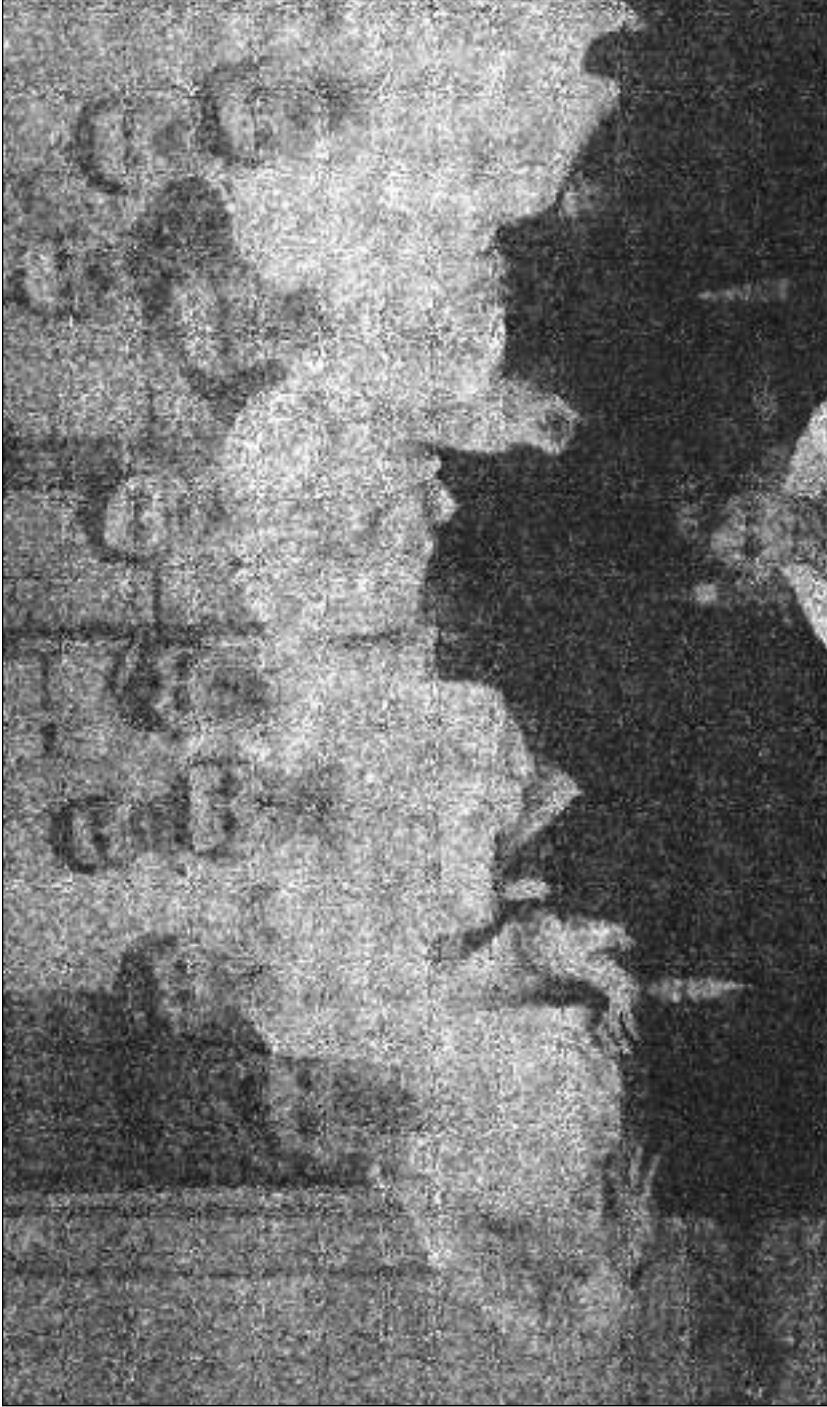
*This history is dedicated
to the memory of
TONY JONES
without whom we may not have
reached our centenary milestone.*

Foreword

MY INITIAL REACTION on being asked by Francis Mariani to prepare the history of the Old Parmiterians' Football Club to celebrate its centenary was to suggest the work be split up with one or two other OPs who I knew to be capable and interested in this type of work. Shortly after, a more persuasive tongue, belonging to Max Lea, caught me unawares and I was more or less cornered!! Despite the hours and hours of reading and investigation that I have put in I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I feel I now know many of the names that have been mentioned over the years almost as team mates and incidents and individual games relayed over a post match pint have a more personal touch. Finally, I have the honour of recording the success in winning 170 pieces of silverware, most of them within living memory, on behalf of the Club.

Whether you attended Parmiters School or not, whether you were fortunate enough to play in the 1st X1, or only one of our minor sides, you can be justifiably proud of the Club's achievements over the last one hundred years. There are many more to come.

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Old Parmiterians FC 1898-1899

E. W. Bedford, A. J. Park, R. Rhodes, B. C. Thomas, H. E. Chamberlain, M. Banner, J. A. Hill, W. A. Catherwood,
A, Gardiner, F. S. Richardson and H. R. Medlycott.

(The names are correct but cannot be identified as individuals)

The history of the Old Parmiterians' Football Club 1898-1998

1. Formation

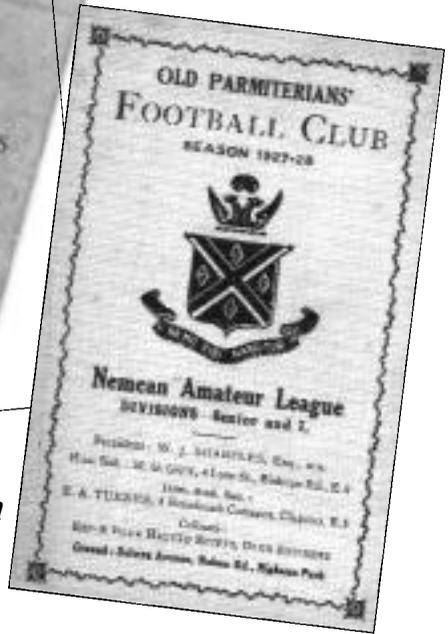
Ideas and proposals for the formation of any new society, Club or group rarely have the foresight to plan for the long-term future. However in 1898 when the Old Parmiterians' Football Club was founded there can be no doubt from records available that this was a long-term commitment to both the Society and, more importantly, the School. It was considered imperative at the end of the 19th century to provide support and comradeship to fellow pupils and this was extended beyond the School by the formation of a number of separate Clubs all affiliated under the auspices of the Old Parmiterians' Society. Foremost amongst these was the Old Parmiterians' Football Club.

The members of the first ever committee, B.C. Thomas, H.Hill, F.C.Hempleman and F.S.Richardson, were entrusted with the job of locating a pitch on which to play and as a result on 15th October 1898 at Lake House Park, Wanstead, OPFC duly defeated Trinity FC by 14-0!

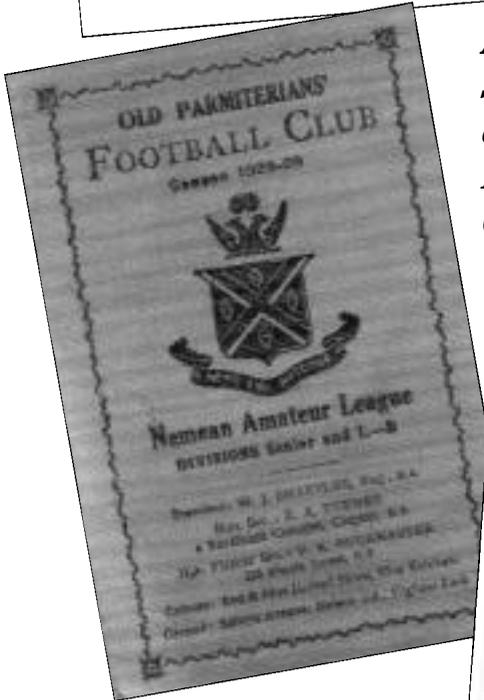
The following season found the Club moving to superior facilities at Wadham Lodge thus beginning a commitment to the Chingford area which exists to the present time.

Friendlies were the order of the day for a number of years although a solitary venture into competitive football was made in 1900 when Crouch End Vampires Reserves defeated the Club 3-0 in the London Junior Cup. It is interesting to note that other opponents in the early days included the Old Boys of Ignatians, Albanians, Grammarians, Parkonians, Tollingtonians and Owens, all Clubs which still figure amongst the Club fixtures a century later.

With football becoming increasingly popular among the general public, it came as no surprise even at the turn of the century that professionalism caused a rift among the organisers of the game, so much so that two new bodies came into being, The Football Association, of which we hear much but know little, and of course the Amateur Football Alliance which took over the administration of football for the



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of Old
Fixture
Cards**



game's sake. It is therefore with great honour and pleasure that we can record that OPFC were among the founder members of the AFA in 1907. Whilst still playing friendlies in those far off days, the affiliation to the AFA meant that organised football was eventually to become the order of the day. The following season (1908/09) saw the Club become a founder member of the Secondary Schools Old Boys' League although success eluded the Club for many years with a 3rd place finish in 1913-14 being the most noteworthy effort.

The OPFC and the game of football itself being of paramount importance, there was rarely any mention of individual players recorded in the Parmiter Magazine in those far off days except to perhaps record any serious injury that may have befallen a colleague. Likewise the administrators of the sections changed regularly, unlike their counterparts some 50 years later.

With the onset of the First World War in 1914, football like almost every other pastime became of secondary importance for the next five years during which time over 100 OP's lost their lives, many being members of OPFC. During these years the only games played were the Past V Present fixtures which took place at the Honourable Drapers Company ground at Leyton (now known as Drapers Fields) at which attendance was popular as it preceded the Annual Dinner in the evening.



Old Parmiterians 1st XI 1950-51

LOB First Division Champions

(Back Row l to r): T. Jones, R. Wyatt, R. Angel, V. Sharp, E. Eveniss, J. Castle, D. Darling *(Middle Row):* D. Harper, S. Canham, F. Gipp, G. Lee, A. Mason *(Front Row)* A. Nash, G. Gibbons

2. Consolidation

Following the end of hostilities the Club resumed its position in the Old Boys' League running two and eventually three elevens although regular success was still to be many years away. It was still very important in amateur football at this time to "play the game" and constant references to good performances and team effort were an ever present reminder of the high ideals expected from Old Parmiterians whether the game was won or lost. Nevertheless the Club did achieve some isolated success with the second X1 winning Junior Division 3 in 1924/25 and thus became the first trophy winners for the Club. The following season saw the 1st X1 lose 3-2 to Old Owens in the Old Boys' Senior Cup Final, a stirring performance by all accounts, while we are at last able to record some well known Parmiterian names amongst the players which included Ron Wastell, Laurie Bailey and Leslie Israel.

The most important factor during the Club's consolidation period after the First World War came in 1923 when the Governors of the School permitted the Old Boys' Society to use the newly acquired School Ground at Nelson Road (or Selwyn Avenue as it was known then) for both football and cricket. It was an immense boost to both sections and was somewhere the Club could call home. It was to remain so for some sixty years, indeed to many members it is still the only ground they associate with OPFC. It would also be appropriate to record for those with a nostalgic outlook and for some readers with a good memory, that the trees which run along the north side of the ground were planted in 1927 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the new school in Approach Road. Like OPFC these trees continue to flourish.

The Club continued to field a minimum of two sides each week and with other familiar names beginning to emerge, for example, Bill Cornish and Arthur Cutmore, who were respectively Treasurer and Secretary of the Section, the future was looking promising. A short sojourn in 1927 to the now defunct Nemean League where we were once again founder members was not altogether popular (these changes never are as we shall see later) and it surprised few to see the Club return to Old Boys' football after only three seasons. The final success of this period came in 1935/36 as the 1st X1 at last managed to have their name engraved on a trophy when they captured the Senior Division Two title and put themselves into the highest echelons of Old Boys' football. The half back line of Redding, Maddin and Jofeh was specifically mentioned as the mainstay of the team.

Once again, however, football had to take a back seat in 1939 with the outbreak of the Second World War and it would be some years before one of the most celebrated Old Parmiterians was able to get the Club up and running for a third time.



The Pavilion, Nelson Road

3. Rebuilding

Like its counterpart twenty five years earlier, the Second World War inevitably meant that no OP football was played from 1939-1945, not even the traditional games with the School could be fitted in. Despite the austerity and hardship of the times, the spirit of the Club from pre-war days was not diminished and in September 1946 the Club was reformed. The prime movers being Messrs Cutmore, Maddin, Gipp and Angel, while many other players had been playing regularly before the war. Once again a season of friendly matches took place before the Club returned to the Old Boys' League for the start of the 1947/48 season. The Club struggled initially as a result of a lack of young players coming through, National Service being recorded as the main culprit. However by 1951/52 the Club by now under the excellent management of Tony Jones were able to put out three teams each week and were rewarded with the 1st X1 winning the Division 1 (North) of the Old Boys' League.

The importance of Tony Jones's contribution to the running of the OPFC during the immediate post war years cannot be stressed too highly. For six years he held the offices of General Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Treasurer before business commitments and the general workload following the increase in size of the Club forced him to relinquish the last two positions. He was however to remain as Secretary of the Club for twenty five years in all and a wonderful supporter of the Club for all this time. The AFA also honoured Tony appointing him to the AFA Senior Cup Final during his career as a referee. He is fondly remembered by all those who knew and worked with him.

Times were changing however and standards in AFA football were improving off the pitch as well as on it. In the mid 1950s some disquiet was felt by a number of players regarding the facilities that were being provided by some of the opposition, particularly towards the lower X1s. The quality of pitches, changing facilities and the provision of food after the game was not of an equal standard and attempts were made to join the Southern Amateur League. Although not successful the seeds were sown for the Club to move on. Before the eventual move however the 3rd X1 were able to get their name into the record books by winning Division 4 (North) of the Old Boys League in 1953/54. This was the last trophy the Club won during its membership of the League.

From the Club's point of view the number of players had steadily increased and consequently for the first time ever a 4th X1 was entered into league football for the 1955/56 season. Many of the players who began their OP football careers during

this era still take an interest in the Club, albeit from a distance. With the Club growing in size and the younger element becoming increasingly dominant, the move to greener pastures was now inevitable.

Some behind the scenes enquiries had been discreetly made and the new subject of interest was now the Southern Olympian League. A number of discussion meetings were held and information provided to all members of the Club before a referendum proved in favour of the move. The Club had been members of the Old Boys' League for over fifty years and in that time had won five trophies, the next ten years alone would see that figure doubled.

Old Parmiterians Suppers circa 1967



ABOVE

“The Superbs” –

(From l to r): Max Lea,
Del Bleach, Brian Ellison,
Toby Evans, John Evans



RIGHT

Brian Robinson attempts to make Chalky White, Brian Harper and Mick Marsden laugh. He's still using the same joke.

4. Southern Olympian Years 1960-1980

Not only was the 1960/61 season significant for the Club moving into the SOL but equally as important was the opening of the new Pavilion at Nelson Road together with the new OP bar at the rear of the Pavilion. It was all quite state of the art and the Club could be justifiably proud of the facilities it was able to offer the new opposition. Having been playing at a much higher standard in the OBFL it came as no surprise when the first three elevens gained promotion, the 1st and 3rds as champions. The following year the 1st XI were again champions and were promoted to the Senior 1 Division where they stayed until the Club once again moved on, a total of 30 years without being relegated. The 1961/62 season also saw the 1st XI capture the SOL Senior Challenge Bowl to complete a superb double. This team captained by Alan Baily and supported in defence by Sid Canham with brothers Brian & Ray Robinson, was generally accepted to be the best team the Club had until then produced. They may have even completed a hat trick of championships had the 1962/63 season not been abandoned due to the horrendous weather which prevented any football being played for almost three months after Christmas. This was to be the pinnacle of the 1st XI's achievements for more than a decade before another excellent team rewrote the record book. In the meantime the Club's reserves and minor teams all met with success during one season or another and these are listed in detail elsewhere in this book. To report each one in detail would no doubt prove tedious.

Menu

SOUP EL MULLIGATAWNY	Simmered in a Macedonian bed pan, stirred for two days by a Nubian slave, cooked by the Beames of the Parian Gulf, then served in a Chingalese.
CHIPOLATAS EGGTOQUE	Choice cuts of pork, finely minced, smoked in a cylindrical striped membron, pickled, then lightly tossed in dublin 'till golden brown.
HARICOTS MEINZ A LA ZACKERWICH	These kidney shaped seeds in long pods, grown in Biotop's vintage 1890s, and kissed by the Mediterranean sea, still preserve their charm and simplicity having defied destruction through two world wars, being stored in Alpine cellars.
POMMES DE TERRE PARMETERIANNES	Grown in the beds of an Irish monastery, religiously tended by monks, and after seasoning with Assam milk and Cils of White Horses, ground to a light and fluffy pulp by the feet of Italian virgins.
POMMES ANGLAISE	Fruit with which Eve tempted Adam, picked from the Garden of England, and baked under a crusty pie.
ROCHER DE BLACE VANILLE	Icelandic water, flavoured with essence of fresh Passion Fruit, that well-known splendence.

Wings

Charrington (Vintage 1968)

GREAT MOMENTS IN O.P. FOOTBALL

- 1914 6th XI Overseas tour to Germany.
- 1920 Tony Jones 50th Birthday celebrations.
- 1926 Del Bleach buys a pair of boots.
- 1931 Max Lee rides winner of Greyhound Derby.
- 1939 6th XI 2nd overseas tour to Germany.
- 1947 3rd XI comes 4th in Boat Race.
- 1948 Ron Zackerwicz scores 75 runs (at rounders).
- 1949 6th XI overseas tour to Korea.
- 1952 Crowd at Leyton Orient reaches double figures.
- 1954 Arthur Linton wins Miss U.K. competition.
- 1955 Brian Robinson, Brian Sims, Brian Todd, Dave Evans leave school.
- 1962 6th XI overseas tour to Vietnam.
- 1963 Brian Ellison arrested - indecent exposure.
- 1965 Gary Robertson marries Ian Cameron (Lenny Merrick is bridesmaid).
- 1967 Del Bleach buys second pair of boots.
- 1969 Roy Fitch turns queer.
- 1970 Peter Clark has unsuccessful mouth operation.



Old Parmiterians 1st XI 1961-62

Southern Olympian League Challenge Bowl Winners and Division II Champions

(Back Row l to r): D. Smith, G. Harrington, G. Freestone (*Vice Capt*), S. Canham, A. Fuller, R. Robinson, D. Darling, *(Front Row):* E. Eveniss, A. Langley, D. Humphries, A. Baily (*Capt*), L. Mills, B. Robinson

It would be remiss not to mention the important contributions made during the 1960s and 1970s of certain individuals, Del Bleach, Arthur Linton, Mick Marsden , Brian Todd and Bob (Chalky) White who also were responsible for producing the *Boot Magazine*, were all captains and officers who served the Club well. Ron Monksfield and Ron Zackerwich looked after the Club's finances for almost this entire period and of course Tony Jones completed his twenty five years as Secretary before handing over to the equally efficient Dennis Veck. There are certainly many others who contributed towards the organising of the Club's affairs and we owe them all our thanks. Equally there are many very good players who played in the Club's colours but perhaps were never fortunate enough to enjoy being part of a winning team, again the hope is that they still enjoyed their time with the Club.

By the mid 1970s the Club once again had a 1st X1 to be proud of, Colin Staines was now the skipper and the nucleus of the team had been together for some years. Coincidentally, as in the Club's last great side, there were a set of brothers. Alan Apicella was outstanding in defence while brother Peter added silky touches in



Old Parmiterians 1967/68

Southern Olympian League Division F Champions

(Back Row 1 to 6): J. Silk, B. Sims, B. Evans, D. Bleach, L. Collis, A. Langley

(Front Row): C. Robinson, P. Coker, M. Lea (*Capt*), D. Veck, R. White

midfield. Up front Terry Scott and Roy Fitch both scored over twenty goals apiece while the heart of the team in midfield consisted of Staines, Martin Rabenau and Micky Meadows. Youngsters Alistair Barnwell in goal and Barry Winter in his first season in the 1st X1 together with the experience of Brian Ellison and Billy Brooks completed the line up. The 1st X1 were runners up in Senior Division One four times in seven years before taking the title for the first time in 1974/75. In addition they added the SOL Senior Cup and the AFA Essex Senior Cup (the final was held over until the following season). The championship was secured twice more by most of the above players in 1976/77 and 1979/80 before age and injury brought an end to this particular team.

The overall strength of the Club had now improved quite dramatically. This was particularly noticeable in the AFA cup competitions where the Club had started to make an impression at every level and were quite capable of holding their own against even the strongest Clubs in AFA football. The belief was there but the final successes were still some years away. In addition a further team was added in 1976/77 bringing the total to seven teams each week.



Old Parmiterians 1st XI 1974-75

***Southern Olympian League Senior One Champions, League Cup Winners,
Essex AA Senior Cup Winners***

*(Back Row l to r): R. Wilderspin, B. Sharp, A. Barnwell, P. Apicella, A. Apicella,
R. Fitch, M. Meadows, (Front Row): B. Brooks, C. Staines,
B. Ellison, T. Scott, M. Rabeneau*

A new and more serious problem began to emerge in 1975 when it was announced that the School in Bethnal Green was to close. This subsequently meant that the School ground at Nelson Road would also be sold. Frantic negotiations with the new owners Waltham Forest Council took place and eventually agreement was reached for a continuing use of the ground, although this was not to be on a long-term basis. In addition extra pitches had been acquired at Montague Road, Edmonton in order to accommodate the new sides the Club had formed. The 1970s closed with the Club stronger than it had ever been and began to embark on a domination of the Southern Olympian League it would also see the Club move out of its home at Nelson Road.



Old Parmiterians 1974-75

4th XI Mander Cup Winners and 5th XI Burntwood Cup Winners

(Back Row l to r): D. Anderson, M. Miles, D. Drury, D. Veck, R. Young, K. Webb, R. Bass, A. Linton *(Middle Back)* P. Hamersley
 R. Howell, P. Heard, C. Hart, S. Flowers, R. Prior *(Middle Front)* V. Miles, A. Barnett, K. Dyson, R. Cole
(Front Row) G. Cook, S. Cruddas, J. Gibson, D. Smith, K. Hallgarth, S. Holmes

5. The Southern Olympian League (1980-1992)

This Section of the Club's history, as well as being the most successful for the winning of trophies, also provided for the incredible increase in the volume of players and consequently the expansion, very rapidly from seven to eleven regular teams each week. Interestingly enough this period also coincides with the final years of Parmiters School in Bethnal Green and an influx of O.Ps determined to continue their links with the School. Some of these are still playing today.

Colin Staines's 1st X1 were still a very good team, although some of the faces had changed, Bob Sharp and Glen Apicella (yet a third brother) were brought in to reinforce the defence while youngsters Micky Gore and Paul Mitchell figured as the new strike force. Paul, incidently, later went on to be an automatic and highly respected member of the AFA Representative team for some six years. Whilst the Senior One title was won in consecutive years the team are remembered more for reaching the final of the AFA Senior Cup for the one and only time. Against Old Grammarians they were beaten after a replay 2-1 in extra time after the first game had remained goalless, the winning goal coming late in very controversial circumstances. Nevertheless this still remains the best achievement by the Club in what is still the peak of our football competitions.



SOLLeague Dinner modest celebrations 1982

Despite the strong showing in the SOL throughout the 1980s the Club failed to fulfill its obvious ability to win the AFA cup competitions with any regularity. Previously, the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th X1s had all failed at the semi final stage before the 5th X1 overcame Old Esthameians after a replay in 1982/83 to become the first OP side to win an AFA Cup. It was to the delight of Billy Brooks who had previously suffered defeat in four semi finals and seemed to be for many years on a personal crusade to win this prestigious competition. The magnificent 2nd X1 of 1986/87 (more about that later) captured the AFA Intermediate Cup in consecutive years while the 8th X1 and 10th X1 in 1989/90 and 1990/91 respectively, both won the AFA Junior Novets Cup. This was our sum total of success in the AFA Cups whilst members of the Southern Olympian League. It was generally felt that the weekly league matches were not sufficiently competitive enough to maintain the fierce standards required when meeting SAL sides in the later rounds. This thinking proved decisive when the Club moved leagues once again in 1992.

The Club re-entered the London Old Boys' Cups in 1979/80 with the 3rd X1 being the only victors, 4-1 over Meadonians, Gary Robertson and Bob Turner embarking on a goalscoring partnership which netted them 142 goals in three seasons. The strength of the Club became very apparent at this time with the 5th, 6th and 7th X1s regularly winning the Novets, Drummond and Nemean Cups. These teams were similarly successful in the SOL cup competitions namely the Burntwood Trophy and Thomas Parmiter Cup (a trophy presented to the SOL by Keith Carter). It was not just these teams who were successful as during these twelve years all of the Clubs teams managed both league and cup victories, with Phil Osborn, Keith Carter, Peter Roca and Terry Groom being among the more successful captains.

A special mention should also be made of the 2nd X1 captained by both Bobby Cane and Phil Thompson during the three seasons from 1986/87 through to 1988/89. Their record is without equal certainly within the Club and most probably within AFA circles. In all they won seven of the twelve competitions they entered, were runners up twice and also lost in one semi final. It included a unique quadruple sequence in 1987/88 when they were winners of the SOL Intermediate Division One and the AFA, LOB and SOL Intermediate Cups. Winning the AFA Intermediate Cup meant that they were the first team to retain the trophy for over 50 years. They won 36 out of 38 matches played during the season and actually remained unbeaten in a total of 62 matches from the 4th April 1987 until losing in the quarter-final of the AFA cup on 11th February 1989, a record unlikely ever to be approached let alone beaten. It would be unfair not to record those players who played throughout this run, apart from Cane & Thompson they include Micky



Old Parmiterians 2nd XI 1987-88

“Grand Slam ” – Winners AHIntermediate Cup, LOB Intermediate Cup, SOLIntermediate Cup, SOIntermediate Division 1

(Back Row l to r): J. Harrison, M. Gore, S. Lant, M. Brewer, D. Franklin, S. Vinning, *(Front Row):* D. Drummond, R. Cane (*Capt*), P. Thompson, M. Chapman, K. Wood, G. Apicella

Brewer, Dave Franklin, Brian Hellen, John Harrison, Mark Chapman, Mark Holder, Dean Drummond, Micky Gore, Danny Johnson, John Ridout, Kevin Wood and Steve Vinning. There were of course others and apologies are made for any omissions.

In 1982 Francis Mariani took over as Secretary of the Club and remains in the position as we move into the 21st Century. The Club has indeed been fortunate in the three incumbents of this post which has spanned over fifty years. Messrs Jones, Veck and Mariani have been both dedicated and efficient in carrying out work for the Club and deserve our very sincere thanks. Even so, there have been urgent and delicate problems which have had to be overcome, one of which was the refusal by Waltham Forest Council to allow us to continue with the use of the OP Clubhouse at Nelson Road. This was potentially as serious a problem as the Club has had to face, as with no bar it would have been extremely difficult to entertain our visitors in accordance with AFA traditions. The problem was solved temporarily when the Council made the Jubilee Sports Ground in Highams Park available, although at an increased cost. This was never a completely harmonious arrangement as only two

pitches were available and bar opening times also created additional problems with other “home” games at Low Hall farm and then at Wadham Lodge. Eventually an old friend from Westhameians, Jack Trenaman M.B.E., approached the Club with a view to moving to the Douglas Eyre Sports Ground, which allowed all of our teams to play at the same ground with outstanding facilities.

The other contentious issue which has concerned the Club over many years has been the acceptability of non-OP players. Following the closure of the School in Bethnal Green in 1978, it became increasingly obvious that the Club would eventually fade into obscurity without new players. The situation was not restricted only to OPFC as many other Clubs found themselves similarly affected, but it is now generally accepted that we are an open Club, regardless of this we are still proud to use the name Old Parmiterians F.C. Indeed we are indebted to many of our new members for becoming deeply involved with the administration of the Club and the success it has achieved.

AN EVENING WITH KEVIN KEEGAN, OBE
Douglas Eyre Sports Ground 1996



Francis Mariani, Kevin Keegan, Paul Mitchell

6. The Southern Amateur League 1992-

It had been the Club policy for some years to apply for admission to the SAL. As previously mentioned it was felt that the Club needed strong opposition on a regular basis, in each league game, in order to get to the top of AFA football. At the end of the 1991/92 season, the Club's application, supported by Esthameians and Bromleians was accepted and the 1992/93 season saw the Club move on once again.

The SAL policy was for all new Clubs to start in the lowest divisions initially and so it came as no surprise that all teams from the 2nd X1 through to the 8th X1 won their respective divisions. The only disappointment being at the highest level where the 1st X1 failed to gain promotion at all. It was surprising since, up to leaving the SOL, they had been champions for a record breaking four years in succession. This was to prove just a blip as the team now captained by Mark Holder and managed by Barrie Williams had four excellent seasons winning the Division 3 Division 2 and finally the Division one title in 1996/97. The team had a number of experienced and long serving Club members including Dave Struthers, John Long and John Harrison while Terry Glynn, joining the Club for the first time as a veteran, supported Paul Mitchell, the last survivor of the early 80s team in attack. The SAL title winning team had three players over 40 and a further three players over 35 to make them possibly the oldest team to win a league title at 1st team level.



Old Parmiterians 6th XI 1992-93

***Winners SAIDivision 3, AA Intermediate Novets Cup, LDBummond Cup
100% Record in all competitions***

(Back Row l to r): T. Walsh, T. Gallagher, D. Brush, M. Frew, M. O'Toole, K. Walsh, S. Bremner (Front Row): L. Foy, T. Groom (Capt), P. Gauci, W. Cavanagh, A. York

Meanwhile the Club's junior teams were steadily gaining promotion to the top of their respective sections and if further vindication of the move to the SAL were needed it came with victory in five AFA cup competitions, equalling the total achieved over the previous fifty years. With the introduction of the SAL league cups two years ago the Club once again with the 6th and 8th X1s got into the winning mode immediately. Francis Mariani continues to organise the Club, President Brian Robinson oversees and supports where appropriate, Roland Bermel has been the Treasurer for some twelve years and Max Lea, Vice President and Assistant Secretary continues to carry out any other task that is required. The Club is in excellent hands.

In 1994 the Club took its first step into youth football as a way of bringing young players into the Club. The Young Parmiterians' Football Club was formed with two sides and grew up to six teams in 1997. It continues to be successfully run and we are now starting to get players into the Club itself in the lower elevens.



The Centenary Vets at Parmiters School, Garston 1998

(Back Row l to r): Brooks, Ellison, Graves, Taylor, Shrosbree, Long, Sharp, Nicholls

(Front Row): Glynn, Merrick, Cane, Mariani, Howell, Swaby

7. Veterans Football

It was common towards the end of a players' career to drop down a couple of teams, but this was not always acceptable to the individual who would be playing with much younger members and would feel somewhat alienated. Towards the end of 1970s a large number of players found themselves in this situation, and organised by Brian "Willie" Ellison, formed themselves into a veterans team, initially as an 8th X1. The minimum age limit for this team was 35 although one underaged player was allowed. After playing several seasons in the SOL as the 8ths they eventually settled for friendly fixtures and competed in the two AFA Veterans cups although without much success.

Almost without exception the Clubs' senior players have moved into Veterans football once they can no longer compete at a higher level. The emphasis is on the social side with players from both sides enjoying a drink together after the game. Veterans football has certainly prolonged the careers of many players offering them an environment where they can enjoy their football up to and beyond the age of fifty in many cases.

The AFA also have organised two cup competitions, which attract many ex-professional and semi-professional players. In 1996/97 the Club gained its first success in what can be a keenly contested competition, when they won the AFA Veterans Cup beating Old Chigwellians 2-0 in the final.



Brian "Willie" Ellison is presented with a trophy by Max Lea to commemorate his 1000th game for the club.

With the Club running so many teams over the years we have now reached the stage where two veteran teams play each week one of which concentrates on players over 40 years old.

Finally we should once again mention Willie Ellison who during 1993 reached his 1000th game for the Club and celebrated this milestone by playing in a fixture which contained many of his contemporaries from over the years. The Clubhouse spawned a wonderful picture of the afternoon.

This history will be distributed at the Centenary Supper on May 7th 1999, which will be held at The Douglas Eyre Sports Ground, and to all Old Parmiterian Society Members.

We are please to have discovered in the last few weeks that Douglas Eyre was the Chairman of Governors at Parmiters School for 10 years from 1911.

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BRIAN ELLIJSONS' 1000th GAME

How many veterans can you name? Better still what is their combined age?

Old Parmiterians

Football Club Records

1924/25	2nd XI	OBL Junior Division 3	2nd XI	SOL Junior Cup	
1932/33	2nd XI	OBL Junior Division 4		AFA Essex Intermediate Cup	
1935/36	1st XI	OBL Senior Division 2	3rd XI	SOL Junior Division 3	
1951/52	1st XI	OBL Division 1 North		SOL Minor Cup	
1953/54	3rd XI	OBL Division 4 North	1981/82	1st XI	AFA Senior Cup Finalist
1960/61	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 3			AFA Essex Senior Cup
	3rd XI	SOL Minor Division C		5th XI	LOB Novets Cup
1961/62	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 2		6th XI	SOL Minor Division E
		SOL Senior Cup			LOB Drummond Cup
1965/66	3rd XI	SOL Minor Division B	1982/83	3rd XI	SOL Junior Division 3
	4th XI	SOL Mander Cup		5th XI	AFA Senior Novets Cup
1966/67	4th XI	SOL Minor Division C		6th XI	SOL Minor Division D
1967/68	6th XI	SOL Minor Division F	1983/84	4th XI	SOL Minor Division A
1968/69	2nd XI	SOL Junior Division 1			LOB Minor Cup
1969/70	1st XI	SOL Senior Cup		5th XI	SOL Minor Division B
1970/71	1st XI	SOL Senior Cup		6th XI	SOL Minor Division C
	4th XI	SOL Mander Cup		7th XI	SOL Minor Division F
	6th XI	SOL Minor Division G		8th XI	SOL Minor Division G
1972/73	5th XI	SOL Minor Division D	1984/85	2nd XI	SOL Junior Division 2
		SOL Burntwood Trophy		3rd XI	LOB Junior Cup
1973/74	4th XI	SOL Minor Division B		6th XI	SOL Thomas Parmiter Cup
		SOL Mander Cup			LOB Drummond Cup
	5th XI	SOL Minor Division C		8th XI	SOL Minor Division F
		SOL Burntwood Trophy		9th XI	SOL Minor Division H
1974/75	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 1	1985/86	2nd XI	SOL Junior Division 1
		SOL Senior Cup			AFA Essex Intermediate Cup
		AFA Essex Senior Cup		5th XI	LOB Novets Cup
	2nd XI	SOL Junior Cup		6th XI	SOL Thomas Parmiter Cup
1975/76	3rd XI	SOL Minor Cup		7th XI	SOL Minor Division C
	4th XI	SOL Mander Cup			LOB Drummond Cup
1976/77	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 1	1986/87	2nd XI	AFA Intermediate Cup
	2nd XI	SOL Junior Division 1		4th XI	SOL Junior Division 2
		AFA Essex Intermediate Cup			SOL Mander Cup
	3rd XI	SOL Minor Division A			LOB Minor Cup
1977/78	5th XI	SOL Burntwood Trophy		5th XI	SOL Junior Division 3
1978/79	3rd XI	SOL Minor Division A			SOL Burntwood Trophy
	5th XI	SOL Burntwood Trophy		6th XI	LOB Drummond Cup
1979/80	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 1		8th XI	LOB Nemean Cup
		AFA Essex Senior Cup	1987/88	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 1
	2nd XI	AFA Essex Intermediate Cup		2nd XI	SOL Intermediate Division 1
	3rd XI	SOL Minor Division A			SOL Intermediate Cup
		LOB Junior Cup			AFA Intermediate Cup
	5th XI	SOL Burntwood Trophy			LOB Intermediate Cup
1980/81	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 1		4th XI	SOL Junior Division 2

		SOL Mander Cup	3rd XI	SAL 3rd XI Division 3
	5th XI	LOB Novets Cup	4th XI	SAL 4th XI Division 3
	6th XI	SOL Thomas Parmiter Cup	5th XI	SAL 5th XI Division 3
	Vets XI	SOL Veterans Division		AFA Senior Novets Cup
1988/89	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 1	6th XI	SAL 6th XI Division 3
		LOB Senior Cup		AFA Intermediate Novets Cup
	2nd XI	SOL Intermediate 1		LOB Drummond Cup
		LOB Intermediate Cup 1	7th XI	SAL 7th XI Division 2
	3rd XI	SOL Junior Division 1	8th XI	SAL 8th XI Division 2
		LOB Junior Cup	1993/94	1st XI
	5th XI	LOB Novets Cup	2nd XI	SAL Senior Division 3
	6th XI	SOL Junior Division 4		SAL Reserve Division 2
		SOL Thomas Parmiter Cup		AFA Essex Intermediate Cup
		LOB Drummond Cup		LOB Intermediate Cup
	7th XI	SOL Minor Division A	3rd XI	SAL 3rd XI Division 2
		LOB Nemean Cup	4th XI	SAL 4th XI Division 2
	9th XI	SOL Minor Division F	5th XI	SAL 5th XI Division 2
1989/90	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 1		LOB Novets Cup
		SOL Senior Cup	8th XI	SAL 8th XI Division 1
	2nd XI	SOL Intermediate Cup	9th XI	SAL 9th XI Division 1
	4th XI	SOL Junior Division 2	10th XI	AFA Junior Novets Cup
		SOL Mander Cup	1994/95	1st XI
	5th XI	SOL Junior Division 3	6th XI	LOB Senior Cup
		SOL Burntwood Trophy	8th XI	SAL 6th XI Division 2
		LOB Novets Cup	8th XI	SAL 8th XI Division 1
	6th XI	SOL Thomas Parmiter Cup	9th XI	SAL 8th XI Division 2
	7th XI	LOB Nemean Cup	11th XI	SAL 8th XI Division 3
	8th XI	SOL Minor Division B		AFA Junior Novets Cup
		AFA Junior Novets Cup		LOB Nemean Cup
			1995/96	1st XI
			1996/97	1st XI
1990/91	1st XI	SOL Senior Division 1	6th XI	SAL Senior Division 1
		AFA Greenland Trophy		AFA Int Novets Cup
	3rd XI	SOL Junior Division 1		SAL Int Novets Cup
	4th XI	SOL Junior Division 2	8th XI	SAL Minor Division 2
		LOB Minor Cup		AFA Junior Novets Cup
	6th XI	SOL Junior Division 4		SAL Junior Novets Cup
		SOL Thomas Parmiter Cup	10th XI	SAL Minor Division 4
		LOB Drummond Cup	Vets XI	AFA Veterans Cup
	7th XI	LOB Nemean Cup	1997/98	1st XI
	10th XI	AFA Junior Novets Cup	6th XI	AFA Greenland Trophy
1991/92	1st XI	SOL Senior Cup	7th XI	SAL Intermediate Novets Cup
	2nd XI	SOL Intermediate Division 1		SAL Junior Novets Cup
	3rd XI	SOL Junior Division 1		
	6th XI	LOB Drummond Cup		
	Vets XI	SOL Veterans Division		
1992/93	2nd XI	SAL Reserve Division 3		



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Winners SAL Division 1

(Back Row l to r): Lea, Mariami, Long, Garniss, Andrew, Struthers, Shroobree, Chapman, Mainhood, Robinson, Williams
(Front Row): Harrison, Glynn, Wood, Holder, Mitchell, Aspinall, Apperley