



# The Old Grammarian



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Results for the weekend of: Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2009					P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	2-1	HSBC	SAL	Chambers; Berry	9	4	4	1	27	20	7	16
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI		NO FIXTURE			9	3	0	5	16	19	-3	9
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	1-2	Old Aloysians	AFA	Bradshaw	6	3	1	2	16	8	8	10
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	4-3	Crouch End Vampires	SAL	Williams C 3; Alexander	9	6	1	2	28	17	11	19
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	4-5	Old Stationers	SAL	Dufour 2; Payne; Suant	9	4	1	4	24	22	2	13
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	1-7	Old Suttonians	AFA	Bell	7	2	0	5	14	30	-16	6
7 <sup>th</sup> XI	2-4	Old Parkonians	SAL	Gale; Draper Sim	9	3	0	6	25	32	-7	9
8 <sup>th</sup> XI	P-P	Alexandra Park	SAL		7	1	0	6	10	40	-30	3
9 <sup>th</sup> XI	P-P	Old Parmiterians	AFA									
Ladies	0-1	Northwood	L		7	2	1	4	13	18	-5	7

## Roy's Weekend Round Up

I was trying to get an explanation as to why we suddenly can't raise more than 6 teams on a Saturday! The rather pathetic suggestion was 'Christmas Shopping'! Perhaps they were all at Elton John's clothing Sale?

The 1<sup>st</sup>s started their game against HSBC in fine style moving swiftly to a 2-0 lead and looked like easily getting 5 or 6. It wasn't so much that HSBC stepped up their game but more that the 1<sup>st</sup>s slackened off. Chances weren't converted with the ease of recent weeks but despite that we still took all the points. The 1<sup>st</sup>s will need to recapture their cutting edge against stiffer opposition but with their 5<sup>th</sup> win on the bounce (since Steve Weldon moved back into defence) they are now clear title contenders having moved into 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Congratulations to Richard Barker and Nick Page who have steered the side excellently to recovery since the debacle at Old Esthameians. They appear to have learned lessons and have a great team spirit. They are not prima donnas either as they sweep up the changing rooms better than most teams!

The 3<sup>rds</sup> fine run of 9 consecutive wins came to an end against a good Aloysians side. Not firing on all cylinders, they were trailing 0-1 for most of the match, however, a late equaliser from James Bradshaw looked to make extra time a certainty. A Bradshaw goal is always good value for the spectators and this time we were treated to 4 flip-

overs and a Catherine Wheel! All celebrations were forgotten though when Aloysians snatched a win in the last minute with a free kick from at least 35 yards which went right in the top corner.



The 4<sup>ths</sup> got back to form with a fine win a tough fixture away at Crouch End and managed to prevail because of an excellent hat-trick from Colin Williams. This moves them into 3<sup>rd</sup> place and well in the hunt. The 5<sup>ths</sup> were very disappointed with their game

at Stationers which they were leading 4-3 with not long to go. The 6<sup>ths</sup> had the long journey to Suttonians who always have strong lower sides. This time was no exception and the 6<sup>ths</sup> did well to hold them out for as long as they did.

The 7<sup>ths</sup> were leading 2-1 against Parkonians at halftime but couldn't hold on to it.

It was even more disappointing to have to scrap the 8<sup>ths</sup> fixture but they were left with just 5 players following a rash of late drop-outs. If people must go shopping surely they can give a bit of notice!!

Good to see a couple of ex-EBOGs visiting the Club on Saturday. Phil Manning and Andy Poolman were active members through the 70s and 80s before moving away to Brighton and Switzerland respectively. Andy is now back in Wiltshire.

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Another victory, but the performance was not at the level of the previous few weeks, but as they say successful teams win when they don't play well.

I believe the turning point of our season came when Lee Barker was dropped, since then we haven't dropped a point!

On to the game we started very slow. We got off to a good start when Bezza squared the ball for Gordon to hammer home from the edge of the box.

After the goal we settled and began to pass the ball setting a good tempo. On the sidelines super sub Swainy did 22 kick ups without dropping it once.

Inspired by the beautiful rainbow that had formed, Chambers had a new lease of life and slammed home a second at the back post following a tame shot from Berry.

eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeBOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOG!

MOM: Chambers

**SCRIBE:** The Whole Team

Team: Daryl (cant catch), Langers (sugar daddy), Bullet (Peter Andrea), Jack Chandler (Jamie wannabee), Carroll (Cafu), Chambers (Rainbow), Page (Gordon Strachen), Lister (mug), Laney (Chadwick), Berry (Richy), Harris, Swainy (sugar daddy 2), Manager (Chris Moyles, Matt Lucas, Bezza).

**The Yard of Ale is back!**



Thanks to Sean Carroll for finding a replacement Yard of Ale of the same capacity, and to Adam Callow for paying for it. Adam was persuaded to inaugurate the new vessel with an impressive time of 1min 20 secs.

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**John Pinkett – 19<sup>th</sup> December**



John finally leaves for Australia this Christmas (his family are already there), so is having a final farewell drink at the Club after the matches on Saturday.

**Christmas Fixtures**

You will have gathered that there is a fairly full set of fixtures this week (19<sup>th</sup>). Hopefully people will have had enough of shopping last week if we're to get all the games out!

Predictably there will be no fixtures on 26<sup>th</sup> although the usual Boxing Day match will be on. Only players with their name on the list will be certain of a game.

Perhaps surprisingly, at the time of writing there will be no league fixtures on 2<sup>nd</sup> January although the Club will be open and there's a good chance someone might organise a friendly match for those wishing to run off the Christmas excesses.

**Emily Armer – 2<sup>nd</sup> January**



Emily has left her job in Dubai and will be embarking on some world travels but has managed to include Barnet in the itinerary and will be popping into the Club on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. She'll be pleased to see any old friends.

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## Roof

Lee Sterry is making good progress with the roof and should have completed the middle section of the roof by Christmas.

Funding is going well but:

More donations please!  
[www.Justgiving.com/ebog-roof](http://www.Justgiving.com/ebog-roof)

Many thanks to the following for their recent donations through the site:

Emily Armer, Matt King; Rob Hodgson; Nick Finney; Amit Vara; Tom Ricketts; Ralph Stringer; Tim Finney; Dave Mason and a recent large donation from Rick Smyth, and of course Waitrose.

Chris Wakefield popped £20 in the pot on his one and only visit to the Club this season. **Keep it coming!** We have now reached 40% of the total required to do the lot!

**Also thanks to significant donations by old fashioned cheque:** Vic Earwicker (twice!); Mike Brazier; Robert Bryant, Ludgrove Lodge and Sandra Skinner.

Thanks to all for their great generosity.

## Unavailability & Dropping Out

All members, new and old, please note the following:

If you are N/A on a particular or series of dates please mark it in the Unavailability book.

**DO NOT TELL YOUR CAPTAIN ONLY!!**

Additionally, if you need to dropout;  
**DO NOT DROPOUT TO YOUR CAPTAIN**, please ring the number on the teamsheet.

If you have marked yourself as n/a, please check the teamsheet to ensure that this has been completed as per your request.

## EBOG Soup



Mike Brazier having the first cup of soup from EBOG's new soup kettle.

We'll now be offering soup on cold Saturday afternoons.

## Little Walters Blues Club

**Mick Hammersley**, a long time former, if inaccurate(!), EBOG centre forward, is now fronting a monthly Blues Club at The Maltings Art Centre, St. Albans.

The **Little Walters Blues Club** aim is to showcase top talent playing all types of Blues from Delta, funk, gospel and Chicago blues. The venue is in a Theatre setting with tiered seating and superb acoustics and sound. The front of the stage has café style tables laid out that give a real club feel and yes there is a bar!

The gig on 14<sup>th</sup> November was a sell out. The next show is on 5<sup>th</sup> December featuring Lillian Boutte & Denny Ilet. If Blues is your thing visit the website for all the details: [www.littlewaltersbluesclub.co.uk](http://www.littlewaltersbluesclub.co.uk)

<b>Saturday Manager:</b>	Neil McClelland
<b>Lock Up:</b>	Nick Boyce

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**The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Fire To 3<sup>rd</sup> Place With A Well  
Deserved 3 Points Against HSBC**

**Leading Goal Scorers**

<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Goals</u>
Berry 	<b>16</b>
Allen B; Kucinovic; Laney	11
Sterry;	9
Penny;	8
Lane;	7
Finney T; Lynch D;	6
Chambers; Gale; Innes; Nelson; Siddique R; Suant;	5
Challis; Flannery D; Garrard; Hodgson; Lowe N; Reade; Williams C	4
Bradshaw; Ghani A; Gino; Harris R; Martin; Maher; Owers; Pratt G; Ricketts T; Trim; Weldon;	3
Alexander; Carroll S; Dixon; Dufour; Jakobsson; Lewis; Mabey; North; Parsonage S; Patel; Payne; Samford; Seller P; Weightman T; Zdybel	2

<b>Division 2</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Norsemen	10	7	1	2	23	13	+10	22
Carshalton	9	6	2	1	16	9	+7	20
<b>East Barnet Old Grammarians</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>16</b>
Old Finchleians	11	4	3	4	18	22	-4	15
Crouch End Vampires	8	4	2	2	21	8	+13	14
Alleyn Old Boys	9	4	2	3	26	15	+11	14
BB Eagles	10	3	2	5	26	22	+4	11
Lloyds TSB Bank	9	2	1	6	11	30	-19	7
Old Esthameians	6	1	3	2	11	12	-1	6
HSBC	9	1	2	6	16	30	-14	5
Kew Association*	8	2	0	6	17	32	-15	3

**Colin Williams Scores A Hat-trick To  
Secure 3<sup>rd</sup> Spot For The 4<sup>th</sup> XI**

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Old Owens 6th	10	8	1	1	49	12	+37	25
Norsemen 5th	9	8	0	1	38	17	+21	24
<b>East Barnet Old Grammarians 4th</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>19</b>
Winchmore Hill 5th	10	6	0	4	28	18	+10	18
Norsemen 4th	10	5	2	3	21	19	+2	17
Winchmore Hill 6th	9	4	1	4	27	29	-2	13
Old Owens 5th	9	4	0	5	14	17	-3	12
Crouch End Vampires 4th	10	4	0	6	15	27	-12	12
Southgate Olympic 4th	9	3	1	5	22	34	-12	10
Crouch End Vampires 5th	9	0	1	8	9	33	-24	1
Alexandra Park 5th	10	0	1	9	10	38	-28	1



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