

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

LAST VIEW FROM THE BENCH



It hardly seems like 3 years since my first View From The Bench hit the exalted columns of the Old Git. Shortly afterwards I was forced to retire from playing and encouraged to sit in the stand (?) where I was able to take a more strategic view. On reflection I should have seen out my playing days in America where they apparently pay spent footballers a small fortune to promote the game. Breaking news as I write suggests Beckham is being paid £125million to do something similar.

Sean Baker has invited me to come up with a song for his and Bill Handley's next musical soap opera at the Community Centre. Having no originality I have pinched the following lyrics set to the tune of America from West Side Story.

I Wanna be In America
Hoofing for me In America
Lots of long ball In America
Plenty of Loot In America

I'll get my hair permed in a new style
Put my Greenbacks in a huge pile
No pressure on me for a long while
Wave to the fans with a big smile

I am confident that Taggy will continue to take the club forward in his role as Chairman. How many football clubs can boast a developing, younger, more competitive playing staff, an increasing fan base and a solvent operation? I think the time was right for many of the "ageing" committee to step down and let others have responsibility to make sure that the club committee is run by people who are also players as these represent the backbone of the club. I felt if I had stayed any longer I would have started to wear a blazer with a badge and look like an FA official. However, many thanks to the committee and members of the Vets, both playing and social, for their help and support over the last few years.

Finally my last word as departing Chairman – goodbye!

Meet the new Chairman . . .

As with all great institutions – James Bond, Doctor Who, Over Vets – there comes a time of change, evolution, a new chairman, a new committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill W, Bill H, Martin, Garry & Sean for all their hard work over the years within the committee as well as their continued support recently.



Anyway, enough of the slushy stuff, let's get on with tales from the pitch over the past few months. There are two stand-out moments for me personally, the first involving Sean and the second Smarty.

Let me start with Sean who on one cold Thursday evening had the audacity to NUTMEG (!!!) Dave 'Grrrr' Carman, and lived to skip merrily away down the wing with not a care in the world, nor indeed caring where the ball had gone, and leaving 12 other players laughing in disbelief. Sean at this point had turned away still laughing and giggling to himself at this achievement – it's strange what shock does to a person.

Secondly, I feel as Chairman I should set the story straight about the first goal against the team from Sheffield. Smarty (or Ronaldo as he likes to be called now), will tell you he ran from inside his own half (with no oxygen tanks), beat 3 players on the way before rounding the keeper with a shake of his hips (the op was a success) before slotting home the first goal of a 12-3 victory. NO !! NO !! NO !! This is not what happened and there is now a DVD available which shows the way the goal was scored and it is not pretty. Embarrassing it has to be said, but to make your own mind up you can hire the DVD 2 nights for only £3.50. All proceeds to Sporting Smarty.

Finally I would like to say thanks to all the guys on the new committee for their support in the first few months and speak to you again in the next edition of the OG.

Chairman Tagg

Introducing the new Editor of Old Git

Angus Clow – 35yrs 4 months. The baby faced youngster of the Over Vets.

Following an illustrious playing career with neighbouring Swavesey Institute FC, Angus has decided to end his playing days with the Over Veterans. Having moved up the hill in the year 2000 his defection is now all but complete since joining the village's veteran football club. Dave Lill still harbours hopes of tempting Gus out of retirement to bolster his Saturday first team squad with such a talented utility player, however most people seem to think that his athletic days are long gone. His girlfriend recently bought him a new T-shirt stating 'I have the body of a God' on the front and 'Shame it's Buddha!' on the back.

During a very rare drunken moment, Angus was approached to take over as Editor of the Old Git and apparently he agreed. Now that the hangover has receded Angus is looking forward to taking on his new role and would like to take this opportunity to make the usual request for as many articles, reports, pictures, funny stories, jokes, limericks, letters or e-mails be sent in as possible, so that he doesn't have to do any work. Thank You.

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Thought for the Month

You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.

A Rangers supporter was in the cinema watching *The Last King of Scotland* – a new film about Idi Amin starring Forrest Whitaker. At the same time Rangers were playing Dunfermline and he got a text message during the film to tell him that Rangers had taken the lead. He was overheard telling his friend that the 'Gers' had gone a goal up. A voice behind him said "Walter Smith eh? At least Idi Amin was loyal to Scotland!"

AGM report

Admiral Vernon, November 6th, 2006

Present: Bill Handley, Garry Swain, Andy Buck, Sean Baker, Neil Blanchflower, Andy Smart, Andy Carman, Bill Wilson, Martin Dollard, Andy Muggerridge, Dave Carman, John Day, Tony Tagg

Apologies from: Colin Thomas

1. Minutes of previous AGM agreed and accepted as true record.

2. Chairman's Address.

Bill Wilson started by referring to his comments at last year's AGM when he noted that the club was in a period of transition. He stated that this process was now complete and that the outgoing committee felt that it was time for newer, younger members to take over the running of the club, particularly as most of the existing committee no longer played Thursday nights or 11-a-side matches. He noted that we have a large membership and financially are in a very good position. He referred to the highlights of the past 12 months: the 10th anniversary party in September which, he suggested, was probably not foreseen being achieved when the club started back in 1996. He congratulated all those involved in organising it, particularly Mark Nichols's '100-Club' fund-raiser. It had been a good year for fund-raising, with over £500 being sent to Children in Need following last November's Race Night and a further £200 being raised for First Responders through our 'Round Pubs Quiz' in Carnival week. He thought the tournament had been a good one and a return to the good sportsmanship and friendly spirit of the early years. He noted that in future we should strive to achieve more even match-ups in our 11-a-side games to avoid some of the heavy victories we have gained recently. He thanked the outgoing committee for all their work and noted that any club needs a dedicated, enthusiastic membership in order to be successful. In addition to Bill's remarks, outgoing Vice-Chairman Garry Swain then added his own thanks to the rest of the committee and in particular to the job that Bill Wilson had done in his three years as Chairman.

3. Treasurer's Report

Andy Buck presented a detailed breakdown of income and expenditure for the past 12 months. These showed a total income of £4571.50, which included £1454.30 in weekly all-weather subs and £1750 from a combination of the 100-Club and the

10th Anniversary party. The Race Night had made the club £349.20 in addition to the money donated to Children in Need (see Chairman's Address, above) and match subs had raised a further £390. £205 was collected on the Carlton-Palmer night.

Outgoings had totalled £3756.52, the bulk of which was the weekly hire of the all-weather pitch, which came to £1800.25 for the past 14 months. The 10th Anniversary had expenditure of £578.85 and 100-club cash prizes totalled £500. Spending on the Carlton-Palmers was £350, thus the Club subsidised the C-Ps to the tune of £145. The treasurer's report showed that we are currently in the black with £1126.51, in addition to a further £1500 on deposit to cover initial outlay for a future tour.

4. Secretary's Report.

Sean Baker echoed Bill Wilson's comments on the year's fund-raising and noted one other that Bill had missed out – the March quiz night which had raised over £1000 for the Arthur Rank House in Cambridge. He thanked John Thoday for building the trophy cabinet, which had been given to the Centre on behalf of the club, thanks to a donation from one of our members. He raised the issue of Thursday night numbers, noting that the average had reduced from a traditional 16 per week to just 13. Also noted that of 35 players who had played in the last 12 months, only a third were managing even 50% of the games. Raised the question of whether we increase our Thursday night list or shed some of the lowest attendees. Pointed out the fact that our kit bags have lost a number of pairs of socks in the past year and that about 10 each of blue and white will need to be bought.

5. Election of Committee

The following members of the committee retired: Bill Wilson, Bill Handley, Garry Swain, Sean Baker, Martin Dollard. In addition, Andy Smart relinquished his role of team selector/manager. The following members were elected to the committee: Tony Tagg was voted in as Chairman

and Neil Blanchflower agreed to serve as Deputy Chairman. Andy Buck was voted back in as Treasurer. Dave Carman was voted on as new team selector/manager. With no one member willing to take on full role of secretary as carried out by, first Bill Handley and then Sean Baker, the following compromise was reached: Andy Buck would take responsibility for minutes-taking at meetings and would also maintain the membership lists; Gus Clow was voted on to the committee and will take over the editorship of the Old Git; John Day was voted on to the committee and will take responsibility for all kit. Andy Buck agreed to amend the bank account signatories to remove outgoing committee members and add new ones. Andy Smart will remain a committee member and will sit on the Social sub-committee along with Mark Nichols, John Day and Andy Carman.

Tony Tagg then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6. Next year's trip

This year's proposed Liverpool trip being organised by Andy Carman had been cancelled due to an injury to Andy's contact in Liverpool. A number of options were put forward, including an April tournament in Jersey and trips to Cheshire & Liverpool, Kent and Bournemouth. It was noted that Over's first team are going to Benidorm around March/April and it was agreed that the new Social committee would come up with a proposal to put to the membership.

7. Tournament

Agreed there would be two Over sides as normal. Andy Carman volunteered to be a referee. It was noted that Willy Hauben in Belgium could arrange for 3 or 4 teams from mainland Europe to come over. The new committee will take on all arrangements.

8. AOB

Andy Buck pointed out that the £10 annual sub is now due – several members present paid up.

Meeting closed.

The Fifth Annual Carlton-Palmer Awards Night

THIS YEAR'S AWARDS

Making a Small Child Cry Award

Sponsored by *Ronald MacDonald*

Nominees: *A. Clow, A. Carman, B. Milne*

Tourette's Award

Sponsored by *Pete from Big Brother*

Nominees: *B. 'F****it' Wilson, S. Rawlinson, A. Carman*

The Richard Dickinson Someone Else Can 'Ave It Award

Sponsored by *John Smith*

Nominees: *A. Muggeridge, S. Rawlinson, A. Carman, D. Carman*

Father of the Year

Sponsored by *Durex*

Nominees: *R. Barton, T. Tagg, L. Parker, A. Carman*

Slim's Bitch of the Year Award

Sponsored by *Kittens of Cambridge (see ad in C.E.N.)*

Nominees: *M. Kent, N. Blanchflower, J. Day*

Finish of the Year Award

Sponsored by *Mr Sheen*

Nominees: *N. Blanchflower, B. Milne, A. Carman, M. Kent*

Hannibal Lecter Award for Pussycat Tackling

Sponsored by *Hammer Films*

Nominees: *D. Carman, B. 'break-ye-ankles' Handley, P. Dean, G. 'rottweiler' Rule*

Who the F* Are You Award**

Sponsored by *Redmayne, Arnold & Harris*

Nominees: *I** P******

How to Seduce a Lady Award

Sponsored by *Milk Tray*

Nominees: *A. Carman, R. Cox, G. Swain, M. Kent*

Groundsman of the Year Award

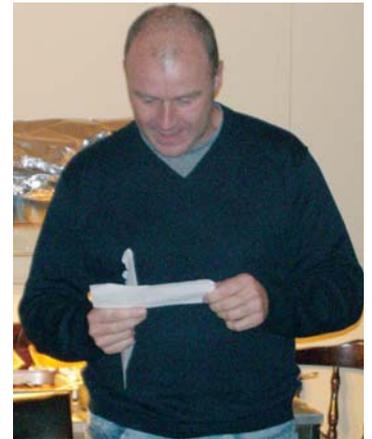
Sponsored by *JCB*

Nominees: *M. Howard, D. Lill, D. Boothroyd, A. Carman*

Krom & Stift Award

Sponsored by *Millen Vets*

Nominees: *B. Handley, B. Wilson, B. Bainbridge, A. Muggeridge, M. Little, M. Dollard, B. Chapman*



More Carlton-Palmer Night Photographs



Andy Buck discusses his membership of the Vets' offshoot – Slapheads United.



... course, it wasn't like this in our day ...



Did someone say this was a gay bar?

Memories . . .

Ex Chairman Young Bill (ECYB), Old Bill Handley (OBH), Chopper Swain (CS), Safe Hands (SH) & Retiring Ed Sean (RES) answer a few questions on their years with the Club.

Most memorable goal scored for Vets?

ECYB: What's one of those?

OBH: Our first goal in Europe – the ricochet off Purkie's shin.

CS: Mike Little's one- two with the goal post from a yard out in Belgium.

SH: I was too far away to see.

RES: My 30-yard effort (which may have been a mis-hit cross) against Chesham which was disallowed for 'offside'.

Most memorable goal conceded?

ECYB: Blanco's shot past Bucko at the Centre

OBH: I didn't like any of them

CS: What goal?

SH: It wasn't my fault!

RES: One of Gyula Hajszan's when he beat five players and chipped the keeper.

Did you have any pre-match superstitions/rituals?

ECYB: I always had the same pre match meal – at least one pint.

OBH: I used to put my contact lenses in.

CS: Get the first tackle in early and high.

SH: My goalkeeper's hat

RES: I don't believe in superstitions.

Favourite quote from a Vet?

ECYB: Coach Tony Carman's advice to our defence against a 38 year-old former Hungarian international with only 50 caps: "He's only got one foot. You're making him look good."

OBH: Sean Baker after Hajszan's wonder goal conceded in Hungary "You don't see that on Over Green every week!"

CS: Mike Little after receiving criticism for his crunching tackle on a lady opponent. "If she plays the game - she takes the knocks!"

SH: Bill Handley after buying an expensive coat in Austria. "I was confused by the decimal point"

RES: "You should have shot Chas!"

Fondest memory of touring with the Vets?

ECYB: Getting lost in Gyor town centre with Dicko when we'd only been there about two hours. Also, one of the Coolock players in Dublin seeing Slim get off the coach: "Jesus, I hope we made enough sandwiches".

OBH: When I bought Jacqui a lovely expensive coat in Austria.

CS: Never getting booked.

SH: Being invited to leave the Guinness Brewery following the cultural tour.

RES: In Hungary, sharing a bed with some hairy-arsed farm worker. We hadn't even been introduced. Also when Purkey came down to breakfast in Dublin and commented to one of the lads that he 'had a shirt like that'. As he continued looking round the room, it slowly dawned on him that half the club were kitted out in his old clothes.



The Old Git gets everywhere
(as does the Vets' newsletter)

Fixtures 2007

	Date	Team	Ground	KO	Meet Centre @
A	28th Jan	Cambourne (TBC)	Cambourne	10:30	09:30
H	11th Feb	Standen & Puckeridge	Over Rec	10:30	10:00
A	11th Mar	Birchanger	Birchanger	10:30	09:00
H	15th Apr	Hemingford	Over Rec	10:30	10:00
A	29th Apr	Newmarket	Dullingham	10:30	09:30

Contact Dave Carman or Andy Smart if you wish to play any of the above games.

If an Over Vet wrote an Agony Column . . .

My husband wants a threesome with my best friend and me.

Obviously your husband cannot get enough of you! Knowing that there is only one of you, he can only settle for the next best thing – your best friend. Far from being an issue, this can only bring you closer together. Why not get some of your old schoolmates involved too? If you are still apprehensive, maybe you should let him be with your friends without you. If you're still not sure, then just perform oral sex on him and cook him a nice meal while you think about it.

My husband continually asks me to perform oral sex on him

Do it. Semen can help you lose weight and gives a great glow to your skin. Interestingly, men know this. His offer to allow you to perform oral sex on him is totally selfless. This shows he loves you. The best thing to do is thank him by performing it twice a day; then cook him a nice meal.

My husband has too many nights out with the boys.

This is perfectly natural behaviour and it should be encouraged. The man is a hunter and he needs to prove his prowess with other men. A night out chasing young single women is great stress relief and can foster a more peaceful and relaxing home. Remember, nothing can rekindle your relationship better than the man being away for a day or two (it's a great time to clean the house too!). Just look at how emotional and happy he is when he returns to his stable home. The best thing to do when he returns home is for you and your best friend to perform oral sex on him. Then cook him a nice meal.

My husband doesn't know where my clitoris is.

Your clitoris is of no concern to your husband. If you must fiddle with it, do it in your own time or ask your best friend to help. You may wish to videotape yourself while doing this and present it to

your husband as a birthday gift. To ease your selfish guilt, perform oral sex on him and cook him a delicious meal.

My husband is uninterested in foreplay.

You are a bad person for bringing it up and should seek sensitivity training. Foreplay to a man is very stressful and time-consuming. Sex should be available to your husband on demand with no pesky requests for foreplay. What this means is that you do not love your husband as much as you should - he should never have to work to get you in the mood. Stop being so selfish! Perhaps you can make it up to him by performing oral sex on him and cooking him a nice meal.

As soon as my husband has an orgasm, he always rolls over and goes to sleep without giving me one.

I'm not sure I understand the problem. Perhaps you've forgotten to cook him a nice meal.

Twelve Days of Christmas

A carol sung by Mike Little and The Private Sector Ensemble

- On the first day of Christmas the taxman sent to me a rebate of 21p
- On the 2nd day of Christmas the taxman sent to me two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 3rd day of Christmas the taxman sent to me three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 4th day of Christmas the taxman sent to me four tax returns, three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 5th day of Christmas the taxman sent to me 5 High Court writs. Four tax returns, three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 6th day of Christmas the taxman sent to me 6 burly bailiffs, 5 High Court writs. Four tax returns, three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 7th day of Christmas the taxman sent to me 7 VAT forms, 6 burly bailiffs, 5 High Court writs. Four tax returns, three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 8th day of Christmas the taxman sent to me 8 large policemen, 7 VAT forms, 6 burly bailiffs, 5 High Court writs. Four tax returns, three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 9th day of Christmas the taxman sent to me 9 forms for filling, 8 large policemen, 7 VAT forms, 6 burly bailiffs, 5 High Court writs. Four tax returns, three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 10th day of Christmas the taxman sent to me 10 cheques for signing, 9 forms for filling, 8 large policemen, 7 VAT forms, 6 burly bailiffs, 5 High Court writs. Four tax returns, three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 11th day of Christmas the taxman sent to me 11 last reminders, 10 cheques for signing, 9 forms for filling, 8 large policemen, 7 VAT forms, 6 burly bailiffs, 5 High Court writs. Four tax returns, three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p
- On the 12th day of Christmas the taxman sent to me 12 bills for payment, 11 last reminders, 10 cheques for signing, 9 forms for filling, 8 large policemen, 7 VAT forms, 6 burly bailiffs, 5 High Court writs. Four tax returns, three more bills, two summonses and a rebate of 21p

England Win World Cup Shock!

Irishman Bill Wilson writes:

ENGLAND! You must be proud. Well done to the . . . er, 'lads' . . . beating the USA 3-1 in the Gay World Cup Final.

Apparently they came from behind to win it. After the game the England manager offered the following verdict: "We had our backs to the wall for much of the first half but we eased ourselves into it and creamed them in the end".

The American coach was philosophical: "We were on top in the first half and I thought we had plenty in hand, but after we changed ends they were well pumped up and we couldn't handle it.."

Loz to star as Joey Tribbiani in Friends – the Movie!



And finally . . .

Thanks to everyone for support and kind words over last 6 years. It's been a blast editing this august organ. I retire knowing OG is in capable hands. Over to you Gus!

Sean