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WEST HAM UNITED F.C. OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday 4 January 1983

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LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE : First Division

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THE MAN ON THE BACK PAGE

ALAN DEVONSHIRE was born at Park Royal, West London, and played in schools football for Ealing and Middlesex.

He was with Southall in the Isthmian League before signing for the Hammers on 27 Sept. 1976. Alan made his League debut v QPR exactly a month later.

Now well past his double century of senior games, he was in the F.A. Cup winning team of 1980 and the League Cup runners-up side of 1981.

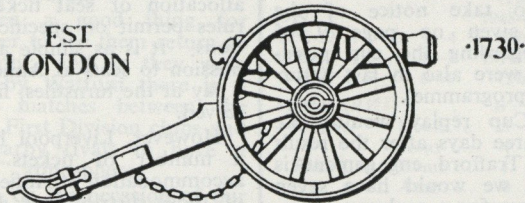
Alan has since progressed to the full England team, and appears likely to add further honours against his name

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When are we at home again ?

Including tonight's match there have been four First Team fixtures at Upton Park in the space of 15 days. We now face a spell of 18 days without a home game—until January 22.

During that time we shall visit Manchester United (next Saturday), Nottingham Forest (on the 15th) and Liverpool (on the 18th).

BUT . . . as two of those fixtures are cup-ties, we **MAY** get a home game between if we draw at Old Trafford.

This is another of those indefinite situations which necessitate plans in advance. We therefore ask **all** our supporters to take notice of the information given on page 9 of this issue regarding the cup possibilities (they were also in last Saturday's match programme).

An F.A. Cup replay would take place only three days after the result of our Old Trafford engagement is known; but we would have seven days to prepare for a replay v Liverpool. What would happen if we needed a *second* replay v Manchester United is a situation we would not care to contemplate at this juncture! A spell of bad weather would not be any help either . . .

Fortunately the first leg of the Milk Cup Semi-Final is not scheduled until the week commencing Feb. 7, by which time the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup will (hopefully) be completed.

On that score, we also insert the information that the draw for the F.A. Cup Fourth Round is expected to take place on Monday 10 January!

We hope that the foregoing details will not be too complicated to follow, but whatever the "ifs" and "buts" it will all be sorted out by our administrative staff and the many others connected with the matches that take place here.

For the further information of our "away" followers, we will amplify

the announcement that no seat tickets will be on sale for the Milk Cup tie at Anfield. Liverpool F.C. made that decision, and in consequence we were not able to lay claim to our 25% allocation of seat tickets which the rules permit on specific seat reservations. It is as simple as that, so admission to **seats** at **Anfield** will be by "pay at the turnstiles, first come, first served."

However, Liverpool have allocated a number of tickets for **standing** accommodation at Anfield, and details of those distributions are also given on page 9.

CAR PARKING POLICE NOTICE

The attention of all motorists is called to new parking restrictions on football match days in the Priory Road Estate.

In future, entry into the area bounded by **Priory Road, Barking Road and Arragon Road, E.6** will be restricted by the placing of "no entry" signs at the junctions of:

Priory Road - Barking Road.
Boleyn Road - Barking Road.
Cabot Way - Arragon Road.

Police will be present to enforce these new arrangements.

Your co-operation will be appreciated.

A South-East Counties "Derby"

Luton Town's last visit to Upton Park took place on the opening day of the 1980-81 campaign; they won 2-1.

If the Hatters had secured three more points that season they would have been promoted with us.

However, the Bedfordshire club eventually regained their First Division status by becoming Division II champions last season.

It has been a good thing for Southern soccer to see them return to the top section; and as they were accompanied by Watford there is a tendency for matches between the three London First Division clubs and these two nearby rivals to have a "local derby" atmosphere.

This was so on the occasion of our early-season meeting, when over 13,000 turned up at Kenilworth Road to see our 2-0 victory last August.

That was our first success against the Hatters since 1978-79, in which season we completed a double over our rivals. In the meantime they had won three and drawn one against us.

Tonight we hope to complete our first double of the present season. However, whatever the outcome, it will not mar our long friendship which goes back to Southern League days.

When we last met here . . .

Saturday 16 August 1980

West Ham United 1 Luton Town 2

(Football League : Division II)

West Ham Utd.: Parkes, Stewart, Brush, Bonds (capt.), Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard (Lampard 58), Cross, Brooking, Pike.

Luton Town: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price (capt.), Hill, Stein, White (West 65), Antic, Moss.

H.T. 0-0. Scorers: Stewart (58 pen.), Moss (75, 86, both pens.).

28,033. Referee: D. Reeves (Denham Green).

OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(Hammers' scores first)

DIV. II	H	A	DIV. II	H	A
1937-38 ...	0-0	2-2	1978-79 ...	1-0	4-1
1938-39 ...	0-1	2-1	1979-80 ...	1-2	1-1
1946-47 ...	2-1	1-2	1980-81 ...	1-2	2-3

DIV. I	H	A
1947-48 ...	0-0	0-0
1948-49 ...	0-1	1-0
1949-50 ...	0-0	2-2
1950-51 ...	2-1	1-1
1951-52 ...	3-0	1-6
1952-53 ...	0-1	0-0
1953-54 ...	1-0	1-3
1954-55 ...	2-1	0-2

F.A. CUP	H	A
1935-36 ...	2-2	0-4

(Third Round)	H	A
1948-49 ...	—	1-3

(Third Round)	H	A
1958-59 ...	0-0	1-4
1959-60 ...	3-1	1-3
1974-75 ...	2-0	0-0

SUMMARY	W	D	L	Goals
League: Home ...	8	4	5	18-11
Away ...	4	7	7	22-31
F.A. Cup: Home ...	1	1	0	4-3
Away ...	0	0	2	1-7

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In addition, we met Luton Town in the Southern League and also several times in War-time League fixtures and the Football League (South) of 1945-46.

Hatters' Statistics

PAST HONOURS

F.A. Cup: Finalists 1958-59

Football League

Div. II: champions 1981-82

runners-up 1954-55 1973-74

Div. III (South): champions 1936-37

runners-up 1935-36

Div. III: runners-up 1969-70

Div. IV: champions 1967-68

LAST SEASON'S RECORD

League: Division II: Champions

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Home	16	3	2	48	19	51
Away	9	10	2	38	27	37
	25	13	4	86	46	88

Average attendance: 11,880.



LUTON TOWN: 1982-83

Back:

ROBERT JOHNSON, WAYNE TURNER, STACEY NORTH, MITCHELL THOMAS, CLIVE GOODYEAR, FRANKIE BUNN, BILLY KELLOCK, PAUL WALSH

Middle:

JOHN MORRE (Coach), RICHARD MONEY, MIKE SAXBY, ANDY BEASLEY, JAKE FINDLAY, ALAN JUDGE, MARK AIZLEWOOD (now Charlton Athletic), PASQUALE FUCCILLO, TREVOR HARTLEY (Coach)

Front:

DAVID COATES (Team Coach), RICKY HILL, MAL DONAGHY, KIRK STEPHENS, BRIAN HORTON (Captain), DAVID PLEAT (Manager), DAVID MOSS, BRIAN STEIN, RADDY ANTIC, JOHN SHERIDAN (Physiotherapist)

LUTON SQUAD

Luton Town paid their highest-ever fee for a goalkeeper when **Jake Findlay** joined them in Nov. 1979 from Aston Villa. He had played only 14 League games for the Birmingham club; at £100,000 he proved a bargain, since passing the 150-mark for the Hatters. Born at Blairgowrie, Jake is eligible for Scottish honours.

David Pleat also did well by signing **Brian Horton** and making him club skipper. Renowned for his consistency, Brian played 236 League games for Port Vale and 218 for Brighton and Hove Albion (scoring 33 goals for each club). He had skippered the Seagulls in their run from the Third to the First Division, and in his first season at Luton led another team to promotion—missing only one match.

Three players who appeared in every League game for Luton last season were Mal Donaghy, Brian Stein and Kirk Stephens.

Mal Donaghy came from the Larne club of the Irish League in the summer of 1978. He cost £20,000, and from a comparatively inexperienced youngster this 21-year-old has developed into one of Northern Ireland's World Cup stars.

Brian Stein was born in South Africa. He was playing part-time football at the age of 20 for Edgware Town before joining the Luton staff in Oct. 1977. He made his League debut within a month, and has topped a double-century of senior appearances. He was leading scorer last season with 21 goals, but has been out of action recently due to injury.

Kirk Stephens was recruited from David Pleat's former club—Nuneaton Borough. He is now in his third season as a regular member of the Hatters' team.

Billy Kellock is a much-travelled midfielder. He was signed last summer for £30,000 from Peterborough

United, for whom he scored 43 goals in 134 League games. Previously he had been with Aston Villa, Cardiff City, Norwich City, Millwall, Chelmsford City and Kettering Town.

Ricky Hill missed only four League games last season, and scored five goals. He was also voted "Hatter of the Year" by Town's supporters. Ricky came from schools football in North London, and made his League debut at the age of 17 in 1976. Now a member of the England squad.

David Moss netted eleven penalty-kicks in his 36 League games last season—and four other goals for good measure. He has already passed the hundred-mark in League goals, scoring 60 for Swindon Town in 230 games for the Wiltshire club and 68 in 147 for the Hatters prior to the start of this season. Luton paid £110,000 for him.

Richard Money is now with his fifth League club. He has also played for Scunthorpe United (173 League games), Fulham (106), Liverpool (14) and Derby County (five on loan). Luton signed him last March.

Clive Goodyear had 32 League games for Town last season, coming into the team when Mike Saxby was injured. Aged 21, he is a well-built defender.

Paul Walsh is a newcomer to the visiting side this season. A Londoner, he scored 24 goals in 87 League appearances for Charlton Athletic before Luton paid a big fee for him.

Wayne Turner is a product of Luton schools football. A defender or midfielder, he spent part of last season on loan to Lincoln City, playing in 16 League games for them in addition to seven for the Hatters.

Raddy Antic (pronounced "Anteesh") was Luton Town's first Continental signing. Born in Yugoslavia, he has five international caps. Luton signed him for £50,000 from Real Zaragossa of Spain, and he has now made over 50 appearances for his present club.

Pasquale Fuccillo is the son of Italian parents living in Bedford. He made his League debut in 1976 at the age of 19 after progressing through the Hatters' junior teams. A couple of broken legs and other injuries have limited his appearances, but he recently returned to the line-up.

David Geddis has been on loan to the Hatters twice. Between his 43 League matches for Ipswich Town and his move to Aston Villa he made 13 League appearances for Luton (scoring four times). David had netted a dozen in 43 League games for Villa before the start of this season.

Visiting Manager

When **DAVID PLEAT** took over Luton Town at the age of 33 in January 1978, he was one of the youngest managers in the Football League. It was a meteoric rise, as two months earlier he had two members of the staff senior to him in the managing and coaching rôle.

Prior to that appointment David had played for five clubs, including his present one. Beginning as a winger for Nottingham Forest, he won England Youth honours before transferring to Luton Town. Three seasons at Kenilworth Road were followed by spells with Shrewsbury Town, Exeter City and Peterborough United.

A succession of injuries affected David's playing-career, but he had meanwhile taken F.A. coaching courses and became manager of Nuneaton Borough in the Southern League.

He returned to Luton in 1975 as reserve team coach, later moving up to take charge of the senior side.

David led his side to promotion last season, the team losing only four League games in winning the championship.

Assistant club coach to Luton Town is **DAVID COATES**.

He previously played for Hull City, Mansfield Town and Notts County.

David had spells of coaching at Aston Villa and Leicester City before joining the Kenilworth Road staff for the 1979-80 season.

Another coach at the club is **TREVOR HARTLEY**. Trevor began his pro soccer career as an apprentice with West Ham United in July 1964. He played five times in our League side before being transferred to Bourmemouth in 1969. He later became the youngest manager in the League whilst with the Cherries, but left Dean Court in January 1975.

Just before Christmas the Hatters also took **GORDON BANKS** on to their staff as a goalkeepers' coach.

Tonight's Referee

Mr. TREVOR D. SPENCER began refereeing in local Hampshire Leagues and the Hampshire Senior League, and continued via the Football Combination to the Football League.

He was a linesman at the Texaco Cup Final in 1971, a European Cup Semi-Final in 1972, and in the 1971 Anglo-Italian Tournament.

Married, with two daughters, Mr. Spencer is an Equipment Planning Engineer for a large oil company.

His interests and hobbies are golf, do-it-yourself work and caravanning.

Fans' Mail

David Parry of 16 Orchard Way, Haywards Heath, Sussex, RH16 1UX requires the following programmes of Hammers' matches (if any were printed):

1982-3 away v Eastbourne Utd., Barnet, Braintree. Clapton, Walthamstow Avenue, La Gantoise Tournament.

1981-2 home v Tottenham Hotspur (F.A. Youth Cup Final).

He has programmes available for exchange and sale.

Mr. T. Pearson of 16 Fernhill Way, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 9JU has hundreds of Hammers programmes for sale. A stamped addressed envelope sent to the above address (together with request) will bring a reply from Mr. Pearson.

Mathieu Beerkens is 19 years old; he seeks a pen-friend (male or female). He plays indoor football and likes all sport, and subscribes to *Hammer*. Write to Mathieu at Vestahof 51, 6215 XA Maastricht, Holland.

We thank those correspondents who during the last few months have sent us interesting letters and information.

We are also pleased to have been of assistance to those making requests for publication in "Hammer."

F.A CUP

Saturday 8 January 3 p.m.
at MANCHESTER UNITED

F.A. Cup: Third Round

● This will be "all ticket" for West Ham United supporters

Terrace standing: £1.80.

All seat tickets are now sold.

Tickets on sale at our office tomorrow (Wednesday 5 January) (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) if available.

These offers are open to ALL applicants.

IF A REPLAY . . .

Tuesday 11 January 7.30 p.m.
at UPTON PARK

● This will NOT be all ticket

FULL SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

using Voucher K to apply by personal application only on **Sunday 9 January** (10 a.m. to 12 noon) (this includes East Terrace holders).

PART SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

cannot be guaranteed their usual seat, as Manchester United would take their full allocation. However, personal applications only may be made on **Monday 10 Jan.** (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for seats available.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

only on **Tuesday 11 Jan.** from 10 a.m. to noon and through turnstiles on the evening of the match.

Prices of Tickets for Replays:

East Stand, C Block and West Stand Lower Tier (Category 1)	£6.00
B and D Blocks and West Stand Lower Tier (Category 2)	£5.50
A and E Blocks	£5.00
West Stand Lower Tier (Category 3)	£4.40
East Terrace	£3.00

MILK CUP

Tuesday 18 January 7.30 p.m.
at LIVERPOOL

There are NO pre-match tickets for seats. Admission through turnstiles on the day is £3.80 for seats.

Terrace Tickets are available at £1.90 to all applicants. These are on sale from today onwards from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at our offices. There is a limit of TWO tickets per person.

IF A REPLAY . . .

Tuesday 25 January 7.30 p.m.
at UPTON PARK

● This will NOT be all ticket

ALL SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

using Voucher L to apply by personal application only on **Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 Jan.** (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

OTHER APPLICATIONS

on **Monday 24 Jan.** (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and **Tuesday 25 Jan.** (10 a.m. to noon) and through turnstiles on the evening of the match.

NO FENCES, PLEASE

We do not wish to erect high fences around the perimeter of our playing-area, and thanks to the co-operation of the spectators this has so far become unnecessary. It is hoped that good conduct will continue during the 1982-83 season, so that we shall be able to keep the fences away from Upton Park.

MATCH PICTURES in this issue are by Steve Bacon, "Newham Recorder."

YOUNG HAMMER

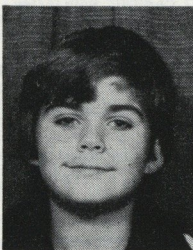


TERRY BAKER was born at Southend-on-Sea, Essex on 3 November 1965.

His schools were Thorpe Junior and Southchurch Hall High, and he played soccer for his District team, Essex and London. He also reached the final-60 squad for England.

Terry won several medals at representative level and was interested in most other sports.

He signed as an apprentice on 1 July 1982.



TONIGHT'S MASCOT is **Mark Allen**, aged ten years, of Outings Lane, Doddinghurst, Essex. Mark attends the Brentwood Prep School. His hobbies are football, swimming and motor-bike riding. He plays football for his school house team in a centre-forward position.

His favourite team is West Ham United, and his favourite player Trevor Brooking.

His family have been supporters of West Ham for over twenty years.

We wish Mark and his family a very enjoyable time at Upton Park, and one that they will all remember.

Next Matches at Upton Park

Saturday 8 January 2 p.m.

SOUTHAMPTON Reserves

Football Combination

Saturday 15 January 2 p.m.

IPSWICH TOWN Res.

Football Combination

Saturday 22 January 3 p.m.

WEST BROMWICH ALB.

Football League : First Division

Advance Ticket Sales for the League match v **Arsenal** on **Saturday 12 February** will commence from 10 a.m. on Monday 24 January.

There will be a limit of **TWO** tickets per applicant.

ANSWERPHONE

Details of forthcoming matches, ticket sales, etc., can be obtained by telephoning **01-470 1325**, which is the answerphone service (available at all times).

CORRECT ADMISSION MONEY

We would appeal to all supporters to assist when entering the ground by having the correct money ready as they come through the turnstiles. This will help the stiletmen to keep a smooth flow of spectators into the ground, particularly when coins are required.

West Ham Utd.

- 1 Phil Parkes
- 2 Ray Stewart
- 3 Frank Lampard (capt.)
- 4 Joe Gallagher
- 5 Alvin Martin
- 6 Alan Devonshire
- 7 Francois van der Elst
- 8 Paul Goddard
- 9 Sandy Clark
- 10 Paul Allen
- 11 Geoff Pike
- 12

Luton Town

- 1 Jake Findlay
- 2 Kirk Stephens
- 3 Richard Money
- 4 Brian Horton (capt.)
- 5 Clive Goodyear
- 6 Wayne Turner
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 David Geddis
- 9 Paul Walsh
- 10 Pasquale Fuccillo
- 11 Raddy Antic
- 12 David Moss

ANY CHANGES AND SUBSTITUTES WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Referee : **T. D. SPENCER** (Salisbury, Wilts.)

Linesman (Red Flag) : **B. M. BURNS** (Eastleigh, Hants.)

Linesman (Orange Flag) : **A. G. LISNEY** (Tonbridge, Kent)

SCORERS:

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MILK CUP

Fourth Round replay

21 December

(left):

Paul Allen is framed by the legs of two County players as he scores his first goal of the season to make it 3—0

(below):

Francois van der Elst of Belgium and goalkeeper **Raddy Avramovic** of Yugo-Slavia watch the ball hit an upright after Francois shot towards the vacant net; however, **Sandy Clark** came from out of the picture to convert the rebound



Our cover picture

. . . shows the happy Hammers celebrating after scoring a goal. The players are **Geoff Pike** (11), **Ray Stewart** (2), **Paul Goddard** (8) and **Sandy Clark**.

We hope there will be many more occasions like this during 1983!

"Hammers' Monthly"

The current issue of the Hammers' own magazine is now on sale (Volume 2, No. 3). The price is **75p** from whichever source the magazines are purchased. Back numbers are available (some at reduced prices).

Skipper-for-the-night Geoff Pike

Skipper-for-the-night **Geoff Pike** spins the coin, watched by visiting captain **Pedro Richards** and match officials before the Milk Cup replay v Notts County.



Match Review

ALL RIGHT AT THE END

The first of our "Christmas" games took place at Upton Park on Dec. 27 (some called it Boxing Day, but that was usually Dec. 26 on the old calendar!).

Although the date was a secondary consideration to the result, at the half-way stage Swansea City had good reason to expect they would receive an after-Christmas present of three points. Two up at the interval, the Welsh club looked well set to gain their first away win of the season.

Playing with considerable determination—and not entirely without skill—the Swans were effectively spearheaded by the evergreen Bob Latchford, who netted beautifully-taken goals; he was ably abetted by Leighton James (who has always played well against the Hammers during service with other clubs).

But shortly after the resumption the "pantomime season" closed down. An almost inevitable penalty award was converted by Ray Stewart, and the Hammers took over the leading rôle in what was to become a 40-minute drama ending with the downfall of the opposition.

Francois van der Elst levelled the count in the 69th minute (the ball seemed to take ages before it went in), and then in a finale of exquisite theatrical timing, victory was confirmed four minutes from time as Paul Goddard's shot took a deflection past Dai Davies.

Not the greatest of Christmas fixtures; but what an (eventual) ending, with a true transformation scene and exciting conclusion.

WATFORD'S WAY

"Watford do what they believe is right . . . territorially they put a lot of pressure on us."

John Lyall's comments at the end of last Wednesday's match gave a down-to-earth view of the euphoria which has surrounded the Hertfordshire club's tactics in the First Division this season. The Hornets have done well (to the surprise and chagrin of many critics at club and media level), and the 2—1 victory which took them into third place was merited.

Our late rally, after reducing their lead from a penalty-kick, might well have snatched a point—for which we could have been reasonably satisfied. But a competent goalkeeper kept out Sandy Clark's header, and the second-highest attendance at Vicarage Road this season went home after a game which did not completely fulfil their expectations from a top-of-the-table clash.

The other side of the picture was painted by Graham Taylor; the Watford manager opined that our changed tactics in order to combat his side's so-called unorthodox methods paid his team a compliment. Obviously the Hammers succeeded for most of the first half, but at the end the homesters had the better of the argument.

MATCH STATISTICS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Div. I

Dec. 27 v Swansea City at Upton Park

West Ham Utd.: Parkes, Stewart, Brush, Orr, Martin, Devonshire, Van der Elst, Goddard, Clark, Allen, Pike (capt.). *Sub.:* Dickens.

Swansea City: Davies, Stanley, Hadziabdic, Robinson, Evans, Rajkovic, James (L.), James (R.) (capt.), Mahoney, Charles, Latchford. *Sub.:* Stevenson.

3—2 (H.T. 0—2). *Scorers:* Latchford (26, 38), Stewart (48 pen.), Van der Elst (69), Goddard (86).

23,843. *Referee:* I. Borrett (Fressingfield).

Dec. 29 v Watford at Vicarage Road

Watford: Sherwood, Rice (capt.), Rostron, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Jenkins, Jackett, Barnes. *Sub.:* Lohman.

West Ham Utd.: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard (capt.), Gallagher, Martin, Devonshire, Van der Elst, Goddard, Clark, Allen, Pike. *Sub.:* Orr.

1—2 (H.T. 0—1). *Scorers:* Jackett (39), Jenkins (58), Stewart (78 pen.).

24,870. *Referee:* C. Thomas (Porthcawl).



Off the Record

by BILL REMFRY, Hammers' "DJ"

Correspondence for THIS column only to: Bill Remfrey, c/o West Ham United F.C. Boleyn Ground, Green Street, London, E.13

The festivities are now over, and thoughts must be turned to getting back to work and levelling out in the flaming scheme of things.

After today's match the backstage staff of the Hammers' set-up can look forward to a short break. Four First Team matches in a space of fifteen days takes a lot of organising and preparation. Alan Smith, the ticket office manager, and his small staff have thousands upon thousands of tickets to sell in such a period, and a great job of work they do.

Stilemen, commissionaires, catering and administration staff all combine to provide a few hours of entertainment for supporters. I must not forget to mention the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who are always in attendance at Upton Park—and what a superb service they give to the general public; and, of course, there are the Police, whose attendance to all our matches is absolutely essential—they, too, give up many private hours in the terms of extra duties to carry out their responsibilities.

With the holiday period to contend with, compiling and production of match programmes can obviously cause a number of problems and headaches—all to be surmounted.

The backstage staff at Upton Park are a great team and work extremely well together; I am sure that all supporters would not mind if I dedicated "Bubbles Time" today to all these people, with grateful thanks to them all for their service to the Home of the Hammers.

They are indeed "a team behind the team."

The Lord Gage Centre

The West Ham Football Club was represented by Eddie Chapman at the Lord Gage Centre on Wednesday 8 December for the Open Day which was held to mark the completion of the first stage of the building work.

Our Chairman, Mr. Leonard Cearn, is a member of the Fund-raising Committee for this very worthy cause, and we feel sure our fans would like to know about it.

Situated in John Street, off Plaistow Road, the Centre (which has been in existence for a considerable time serving the district) will provide, after re-development, urgently-needed facilities for elderly people in Newham. The Day Centre (catering for at least 60 lunches daily) and the Caring Hostel (providing 30 bedrooms in family groups) and three short-stay rooms are now operational.

The Appeal Committee, under Saxon Tate of Tate & Lyle, has worked hard to bring this scheme to the attention of national companies, grant-making trusts and individuals to seek support. Some £300,000 has been raised from charitable sources.

The Newham Social Services Committee and the District Health Authority have backed the Centre by making a contribution of £100,000.

Now, the appeal is to be launched locally, and through the involvement of the community the Centre will be able to provide a vital service.

To support our local and much-needed Centre, the Club wants to set up its own Appeal Fund and asks Hammers' fans to help this worthy local cause.

Please send your contribution to: The Hammers' Appeal for

the Lord Gage Centre
c/o National Westminster Bank Plc (56-00-01), Smiths Office, 1 Princes St., P.O. Box 18, London EC2P 2AH, for the credit of A/c No. 09515232.

For further information, please call the Appeal Office on 01-730 7480.

Fixtures : Scorers : Attendances

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Div. 1

Aug. 28	Nottingham Forest	H	1-2
31	Luton Town	A	2-0
Sept. 4	Sunderland	A	0-1
7	Ipswich Town	H	1-1
11	Birmingham City	H	5-0
18	West Bromwich Albion	A	2-1
25	Manchester City	H	4-1
Oct. 2	Arsenal	A	3-2
9	Liverpool	H	3-1
16	Southampton	A	0-3
23	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1-3
30	Manchester United	H	3-1
Nov. 6	Stoke City	A	2-5
13	Norwich City	H	1-0
20	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-2
27	Everton	H	2-0
Dec. 4	Aston Villa	A	0-1
11	Coventry City	H	0-3
18	Notts County	A	2-1
27	Swansea City	H	3-2
29	Watford	A	1-2
Jan. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
4	Luton Town	H	
15	Nottingham Forest	A	
22	West Bromwich Albion	H	
Feb. 5	Birmingham City	A	
12	Arsenal	H	
19	Liverpool	A	
26	Southampton	H	
Mar. 5	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	
12	Manchester United	A	
19	Stoke City	H	
26	Norwich City	A	
Apr. 2	Watford	H	
5	Swansea City	A	
9	Sunderland	H	
16	Manchester City	A	
23	Aston Villa	H	
30	Everton	A	
May 3	Ipswich Town	A	
7	Notts County	H	
14	Coventry City	A	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	21	13	5	3	50	19	44
Nottingham Forest	21	12	2	7	38	30	38
Watford	21	11	3	7	39	24	36
Manchester United	21	10	6	5	28	17	36
West Ham United	21	11	1	9	37	32	34
Coventry City	22	10	4	8	30	28	34
Aston Villa	21	10	2	9	31	28	32
West Bromwich Alb.	21	9	4	8	34	32	31
Manchester City	21	9	4	8	27	32	31
Tottenham Hotspur	21	9	3	9	32	29	30
Everton	21	8	5	8	35	28	29
Southampton	21	8	5	8	27	34	29
Ipswich Town	22	7	7	8	35	28	28
Notts County	21	8	4	9	30	36	28
Stoke City	21	8	3	10	33	35	27
Arsenal	21	7	6	8	25	28	27
Swansea City	21	6	5	10	28	33	23
Luton Town	21	5	8	8	37	44	23
Norwich City	21	6	5	10	24	35	23
Brighton & Hove Alb	21	6	4	11	19	40	22
Birmingham City	21	4	9	8	15	29	21
Sunderland	21	4	7	10	24	37	19

Scorers

Scorers	Attendance
Stewart (pen.)	24,796
Bonds, Goddard	13,403
Lampard	19,239
Clark, Goddard, Martin, Stewart (pen.), Van der Elst	21,963
Clark, Van der Elst	18,754
Clark 2, Goddard, Van der Elst	15,321
Goddard, Martin, Van der Elst	23,833
Clark, Martin, Pike	30,484
Devonshire	32,500
Goddard, Pike, Stewart (pen.)	19,840
Pike, Stewart (pen.)	20,490
Clark	17,589
Van der Elst	22,463
Bonds, own goal	41,960
Dickens, own goal	21,424
Goddard, Stewart (pen.), Van der Elst	24,658
Stewart (pen.)	19,321
Dickens, own goal	8,457
Goddard, Stewart (pen.), Van der Elst	23,843
Stewart (pen.)	24,870

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Total home attendances 240,581

Average home attendance 24,058

excluding last Saturday

Goalscorers

excluding last Saturday

Football League: Division 1

Clark 6, Goddard 6, Stewart 6 (6 pens.), Van der Elst 6, Martin 3, Pike 3, Bonds 2, Devonshire 1, Dickens 1, Lampard 1, own goal 2.

Milk Cup

Clark 3, Stewart 3 (2 pens.), Van der Elst 3, Goddard 2, Allen 1.

Football Combination

Cottee 12, Barnes 6, Morgan 5, Burvill 3, Holland 2, Ampofo (C.) 1, Campbell 1, Cowie 1, Dickens 1, Schiavi 1, West 1, Wright 1.

F.A. Youth Cup

Dickens 6, Cottee 5, Baker 1, Campbell 1.

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup

Cottee 4, Skinner 2, Campbell 1.

S.E. Counties League: Senior Div. and Cup

Dickens 9, Matthews 9, Cottee 8, Campbell 6, West 4, Parris 4, Donald 3, Wright 3, M. Doyle 2, Skinner 2, C. Bloomfield 1, A. Parr 1, S. Potts 1, own goal 4.

S.E. Counties League: Junior Div. and Cup

West 15, Matthews 7, P. McMenemy 6, M. Engwell 3, K. Keen 3, J. Seaden 3, P. Battram 2, M. Doyle 1, G. Hardwick 1, R. Keyes 1, A. Parr 1, J. Tibbs 1, D. Wells 1.

MILK CUP

Oct. 6	Stoke City	A	1-1
	Second Round		
26	Stoke City	H	2-1
	Second Round (second leg)		
Nov. 10	Lincoln City	A	1-1
	Third Round		
29	Lincoln City (a.e.f.)	H	2-1
	Third Round replay		
Dec. 7	Notts County	A	3-3
	Fourth Round		
21	Notts County	H	3-0
	Fourth Round replay		
Jan. 18	Liverpool	A	
	Fifth Round		

Scorers	Attendance
Stewart (pen.)	18,079
Clark, Goddard	18,270
Goddard	13,899
Clark, Stewart	13,686
Van der Elst 3	7,525
Allen, Clark, Stewart (pen.)	13,140

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Aug. 28	Ipswich Town	A	0-0
Sept. 4	Queens Park Rangers	H	2-2
14	Birmingham City	A	4-2
18	Millwall	H	3-1
27	Luton Town	A	1-1
Oct. 2	Arsenal	H	2-2
12	Crystal Palace	A	1-1
16	Swansea City	H	5-1
19	Norwich City	H	2-1
Nov. 3	Oxford United	A	4-0
6	Fulham	H	2-3
9	Watford	A	2-0
13	Tottenham Hotspur	A	3-2
20	Charlton Athletic	H	0-0
Dec. 1	Reading	A	0-3
4	Chelsea	H	3-2
18	Swindon Town	*H	1-1
Jan. 4	Queens Park Rangers	A	
8	Southampton	H	
15	Ipswich Town	H	
Feb. 1	Charlton Athletic	A	
5	Birmingham City	H	
12	Arsenal	H	
19	Crystal Palace	H	

* Played at Chadwell Heath

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queens Park Rangers	16	12	3	1	44	16	27
Tottenham Hotspur	19	11	4	4	41	24	26
Ipswich Town	18	10	5	3	36	24	25
Watford	18	10	5	3	32	22	25
West Ham United	17	8	7	2	35	22	23
Arsenal	17	8	4	5	31	23	20
Birmingham City	15	9	1	5	27	19	19
Crystal Palace	16	6	5	5	28	27	17
Chelsea	16	7	2	7	36	33	16
Millwall	18	4	8	6	26	32	16
Swindon Town	18	6	4	8	25	33	16
Norwich City	17	4	6	7	18	25	14
Swansea City	15	6	1	8	18	25	13
Leicester City	18	4	5	9	29	38	13
Brighton & Hove Alb.	17	4	5	8	21	30	13
Reading	16	5	2	9	28	30	12
Luton Town	13	5	2	6	15	22	12
Charlton Athletic	16	2	8	6	22	34	12
Fulham	13	4	3	6	17	21	11
Southampton	15	3	4	8	25	27	10
Oxford United	15	4	2	9	20	33	10
Bristol Rovers	14	3	3	8	24	35	9

F.A. CUP

Jan. 8 Manchester United A
Third Round

AWAY Match

Saturday 15 January 3 p.m.

at NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Football League: First Division

GROUND ADMISSION: £2.00

RESERVED SEATS: £3.00, £4.00, £4.50, £5.00

Applications to: Nottingham Forest F.C.,
City Ground, Nottingham,
NG2 5FJ
with remittance and s.a.e.

(Information Desk Telephone: Nottingham 860232).

TRAVEL BY ROAD

Compiled by the R.A.C.

M1 North to Intersection 24.

Follow signs "Nottingham A453," pass Radcliffe Power Station and continue through Clifton.

Follow signs "Grantham A52." Pass under Clifton Bridge.

Turn right along A52 Nottingham ring road, and continue to junction with A52 and A6011.

Follow signs "Nottingham A6011" along Radcliffe Road and cross River Trent via Lady Bay Bridge. Football ground is on the left.

● Football League table does not include last Saturday.

★ COMMERCIAL CHAT

IRONS TRAVEL CLUB

Irons Travel Club have arranged the following trips:

F.A. CUP THIRD ROUND: 8 January: Away to Manchester United

We will be operating three forms of travel for this particular game.

By Train: Departing Euston at 10.48 and 11.00 a.m.; arriving back in the evening at 20.42 and 21.04. Return Fare **£7.00** only.

By Coach: Departing Upton Park at 9.00 a.m. Return Fare **£7.00** only.

Executive Club Trip: We will be operating an Executive Club trip which will consist of Executive Diner Coaches to Manchester, with meals served en route in both directions, plus Pay-Bar facilities available; also Hostess Service and Match Seat Ticket. Full cost of all-in trip is **£45.00**.

For further information and booking on Executive Club trip, please contact Kim Montague on **01-472 5756**.

Away to Nottingham Forest: 15 January 1983

We will be operating two forms of travel:

By Coach: Departing Upton Park at 10.45 a.m. Return Fare **£5.00**.

By Train: Departing Kings Cross at 11.40 a.m.; arriving back at Kings Cross 19.48. Special Return Fare **£5.00** only.

MILK CUP FIFTH ROUND: 18 January: Away to Liverpool

We will be operating three forms of travel:

By Train: Departing Euston 3.00 p.m.; arriving back at Euston 1.15 a.m. Full Return Fare including coach transport from Lime Street to Ground and return **£9.00** only. (Coaches will also be available to take supporters back from Euston to Upton Park: Price **£1.00** to be paid on the coach.)

By Coach: Leaving Upton Park at midday. Return Fare **£7.50**.

Executive Travel: We will be operating an Executive Coach leaving Upton Park at midday; Lunch served en route; Pay-Bar available throughout journey; Dinner on return journey. All-inclusive price including Match Ticket **£45.00**.

MATCH-DAY MASCOTS FOR NEXT SEASON

We are at present working from our Waiting List, and issuing out Match-Day Mascots for next season. Anyone interested in going on our Waiting List for Mascots should apply for full information from the Commercial Office.

Remember, we have a Waiting List for Mascots, but if you would like full details on our Match-Day Mascot scheme, please apply to the Commercial Office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME OF OUR BIG WINNERS

Our last Car Winner was Miss B. Harper of Ockendon Road, Islington.

£1,000 Bingo and Lottery Winners

V. Bal of Hathaway Crescent, Manor Park, E.12.

Mrs. M. Lawrence of Essex Gardens, Hornchurch.

K. Davis of Harlington, Hayes, Middlesex.

R. Mortimer of North Cray, Sidcup.

HAMMERS' HISTORY

10 years ago . . .

Saturday 6 January 1973. Liverpool at Upton Park for a First Division fixture. Attendance 34,480. The teams:

West Ham Utd.: Bobby Ferguson, John McDowell, Frank Lampard, Kevin Lock (Clive Charles 37), Tommy Taylor, Bobby Moore (capt.), John Ayris, Clyde Best, Pat Holland, Dudley Tyler, Bryan Robson.

Liverpool: Ray Clemence, Chris Lawler, Phil Thompson, Tommy Smith (capt.), Larry Lloyd, Emlyn Hughes, Kevin Keegan, Peter Cormack, Steve Heighway, Phil Boersma, Ian Callaghan. *Sub.:* Brian Hall.

Billy Bonds and Trevor Brooking were out of our line-up due to injury, and Kevin Lock went off after a mishap before half-time.

The concluding paragraph of our subsequent match report summarised that Liverpool had just two chances and scored from one of them. It was Kevin Keegan who headed in a quarter-hour from time, and that was enough to take the points back to Merseyside. The Reds went on to win the Championship with 60 points—three ahead of Arsenal; Leeds United were third with 53.

20 years ago . . .

January 1963. Only 13 F.A. Cup ties were "forced through" between Jan 5 and 26, the remaining 19 still awaited a play-off. Heavy snow and frost made Upton Park unplayable, and when we did clear the snow away further frosty nights made it even worse.

Our programme commented that "(like, innumerable householders) we faced both water *shortages* and water *surpluses*. The former was caused by the freezing up of supplies in our general system and ground facilities in particular, while burst pipes flooded some offices; then to add to the difficulties we had a fuel shortage when the supply of coke for our boilers ran out! It has been a worrying time,

especially for Secretary Eddie Chapman who finalised the unhappy spell by contracting tonsillitis! "It never rains but it pours"—or freezes!"

The weather still poses problems for football, but technical improvements have helped to decrease the risks. We "old stagers" can say to our newer colleagues: "You've never had it so good!"

30 years ago . . .

January 1953. The programme of our match v Bury on Jan. 3 had some interesting "sideline" items.

At that time Coventry City Reserves played in the Football Combination, and the fixture compilers arranged for us to play there on *Christmas Day*! So we fielded ten bachelors and only one married player—a fact appreciated by the "married veterans." Goal-keeper George Taylor was the exception, and he had the misfortune to concede the two goals by which we lost; the youngsters must have also taken the day off!

Fog delays en route to Lowestoft on Dec. 27 meant a late arrival for our Eastern Counties League fixture. So our team changed into playing-gear on the coach, conceded an early goal—and then won 5—2; Bert Hawkins got a hat-trick.

We also reported that we hoped to make an official announcement regarding installing of floodlights at Upton Park.

40 years ago . . .

2 January 1943. War-time football. Hammers v Clapton Orient at Upton Park.

West Ham Utd.: Lt. H. Watson-Smith (R.A.), Small, W. Lewis, Sgt. Macaulay, C.S.M.I. Fenton (E.), Burnham (?), L.Cpl. Walker (R.), Gnr. Dunn, Foreman, Goulden, A/C Kippax (Burnley).

That team was in an amended match-programme, but other records show differences. Hammers won 10—3 (6—0 at half-time). Dick Dunn and George Foreman both scored hat-tricks.



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