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Dear Old Member,

I am just sending this note to Old Members who live within striking distance of London.

You'll remember my mention - in the early-season Newsletter - about the 'President's Day' - on Sunday, 19th January. Well, I understand that is going ahead and arrangements are being made. The 1st XI will be playing against the President's Invitation XI - composition as yet unknown. They'll be playing at 1.00 p.m. at the home ground (Paddington Recreation Ground - directions in the fixture card), with refreshment after the game. I shall try to be there myself, and it would be nice to chew the cud with some of you, so I hope you can make it.

At the same time, let me tell you about another vital 1st XI game - on the preceding day (Saturday, the 18th - isn't it always so!). They came within 5 minutes of pipping Surbiton for promotion to the PizzaExpress National League last season, but the new season brought us down to earth! My Newsletter was entirely wrong about the opening match against Purley: whether it was a misprint in the national press I don't know, but we actually lost (0-2) to them - our bogey team. And then, worse was to come in the third match with a 1-1 draw against Cheam. Since then it's been victories all the way (Cambridge, Maidenhead, Hawks (7-1), London University, Spencer, and Tulse Hill (7-0)), but those two early-season lapses may do for us - because the Old Kingstonians are unbeaten so far and, apparently, it's their turn to be very strong this year. And we play them (away) on Saturday! If we can make amends with a victory, then there is just a glimmer of hope - someone else might take points off them before the end of the season. So, this game is vital, and I'm sure your support would be very much welcomed.

Details: the game starts at 12.30, and it will be at the Kingston Grammar School ground. For those of you who have never been there, that is in Summer Road, Thames Ditton - very near Hampton Court Station. If you are driving, it's over Hampton Court Bridge, past the station on your left, then next left (after about 400 yds.) into Summer Road. The ground is then 100 yards on your left, immediately after the level-crossing. If you are approaching from the South - from Esher or the Kingston By-pass - along Hampton Court Way, over a roundabout (Ember Court Road), next main turning right into Summer Road - then as above. I certainly plan to be at that one so, again, I hope to see you supporting Greg Carr and his team.

Yours aye,



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