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# Brent's pro stars go back to their roots to inspire next generation

## Stones boss has to find the balance

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Bartlett continued: "We don't want to be saying we will be happy to consolidate this season because I think you're setting yourself up to be scraping around near the bottom."

"We will just go into it positively, with an open mind. We didn't start well last season but we ended up getting promoted, so we will not panic."

Two men vital to last season's success, Little and Tom Pett, have since departed for Heybridge Swifts and Stevenage respectively, but Bartlett believes his side can continue to move forward without them.

He said: "Tom Pett and Glen Little were major influences in us getting promoted last season."

"But you have to remember that after losing out in the play-offs the season before, we lost six players and managed to bounce back to win promotion."

"Glen Little is 38. His experience really helped us but he only completed 90 minutes on one occasion last season. It was time to move on."

"I wish Tom all the best in the Football League with Stevenage. My job now is to find another youngster to bring through."

## Duo sign up for Borough

### » Ryman League

Harrow Borough manager Dave Anderson has further bolstered his squad with the signings of strikers Lewis Driver and Spencer Bellotti.

Borough have already added 18-year-old forward Ryan Debattista, a product of Watford's Harefield Academy, to their ranks but the youngster will need to impress in pre-season to push ahead of the latest additions.

Driver moves to Earlsmead following a successful season with Burnham. The 25-year-old has previously played for Maidenhead United and Holyport FC, and is known for his versatility and hard work.

Bellotti, 24, joined Borough in January on loan from Canvey Island, scoring two goals in seven appearances before having his season cut short by illness.

Now fully recovered, the former Wingate and Finchley striker – who scored the winning goal for Borough against Thamesmead Town in March – will be looking to cement his place in Anderson's starting XI.

Harrow fans will get the chance to see the new signings in their first pre-season game at home to Wealdstone on Saturday July 19 (3pm).

### » Schools' football

Former district stars Uche Ikpeazu and Tafari Moore returned to their roots for the annual Brent Schools FA awards at Capital City Academy.

The evening started with a rousing minute's applause in honour of the recent losses of two members of the Brent football community, Trevor Hutton and Alex Stephens.

Ikpeazu and Moore, now professional players at Watford and Arsenal respectively, then took part in a question and answer session with the other panel members – Michael Pavey, the deputy leader of Brent Council, Stewart Goshawk from the Wembley National Stadium Trust and Capital City Academy's director of sport Fiona Dempsey.

### Traditional

Awards were handed out for best attitude, contribution to the team and most improved player, as well as the traditional awards for the Golden Boot winner and player of the season.

At Under-11 level, Jonathan Rowe won the Golden Boot and was named player of the season. Keiron Lake-Bryon was the most improved player, while Anish Sharm was named the player with the best attitude and Jahmar Patterson was recognised for his overall contribution to the team.

The Brent Under-12 side, who finished as runners-up in the league, were recognised for their fine season with Caleb Watts (QPCS) winning the player of the season trophy.

Most improved player went to David Krupinski (St Gregory's), team contribution to Ray Luka (Kingsbury High), best attitude to



■ The Under-13 award winners show off their trophies alongside Brent Schools FA chairman Chris Ampofo (left) and professional footballers Uche Ikpeazu (second from left) and Tafari Moore (fourth from left)

Louie Adedeji (Kingsbury High) and the Golden Boot winner was Drillon Krasniqi (Capital City).

The Brent Under-13 team who did the double, winning the Middlesex Cup and the London Cup, highlighted the influence of Cai Burrows, who was named player of the season.

Golden Boot winner was Keiano Joseph, most improved player went to Kyle Mathews, best attitude to Nathan Barnard and the contribution to the team prize was shared by Odain Donaldson and Michael Adjei.

Harry Russell's goals were a ma-

major factor in the Brent Under-14s' Middlesex Cup victory and he picked up the Golden Boot award. Dylan Singh was named player of the year, Isaac D'Andria was hailed for his attitude, Ashley Hibbert took home the contribution to the team award and Jordan Green was named as the most improved player.

### Contribution

At Under-15 level, Joshua Mambo was named player of the year, best attitude went to Fabian Reid, Reekye Martin was named most improved player, Kwame Boateng was recognised for his contribution to the side

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and Sami Abraham scooped the Golden Boot award.

Chairman of Brent Schools FA, Chris Ampofo, said: "Huge thanks to everyone who has supported us. It was very special to have Uche and Tafari here. It is great to see two local lads working hard and doing well. They are excellent role models."

## Algeria followers amass in Park Royal to see World Cup heroics

by Rob Brennan

The Algerian community in Britain came together in Park Royal to celebrate their country making World Cup history by reaching the last 16 of the competition.

All three Group H matches involving the Desert Foxes were shown at the Nadi Park Royal Centre, Old Oak Common Lane, before the African side were beaten 2-1 by Germany earlier this week.

Momota Ahmed, 22, of The Na-

tional Algerian Centre, helped organise the screening of the games and was delighted to see the community come together in such large numbers.

She said: "For the first game against Belgium we had around 150 people at the centre. The numbers continued to grow and for the final Group H match against Russia we had up to 300 people."

"A lot of Algerians live in Golders Green but we had people travel down for the match from as far away as Birmingham and Sunderland."

"Everyone was welcome and it was beautiful to see the community come together. We encourage Algerians to be cohesive with their local community and it was great to have English, French and African people come and watch the match at the centre."

"Algeria took the football world by surprise and it brought people together."

"Given the history that Algerian people have endured before the country gained independence, it was amazing to have Algeria flying the flag for Africa, the Arab world and Muslim countries."

For more information on The National Algerian Centre see <https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Algerian-Centre/21553277853622>



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## Willesden dig deep with sterling charity efforts

### » Cycling

Members of Willesden CC put in the hard yards for charity last weekend, taking part in Johnny Morris' annual ride in aid of the Thames Valley Adventure Playground.

The ride started and finished at The Plough Pub after a pleasant 35km cycle through the quiet lanes around Winchmore Hill, near Amersham.

Club secretary Wendy Mears took part in a 50km walk along the Grand Union Canal from Paddington to Cassiobury Park, Watford, to raise money for the

Walking With Giants Foundation, who help support individuals and families affected by Prionial Dwarfism.

With Willesden's time trialists taking a break, it was left to the Squadra Verde team to take centre stage at Hillingdon circuit.

The team worked together to enable Connor Woodford to break away and finish second, with Ryan Finestone, Darryl Lusardi and Tony Lusardi taking the 15th, 16th and 17th spots respectively.

To make a donation, go to <https://www.justgiving.com/Wendy-Mears/>



■ Wendy Mears