



Terras Times

The newsletter of Weymouth FC Supporters Association.

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Editorial - James Warrener:

Is it safe to come out from hiding yet?

It would be fair to say that derby defeat still hurts a week on. I keep telling anyone who will listen (and there aren't many people in Lincolnshire who care about Yeovil vs. Weymouth) that it will be even more special when we do get over the line and beat them, boy will it be memorable. .

I say there aren't many people who care up country but one of them I had to face up to last Saturday afternoon.

Market Deeping is a tiny town and their recent home United Counties Premier North match with Newark saw me standing next to the local Yeovil fan whose journey through life had led them to this part of the world, as has mine. It's a little known fact I had an office next to Huish Park back in the 90's and something I still try and keep hidden in the back of my brain and not top of mind!!

We shook hands pitchside and smiled, watching the match in front of us, whilst reviewing the biggest match of both of our seasons to date. An unspoken agreement that we are friendly to each other and will enjoy a pint despite our bitter rivalry twice a season.

It's through gritted teeth though and after penalty shoot outs in the FA Cup and now deflected goals in front of a record league crowd, I want to be the guy smugly smiling across the pitch to a friend and local league game. No pressure lads!

Elsewhere the WFCSA has had its AGM recently and I make no apologies for covering a lot of the content from the meeting this month. We have played and will continue to play a key part in the present and the future of Weymouth FC.

By being a member of the SA you are helping the club in so many ways and with the upcoming chance to have your say directionally, there is a real opportunity for all to pull together for the good of the Terras.

Remember the old adage, no idea is a bad idea, so make sure you read Pete's piece on the next page and send in your suggestions.

Until next month,

James



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Chairman's Chatter

I was unable to attend the recent WFCSA AGM. Thanks to Iain Stone for stepping in. I felt it might be a good use of my space in the newsletter to share my report again.

"Because I am not in attendance, I aim to keep this annual report brief and not leave Iain standing here holding the baby in my absence!

If any member has any concerns at all about any aspect of what we do or our future plans, please contact me at enquiries@wfcsa.co.uk

I would like to thank all of the WFCSA board members for their continued hard work and their support for me during what has been a difficult 12 months for me personally. Eleven years ago, our current Vice Chairman, Ade MacDonald, stood here giving the annual address as chairman. It had been a very difficult period with some considerable challenges for the then fledgling WFCSA coupled with yet another regime change in the boardroom!

Our board at that time was low in numbers and we were struggling to attract the volunteers needed to sustain us going forward. Tough times. But as an organisation, we came through it and we all owe a debt of gratitude to a man in this room tonight, who stayed the course and steered us to calmer waters.

So thank you Ladies and Gents.

At the time of writing, our membership remains buoyant at over 200 and we have 12 board members. There are plenty of initiatives ongoing, not least of which is the festive raffle, so don't forget your tickets!

Last year we handed over £2332.00 to the club raised from the raffle! We are in the process of updating the membership package and have asked you for your input.

I won't go into details here but you will have been emailed with our proposals. Please remember, we serve you, so let us know your views and help us make things even better than they are already.

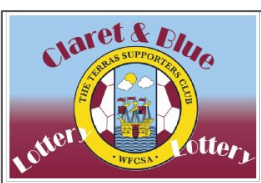
To sum up, we are working with the parent club better than we ever have, in my opinion, with great support for our fundraising events. We will continue to work hard and improve all aspects of activity around the club both on field and off, from first team, WFC Women through to the U18's and youth.

As a club, we are building on firmer foundations than previous regimes and it is always hard asking yet again for our supporters to show patience. But on this occasion I feel confident in saying we are better placed as a club to firstly seek to attain a higher level of football for us all to enjoy, but most importantly, build a structure to sustain it.

It will take us time, but we ask that you trust the process. The football club is in safe hands.

Once again, my thanks to all the WFCSA board members for their hard work and support these past 12 months."

Pete Nash
Chairman 'The Terras Supporters Club'



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WFCSA AGM update

As part of the recent WFCSA, a number of officers presented their reports showing the ups and downs of the club over the past 12 months.

It has been eventful for Weymouth FC in the main and no different to this organisation.

What is key to mention is that the SA has more shares in WFC as a result of activities in the last year.

There were increased income streams including over £1000 more revenue for the club shop (despite some of the issues with supply and the old supplier). No doubt the FA Cup first round match with AFC Wimbledon will have helped boost the coffers and incentivise fans to get some kit to mark the big day.

The Claret and Blue Lottery certainly gained traction with over £1700 extra revenue raised against the previous year.... Lots of prizes for loyal fans paid out as well. If you have been one of the recent prize winners, congratulations!

One of the final things to draw out from the AGM was the fact that despite all of the challenges WFC faced in the last year, the SA were still able to donate to a number of local charities.

I think we can all agree that helping others away from football is really important and shows the football club in a positive light. Thanks for being a member and being part of it.

Claret and Blue Lottery Results for October 2023

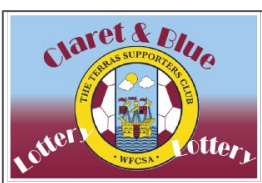
What do we do with the Claret and Blue Lottery Funds?

It was agreed in 2019 that the proceeds would be donated to the Weymouth FC Player Budget. Details below of the funds donated in this current season as well as previous years.

2023 – 2024 Player Budget Donation so far:-
£2,272.00

October winners

1st Prize ~ £232 ~ A MacDonald (Weymouth) [232] 2nd Prize ~ £139 ~ J Degiorgio (Uxbridge) [310] 3rd Prize ~ £46 ~ D Monaghan (Weymouth) [5]



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Club Shop Update

Kappa has already hit the spot in a number of their offerings for Weymouth FC since the start of our partnership with the Italian brand.

A number of sell outs (albeit with some stock challenges) but we continue to work on training and match day kit for all to enjoy. One such item being the Ladies third kit (picture right) which is a brilliant navy colour

There is limited stock in a few remaining sizes so get yourself over to the online club shop by [clicking here](#), or visit the refurbished shop on a match day.



Christmas Raffle



You can get your festive draw tickets by [clicking here](#).

Weather permitting the draw will be made on the first day of 2024 when Weston Super Mare visit the Bob Lucas Stadium in the National League South.

Top 3 prizes are **Smart TV, Fire Tablet and Amazon Echo**. There will be loads more prizes added by the time of the draw including a hamper and air fryer to name but 2.



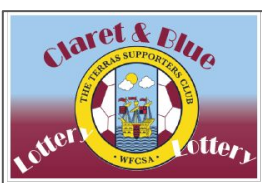
Match day packages

There are still deals to be had for match day packages.

The website has full details that you can see by [clicking here](#).

Be part of the teams push for success this season and back the Terras where you can.

Contact the club office to book.



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