



Terras Times

The newsletter of Weymouth FC Supporters Association.

December 2023

Editorial - James Warrener:

I hope you are all starting to relax and unwind ahead of the Christmas holidays and festive break.

The run up has been disrupted with postponements and a run of away matches.

I am wondering if we will ever get to play Wimborne in the Dorset Senior Cup at the time of writing these notes, such are the number of times this match has been on and then off due to heavy rain.

As the weather has got colder and wetter, and the nights have become much darker it feels like the mood outside of the club has taken a bit of a dip. It's great that the board of directors are taking an action to address this with a proposed post Christmas fans forum.

Weymouth FC has been on the brink too many times and this period of recovery and re-balancing finance isn't as dramatic as a "Save the Terras" campaign or as exciting as a promotion run.

The bottom line though is that we need to go through this process. We need to maximise the non matchday revenue, turn over players to get the most from our budget and draw a few matches to get defensive solidity before going after wins.

It's a proven formula across all levels of the game and whilst I share fans impatience that we are having to put foundations down yet again, I live in expectation that this is the time we get it right for the long term. Not a season or two of boom and then bust.

So my Christmas editorial message is for patience and for persistence as we look to finally get this club to a level of sustainability and of football that we all feel we deserve.

Elsewhere in the newsletter this month, Pete talks about a donation to the Veterans Hub thanks to all of your generosity and I review 2023 from the lens of being exiled up north and the anxiety that brings on a matchday.

Thanks for reading in 2023. Here's to an exciting and positive end to the season in 2024.

See you all next month

James



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Chairman's Chatter

Hello everyone and welcome to the December edition of your monthly newsletter.

We draw to the end of yet another year, I don't know where the time goes? It has been another busy but largely successful year for your Supporters Club.

We started off by donating £2330 to the club from funds raised from the Boxing Day raffle, a truly staggering amount of money from a raffle, testament to the enduring generosity of Terras fans.!

We have continued to work hard and the fundraising continues in many forms. We have had quiz nights, scratch cards for a variety of prizes and the recently introduced Golden Goal, all helping to boost the coffers. There are also the Away Travel Club Bingo evenings and Robin Nicholls' Oily Rag Breakfast Club which we support heavily with prizes and volunteers.

We have also increased our reach out into the community which we serve with our annual November Ceremonies collection for the Veterans Hub (see photo) and Andy's Man Club. To the former we collected £125 and the latter, the Clubs nominated charity for this season, £200 from the sale of donated items in the Club Shop.

We have to be careful not to overreach ourselves, there is only so much we can do as a group of limited numbers. It goes without saying, if you have some spare time to commit, we would love to hear from you. As an example of where we need help, can you sell the Golden Goal tickets at home games for us? Free entry, sell the tickets between 1330-1430. You would collect and deliver at the club shop, no need to stay and count the money, we can sort all that, you go off and watch the football! You and a friend possibly? If this is you, please get in touch via enquiries@wfcsa.co.uk

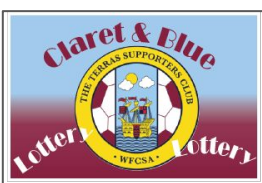


Tickets are still on sale for the New Years Day raffle, at only £1 each or £5 a book with some amazing prizes on offer! So get yours and be in it to win it! You can buy them through the online shop and they will of course make a cracking stocking filler. Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you all again in the New Year!

Thanks for reading. Stay well, stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Pete Nash

Chairman, 'The Terras Supporters Club'



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2023 in review

With thanks to [Terras website](#), here are 4 photos and supporting words that sum up 2023

Weymouth 1-0 Bath City (Bearwish 90) Monday 10th April 2023, Bob Lucas Stadium

Of course I am going to say I 100% believed the great escape was on... Honestly though I didn't until this Easter cracker was settled in the 90th minute by Captain Tom from the spot.

With over 1000 fans inside the Bob Lucas Stadium and needing us to win to keep our survival hopes alive for another few days, the Terras did what they needed against one of Conference Souths top teams.

It was one of those can't look/can't not look moments but the calmness of the penalty kick followed by the chaos of the celebrations will live long in the memory.



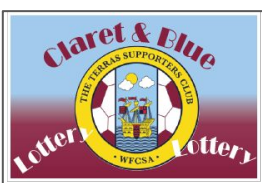
Dover Athletic 0-2 Weymouth (Ash 21, Rose 30)

Saturday 29th April 2023, The Crabble

My wife and I were in Camden to see a band and enjoy a wedding anniversary meal beforehand.

She gave up trying to keep me calm as twice in quick succession I erupted on the tube train before nervously sipping a pint in the Black Heart until my phone started lighting up to tell me we had done it!

Every Terras fan the world over will have a story to tell from that day!



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Terras Kappa Launch August 2023, Bob Lucas Stadium

I love Terras new kit day... so much so I wrote the book on it !

This summer there was more anticipation than usual with the arrival of Kappa as technical sponsor.



The kits divide opinion but I loved the dual launch of both mens and womens versions.

Launching both at the same time was a brilliant way of showing a one club approach and long may it continue!

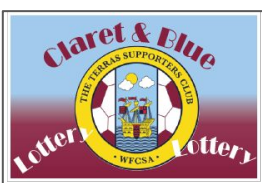


Weymouth 1 -0 Dartford (OG) 12th August 2023, Bob Lucas Stadium

After having waiting so long to get up and running the previous season, this was a case of taking a nice breath and enjoying three points at home.

The goal might have been a calamity by the visiting goalkeeper in palming the ball into the top corner of his own net, but for us it really meant something.

The David Oldfield era might be long forgotten, but the scars of that slow start and implosion off the park of the previous season still cut. So to get three points early on settled the nerves.



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