



# Terras Times

The newsletter of Weymouth FC Supporters Association.

April 2024

## **Editorial - James Warrener:**

Any content about our recent win over Yeovil Town at the Bob Lucas Stadium has to be caveated with best wishes for the continued recovery of the away fan taken ill at the match.

Despite many days of waiting, the league arrived at a decision that gave us the 3 points.

Our long run of not beating the rivals is over and now all is well we can look back and reflect on a job well done.

If I had the skills to sculpt, I would be casting a gold Dan Roberts to have on the roundabout outside the ground. It feels good to have finally got the win!

Much has changed since the publication of last month's newsletter with Mark Molesley returning to the dugout after a spell away with a number of clubs.

I don't think too many people were expecting a managerial change at Weymouth FC after the big win over Havant, but we are where we are and now have to look forward and back the new (returning) gaffer to the max.

As he said in a recent interview, this division is getting harder as more and more teams go full time and try to get to the playoffs or promotion spots. We should relish the challenge.

The end of the season hasn't been too strong results wise but apart from the second half at home to Farnborough, the team have been playing strongly and showing the new staff what they can bring to the club.

It will be an interesting summer of comings and goings which is a really exciting thing to look forward to (after the club officials get a bit of time off, of course!)

This month marks the end of my time as the editor of the Terras Times newsletter.

Over 5 years have passed since I took on the role and I would like to thank WFCSA for the opportunity. It has been an honour and a privilege to be part of the club I support and I only wish good things for Pete (and thanks for the kind words in your column) and the rest of the board.

I hope there is someone out there in the Terras community who can join in and take this document to a higher level.

James

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## Chairman's Chatter

Hello everyone and welcome to the April edition of your monthly newsletter, the final one of this current football season!

As the curtain comes down today, (I write this on the day of our final home game), on another really busy season, I would like to once again pay tribute to our wonderful band of volunteers, without whom, we simply could not function. Many you see on a match day and may be familiar faces to you, however many toil away behind the scenes and their work goes largely unseen.

We have a collective group who help keep the pitch in pristine condition but also tidy and clean the stadium between matches, conduct urgent repairs which often means a short turn around to accommodate a women's or U23's game.

I'm going to get in trouble but here goes: our thanks go to Tony, Kevvo, Iain, John, Spooky, young Spooky, Pete P, Ricky, Martin, Tuney, Andy, Claire, Margaret, Joe, Michael, Frank, Dave, Annaliese, Neil, Jules, Dave, Neville, Paula, Rob, Stephen, the two gents on the gate in all weathers, Vicki and her boys and everyone I've not deliberately forgotten but whose names my brain fails to allow me to recall!

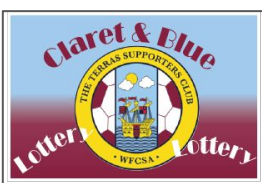
Special mention to Mark Probin who not only provides the clubs photos but travels all over the country to bring you action from away games. Thank you to our media team, Mark, Rian, Robert, Ben and Andy who have provided us with outstanding commentary, interviews and quality media content this season. Whatever you do, we do appreciate firstly you and secondly what you do.

It matters, THANK YOU.

My final thanks goes to our leading Exile, James Warrener who has been your newsletter editor for as long as I can remember. James is stepping down after this edition due to family commitments.

I would just like to say that James will be a big loss and leaving a difficult pair of shoes to fill. I will be stepping in on an interim basis, but this is really not my forte so here is your chance perhaps? If it is, get in touch via the email address below, because I really need your help!

We will all miss you James, thank you and best wishes go to you and all your family. Hopefully we will see you at the Bob Lucas Stadium very soon?



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Finally, last month I updated you all regards the change to our membership package. A quick reminder that we will publicise full details, just as soon as we have the full information.

We are working closely with the board of directors to tie everything in with the season ticket launch. A reminder annual pricing will be £12 individual and £20 for a family. For those current members with time to run on your 5 year membership, you will be contacted by our membership secretary and given your options. Your input and feedback to these ideas would be much appreciated so please do call into the club shop for a chat or message me at [enquiries@wfcsa.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wfcsa.co.uk)

Thanks for reading.

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

And don't forget to play the Claret & Blue Lottery! Best wishes to you all.

**Pete Nash Chairman, 'The Terras Supporters Club'**

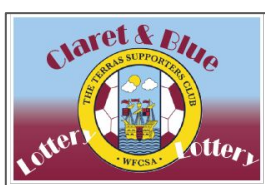
## Season review 2023/2024

And with that the campaign ends. It seems only a few weeks ago that we began the campaign and this newsletter was published showing images from the new kit photo shoot.

We finished the season in 15th place (which all in all feels about right) on 56 points. Goals scored was a downfall leaving us on a negative goal difference of -7.

They key stat looking down the table was that we were 10 points clear of the relegation zone which was a clear and significant leap from the previous season which went right down to the wire.

We were 17 points behind Aveley who took the last play off place in the division. With 17 draws (only Welling had more with 18... naturally our penultimate fixture of the season with that opposition ended 0-0 !) there wouldn't have been too much needing to change for us to have



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## Season review cont.

been a lot closer to that end of the table than the middle.

Of course there will be those who feel we could have been even better and won a lot more games and that is perfectly fine. I respect all opinions. But as a stepping stone it fits in with my feelings on what was achievable and now we need to look forward to Mark Molesley and his team building on that. It will be interesting to see that spread between the play offs and the bottom next season and where Weymouth FC fit in that gap.

There are a number of results that will live in my memory.

The low being early in the season and the FA Cup home defeat to Bath City.

After the joy of AFC Wimbledon (Thanks Premier League for taking those nights away from us non league clubs you selfish group of rich people!) last season hopes were high of another crack at a league club.

But the draw was a tough one, even at home. Bath ran out easy winners and we were out of the main cup competition that matters to Terras fans.

In terms of the biggest and best results. I would look at 4 points from Havant & Waterlooville, backed up especially by the 4 goals against them at home.

We also showed we could match the big boys at the top of the table with a win at Aveley and draw at Bath City.

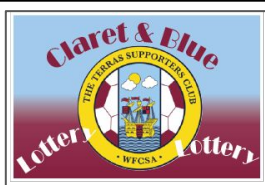
Of course the hoodoo of not beating Yeovil Town was laid to rest (with all the disclaimers in the Editorial still being applicable) and whilst they won't be beating us in the league next season let's hope it's not too long before the two clubs meet again.

Craziest game of the season was the 4-4 FA Trophy goal fest with Dover.

There is always something riding on a Terras visit to the home of the cross channel ferry (I don't count Poole for football rivalry reasons) and I will miss their presence in the same division next year.

My personal player of the year was Brandon Goodship. I am happy to admit I wasn't certain a third spell was in the best interests of both player and club but he has blown me away this season as a goalscorer and provider.

That was season 2023/2024. Let's do it all again starting in August !



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