



# Terras Times

The newsletter of Weymouth FC Supporters Association.

February 2024

## **Editorial - James Warrener:**

Lots of reasons to take a trip down memory lane in recent weeks.

We have the latest Hall of Fame event later in the week with some really strong inductees.

For those of you able to attend the event in person I hope you have a good time. I will be looking enviously down at you from up country.

We also marked the anniversary of one of the darkest days in our clubs history, the 9-0 defeat to Rushden & Diamonds which is covered elsewhere this month.

The maddest thing from that whole episode was that lessons weren't properly learned and we found ourselves back in that position since.

It brings to mind the adage, "if you do what you always do, you get what you always get", so fingers crossed our approach to doing things differently, i.e have it before you spend it, remains in place.

The season is winging its way to a close with plenty to play for.

Some of the ladies and junior teams are really close to being finished for this campaign and I am sure you will join me in thanking all of our players for their efforts this season.

The men's first team will still have an eye over their shoulders (sorry Bobby!!) but their other one will be firmly placed on trying to get above mid table, something all supporters would have taken this pre-season.

It doesn't mean we should be satisfied with that and accept where we are, so I will echo the sentiments of all on the WFCSA board in saying that any help or voluntary efforts will be really appreciated and you will be recognised for playing your part in the success of Weymouth FC.

Whatever skills or time you can spare is crucial. So don't be shy. Visit the website and send a message listing how you can help.

Until next month,

James



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## Chairman's Chatter

Hello everyone and welcome to the February edition of your monthly newsletter. It has been a really busy period with plenty of activity both on and off the pitch and I do hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy some, if not all of it?

In my last chatter I gave you a heads up about plans we have ongoing to update and improve our membership package. We are now in a position to give you a little more detail about what will change.

Please remember we are still very much in the planning phase and there is still plenty of time for you to have your say and input your ideas. Use the contact email in this newsletter, or pop into the club shop on a matchday.

There are several major changes planned. Firstly, we are moving away from evergreen membership, (join when you like then renew annually) to a fixed annual renewal date for all, which will coincide with pre-season, 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 as an example.

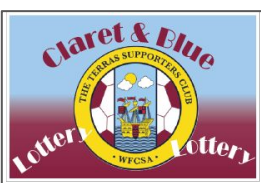
Five years ago we dropped the annual price of membership from £10 to £5, with the offer of 5 year membership for £20. The 5 year offer will be withdrawn and those still with time to run will be contacted individually about their options. The annual price for renewal will be £12 individual and £20 for a family. We wanted to give you some real value for money and feel we have achieved this by arranging a discount scheme with local businesses.

Your membership card will be your discount, which will vary according to what has been agreed with each individual. I can give some examples confirmed so far; Howleys 10% off all in store purchases, Marlboro Restaurant 10% off and Little Angus butchers 5% off all purchases plus free delivery. There will be many, many more to add.

In addition to this, there will be a big change in the clubshop with special discounted pricing for members only. It is worth pointing out that you will need to produce your membership card and one of the main reasons for the price increase is to cover the annual card replacement costs. Weymouth FC Board of directors have fully backed us to the extent that all season ticket purchases will include enrolment as a Supporters Club member with all the associated benefits, at no extra cost.

You will of course be given the choice to opt out if you so wish. The working group pulling this all together are meeting regularly and we really think it will be a benefit and make being a member very worthwhile. If you have anything you would like us to consider, then please do get in touch via our email [enquiries@wfcsa.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wfcsa.co.uk)

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



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## What's on at Weymouth FC

**27th Feb - Chippy night.** £25 for meal and match ticket.

**1st March - Hall of Fame.** See the latest Terras players to be inducted and hear great stories of seasons gone by with food and drinks.

**3rd March - Oily Rag.** Enjoy the latest event with Rob and all the classic vehicles. Follow them on socials to get timings and updates.

**8th March - Bingo.** There will most likely be a FULL HOUSE (!! ) for this event so keep an eye on the website and social media for details on how to be part of this ever popular fundraising event.

**16th March - Ex Players day.** More details to follow on this one, but keep checking the club website for incoming details.

## Weymouth 0-9 Rushden & Diamonds

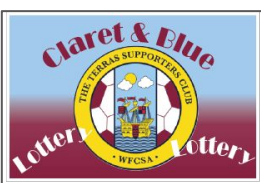
Living within 45 minutes of their ground I had always had an odd relationship with Rushden & Diamonds. Lads like Andy Furnell who I had been to school with all played over there so I was pretty regular at Nene Park as they rose up through the Southern League towards the football league.

I remember Diamonds losing one game in their title winning run in from the Southern when Dorchester mugged them one nil in time added on. Stuart Morgan had spotted my Terras shirt in the crowd and had some special words for me as he ran down the touch line celebrating the goal...

By this point though there were a middling mid table Conference side but their eyes lit up when Weymouth announced on the eve of their home match with them that their money had run out and with no first team players insured, the youth team would be fulfilling the fixture.

Now most of us old timers will know there are a whole host of allegations and betting scenarios that we still probably can't go into. But I remember receiving a text on my holiday in Spain to inform me we would be playing, but it might well be our last ever game.

There is something odd about a grown man sitting in Girona airport on a Saturday evening with his head in his hands sobbing. I thought it was over for this football club but somehow, some way, we are still here and still fighting... But that day should never be forgotten.



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