



Welcome to the latest edition to members and non-members alike. If you enjoy reading this can you please pass it on to anyone who may not be aware of what the Association is all about.

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

We recently held our Annual Quiz Night and what a successful evening it was with 20 teams taking part (The most we have had).

It was good to see one from the Club itself, with Gareth Ainsworth, Andrew Howard, Ivor Beeks and Trevor Stroud amongst its members.

James Herriot's Soapy Elbows won the event, for the third year running.

The coveted wooden spoons, supplied as usual by Marion Lunnon, went to The Luke O'Nieners.

Altogether we raised in excess of £1,000 for the Club. Thanks to all involved in the organisation of this event before, during and afterwards.



*The winners of our 2017 Quiz Night*



*The wooden spooners.*

Our next event is our big one, the Annual Dinner on Friday, 10th March in the Vere Suite (I can't get used to Caledonian!).

Cost is £25 per head and you can make up tables of ten.

Time is 7 o'clock for 7:30 start, although the bar will be open from 6:30 for early arrivals. Contact Sandie Derben (01494 441145) for tickets.



Guests invited include Gareth and Dobbo plus Roger Mott (where would we be without him?) We hope as many as possible will attend as it really is the most pleasant of evenings.

### TRAVEL

This is to repeat the itinerary for the weekend in Morecambe, as follows:

Friday April 28th depart from Adams Park with a lunch stop en route.

Time permitting; there will be a short stop in Blackpool before arriving in Morecambe.

Three Nights at the Headway Hotel.

Price includes breakfast, dinner, portorage, tea/coffee on arrival and a sherry reception before dinner. There is also nightly entertainment at the hotel.

Saturday April 29th Breakfast, then free time and transfer to the match. Dinner & entertainment in the hotel on return.

Sunday, April 30th After breakfast a full tour of the Lake District with lunch in Windermere.

Dinner & entertainment on return.

Monday May 1st A leisurely breakfast before check out. There will be comfort stops on the journey back to Wycombe.

All this for £199.

We have now almost reached our target of 30 but obviously the more, so much the better. A deposit of £25 per person is needed to secure your place.

Coming up now though we have a very busy time, with the big game at Tottenham.

Rena (01494 520179 or 07702 348678) and Graham (07876 267301) have kept aside two coaches for the members and you can book with them in the normal way.

Lynden and I (07857 680524) will be booking the remainder by card between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. each day (except the weekend) as all non-members must pay in advance. Latest time for all bookings is 5 p.m. on Thursday.



The cost for adult members is £14, seniors £13 and juniors £12. For all non-members irrespective of age it is a flat £18.

Coaches leave Adams Park at 11.30 a.m.

Before this is a trip to Mansfield on Tuesday for the Football League Trophy Quarter-final. Although a coach will only run if Rena has sufficient interest. There then follows midweek trips to Exeter (Jan. 31st), Colchester (Feb, 7th), Crewe (Feb. 14th) and Accrington (Feb. 28th)! There is also Stevenage on Saturday Feb. 11th. Typically the closest game is on a Saturday! Please note Colchester could change depending on results in the Cup competitions.

### **HAROLD LUNNON**

After my article about Kath Abbott and longstanding support, Harold informs me that he first attended a game at Loakes Park in 1937 with his father and brother. He was seven at the time. Marion's first game was in 1954. Please let me know if any of you have been watching the Blues

for over 50 years.

### **BARRY BAKER**

While travelling on the coach to Plymouth on Boxing Day, Barry, along with grandson Dean, took out a membership of OWWSA. I believe that he is the very first ex-player to do so and is a most welcome addition to our association.

He was a member of one of my all-time favourite Wycombe elevens (1965/66) of John Maskell, Dave Bradshaw, John Beck, Barry Baker, Ian Rundle, Charlie Gale, Len Worley, Keith Samuels, Paul Bates, Tony Horseman and Les Merrick.

There were 63 matches played that season, including friendlies, and he missed just one. No being too tired or injured in those days, remembering also he would have been working as well ! He actually made his debut on 11th April 1964 in a 1-1 draw against Maidstone United at Loakes Park in an Isthmian League match. In total he made 348 competitive appearances (12 goals) before leaving at the end of the



1970/71 season. He then went on to play for Maidenhead and Marlow.

### ON THE FIELD

Another amazing month as we continued our unbeaten run. Luke O'Nien made his 50th appearance for us at Notts County, where the Big Fella was sent off for two bookings. I can't argue with the second, but once again the first was another case of him being penalised for his size.

The next game against Orient saw us having to do without him, although Garry Thompson filled in admirably. There could have been no better scorer than the amazing Scott Kashket, who must have felt justice was done!

Then on to Plymouth where the game was a credit to our division. Despite their 3-1 lead, they still can't beat us at Home Park! For the second season running though their supporters booed one of our players, as he was being stretchered off. Can't the most biased of people see when someone is genuinely injured?

There followed a hard-fought win at Cheltenham, where we looked tired in the second half and a great comeback with a much-changed line-up saw our first ever win here over Newport, after we gifted them a goal.

Stourbridge then gave us an almighty scare with a superb display that was a credit to non-league football and they should feel really proud of themselves.

A long midweek trip was then taken by a small band of hardy souls to Blackpool in the Football League Trophy, where the hero was Jamal Blackman with two penalty saves.

Saturday was then rather disappointing as Yeovil stretched their run at Adams Park. We have yet to beat them at home in the League. In the end, you can't win them all. We missed the injured Scott Kashket. Let's hope that he won't be out for long as games are coming up thick and fast. Hopefully it's not down to the player of the month curse. Congratulations to him for well-deserved recognition. There was



great news before the Stourbridge game with the permanent signing of the excellent Dominic Gape. We are certainly doing some shrewd business in the transfer market this season.

### **WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

Kadeem Harris, who left us for Cardiff five years ago, is almost the forgotten man among our ex-youngsters. However, he seems to be getting more of a regular game under Neil Warnock and actually scored in their latest game. While watching the Scottish Premier League highlights on BT Sports recently I noticed Nathan Tyson playing for Kilmarnock.

### **FOOTBALL MATTERS**

There has been a lot of criticism (and quite rightly so) aimed at the TV companies about their choice of live FA Cup games.

Do you know that everyone of Manchester United's last 55 games in the competition have been screened live ! Now I know that most of their

supporters live everywhere but Manchester itself and they have a worldwide fan base but that is ridiculous. Their latest game was a one-sided bore, as was City's game at West Ham (although the visitors did play some delightful football).

Our game v Stourbridge would have made for better viewing as would Sutton v Wimbledon (especially because of the history involved). However, the games are broadcast all over the World and overseas viewers supposedly want to see what they consider the top sides.

To compensate for possible loss of television money for the smaller clubs, the FA are planning to do away with the TV payments and replace them with a big increase in prize money for each round plus a standard fee for all teams appearing in the next round whether a game is televised or not.

As you know there has been a lot of talk for years now about a Winter break and the cynic in me stated in a previous newsletter that I believed the big boys wouldn't actually stop



playing but go and play lucrative friendlies in foreign fields. Well this season the Scottish Premier League is taking a break and guess what was live on BT the other day? A friendly between Rangers and Leipzig of the German Bundesliga !! Nuff said!

Don't forget if any of you have any comments on the content of this newsletter or if there is anything you wish to see included, please contact me on 07484 723982 or email me at [dfinch105@btinternet.com](mailto:dfinch105@btinternet.com) I would be really glad to hear from you.

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