



Welcome to the second edition to members and non-members alike. I hope that you enjoyed the first one. I haven't had any remarks to say otherwise!

THE A. G. M

We recently held our annual meeting in the Honours Lounge and a very successful evening it was. Many thanks to all of you that attended. I well remember the old days when we were lucky to get a dozen turn up!

I hope this means that, as an organisation, we are doing a good job. The formal side of the meeting saw Rena, Steve, Lynden and myself re-elected, while a new member, Jenny Priest, was voted on to replace the departing Paul McCloud. I would like to record the Committee's thanks to Paul, who was an enthusiastic member, always putting forward new ideas. So many thanks Paul.

We welcome Jenny coming on board. She has been part of Sandie's social team for some time.

We are still disappointed though that no younger people are putting themselves forward. We need this to safeguard the very future of the Association.

After this was wrapped up, there was a informal Q & A with Alan Cecil, Trevor Stroud and Barry Richardson, which was very interesting and thanks go out to those gentlemen.

SHARE SCHEME/500 CLUB

Alan Cecil, who is in charge of the schemes that are ongoing, gave a very informative talk at this meeting. The main share scheme is to provide cash flow for the general running of the Football Club, while the 500 Club is to provide money for Gareth to use in the January transfer window. Both are worthy causes, but we do need more investment.

For as little as, say, £10 a month you can play a big part in the very future of this wonderful Football Club. You will get a tax rebate on any outlay in the share scheme. So, one less drink or one less packet of cigarettes a week will pay for this! It may also be



better for your health! If you are interested in joining either (or both) Alan can be contacted at alan@wycombewandererstrust.com

Membership of the Trust itself is only £10 a season, so why not join and play an active part.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The next event is our annual Race Night on Friday, 11th November. It will be held in the Vere Suite with a start time of 7:30 p.m.

The bar and kitchen will be open at 6:30pm and hot food is available at a reasonable price. Entrance is just £3 per person, payable on the night. Sponsors are needed for the horses at £5 each, while a race sponsorship is £50.

See John or Sandie Derben or call them on 01494 441145 to do this. It is always a good night and you may be lucky and win a few bob! There will also be a raffle run by Marion and Harold, who need help with supplying the prizes, so anything you can donate will be most welcome.

TRAVEL

We now hold a card payment machine, so now you can pay by that method as well as our normal ways. You can do this in the Vere Suite when you book or over the telephone and also (Members only) on the coach on the day.

Please note that from now on non-members must pay in advance, as, in the past, there have been occasions when non-members have booked without paying upfront and then not turned up on the day, costing us money.

Our next trip is to Portsmouth in the F. A. Cup. The coach leaves Adams Park at 11.00.

The cost for adult members is £17, senior members £16 and junior members £15. For non-members it is £21 across the board.

The draw hasn't been exactly kind to us, although I thought the same when we were drawn at Millwall last season and look how well we played there. Whatever the result, the games at Fratton Park between



the two sides have always been good to watch.

Looking further ahead, we are planning to make a weekend of it for our last away game of the season at Morecambe on Saturday, April 29th, leaving on the Friday and returning on the Monday (which is a Bank Holiday).

The cost, which includes three nights B & B and evening meal in a good hotel and coach travel is £199. We need around 30 people to make it viable. If you want to come and finish the season in style please contact Rena or Graham as soon as possible.

A deposit of £25 per person is needed. Another coach will run on the day for those who do not wish to make this trip.

For all of our trips see our website at www.owwsa.co.uk.

Coach bookings can be made with Rena (01494 520179) or Graham (07876 267301) or by person in the Vere Suite before each home match.

ON THE FIELD-THE SEASON SO FAR

Since my last notes we have played eight games and have continued to give up and down performances. For several seasons now our home form has been our Achilles' Heel, while we have done very well on our travels.

We now seem to have reversed the trend, until Saturday's defeat to a typical Barnet performance. Away though we continue to struggle, gaining just a solitary point in the four games. We are now without an away league win in 16 games since Dagenham, back in February.

The highlight has been the wonderful display against Crewe, our biggest win for some time. It is the first time that we have scored five in a league game since beating Hartlepool on 25th February 2012. Scorers that day were Stuart Beavon and Paul Hayes with two apiece and Gary Doherty. Paul actually made his 100th appearance for us against Crewe, while Scott Kashket and Dominic Gape scored their first goals. Another, Dayle Southwell, also netted his first goal for the Club



in the 1-0 win over Stevenage. Unfortunately, due to an injury sustained in training (just what do we do to get so many injuries this way?) he hasn't played since.

As I write this, I have learnt that Paul Hayes was missing on Saturday to yet another training ground injury!!

Also, just when we were thinking we may have unearthed a goalscorer, Scott Kashket then misses two games due to an illness. We really are struggling to keep a full squad fit. Let's hope this will take a turn for the better soon as we need to get together a run of good results.

Danny Rowe made his 50th appearance for us against Barnet and it's good to see him playing regularly. He always thinks about his pass and tries to play to teammates feet.

One little gripe, why are we playing in our change kit at some away games when we don't need to? I hope we are not going down that

awful road of a separate away strip. Years ago, when you watched highlights on the television you always knew who were playing without being told, because you knew more or less every teams' colours. Nowadays, if you didn't know beforehand, it could be anyone out there. Some are even changing the colours of their home kit ! Your colours are your identity, why would you want to lose it ?

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

After writing my last article about Alex Lynch, he has since moved on to National League (Conference) side Chester. Also, after reading the Non-League Paper recently, I have found there are several of our ex-players playing in that League.

At Aldershot we have Nick Arnold, Matt McClure, Scott Rendell and Anthony Straker.

Boreham Wood have Bruno Andrade, Angelo Balanta and Anthony Jeffrey.

Max Kretschmar, Keiran Murtagh and Gozie Ugwu are at Woking.



Ben Strevens and Sergio Torres at Whitehawk.

Elliot Benyon & Matty Whichelow at Wealdstone.

Dean Morgan at Welling.

Scott Davies at Oxford City.

It was also great on watching Match of the Day Saturday evening to see Alfie Mawson make his Swansea debut and there were good reports of his performance afterwards.

FOOTBALL MATTERS

Those of you with E-Mail should have received a message from Lynden, with a link to a survey supplied by the Football Supporters' Federation. I would like to think that you all filled in it.

It is very important to let the powers that be know the views of supporters all over the Country.

There are several ideas being bandied around under the heading Whole Game Solution, including a

winter break, no replays in the latter rounds of the F. A. Cup, the moving of some rounds to midweek and the restructuring of the Football League.

Now to me a solution is an answer to a problem. I can't see there are too many problems for clubs such as us, except the poor distribution of money filtering down. Most of the proposals I have seen are only for the benefit of the big clubs, so I don't know where the Whole Game name comes from.

Thankfully, the League itself are against a break and, for any changes made, a 90% majority is needed. Do any of us really think the Premier boys would have a break anyway? No, they would be flying off to the Middle and Far East for lucrative friendlies. The concern for me about the F. A. Cup is that I believe that the F. A. want to eventually do away with replays altogether to appease the big clubs. That would mean no more wonderful occasions like Grimsby and Selhurst Park (2001) and last season at Villa Park. When I was a teenager we reached the First Round in 1966/67 and were drawn



at home to Bedford Town. There followed a wonderful saga of four matches (no limit on replays then). We eventually lost 3-2 at Bedford in that fourth game after so much drama as each game ebbed and flowed. The attendances were 7,488, 7,641, 8,821 and 8,105. How we would welcome those figures now!

I hope you have enjoyed this latest edition. I would like to stress the opinions in the last section and those in the On The Field section are mine and not necessarily of OWWSA itself. I am grateful to John for allowing me to express certain views so that all of you are kept informed of what is going on out there. 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 at dfinch105@btinternet.com or on 07484 723982 I would be really glad to hear from you.

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