



Welcome to the latest edition of the Newsletter. As usual I hope that you enjoy reading it, please pass it on to friends and relatives to show them that we are much more than a travel club. I trust that you are enjoying your Summer break but looking forward to the new season.

SOCIAL EVENTS

At our recent Committee meeting we decided on the following dates, which we need to confirm with the Football Club:



Thursday, 17th October- AGM,
Friday, 1st November- Bingo or Race Night,
Friday, 21st February- Quiz Night,
Friday, 3rd April- Annual Dinner.

There is a question mark regarding the Race Night due to poor attendances for the last two years, so we have wondered whether a bingo evening is preferable. Can we have some feedback on this. After all it is your Association not just the Committee's.



Please note that Marion and Harold always require raffle prizes for any event.

MEMBERSHIP & TRAVEL



Please renew your membership with Graham as soon as possible. There is no need to fill in a form (last season was down to a change in legislation) so just give your £12 fee to him and let him know if there are any changes to your address, etc. New members will have to complete a form though.

As usual Rena and Graham will be running coaches to all of our away matches, starting with a trip to our West Country friends at Bristol Rovers. The departure time from Adams Park is 11.30, with the cost for adult members being £19. The usual discounts for seniors and juniors apply, as does the £5 surcharge for non-members.



The Committee has decided that this season there will be a little reward for those loyal members who go on fifteen or more away trips. There will be £10 off the cost for the last match. This will be Accrington, which unfortunately is on a Sunday at 12 noon.

For all trips Rena can be contacted on 07702 348678 and Graham on 07876 267301.



To finish, for those not aware, Jason McCarthy was the winner of our Away Player of the Season. This is voted for on the coach returning home from all our away games. Steve Phelps presented him with the trophy.

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Just after the season finished, we lost one of our oldest supporters, Stan Gunster, who had turned 90 in December. He had then been presented with a signed Wycombe shirt by Gareth Ainsworth. He had been a member of OWWSA and went to as many of the away games as he could manage. One thing he thoroughly enjoyed was our weekend trips. I remember him well on our last such venture to Chesterfield. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.



We also lost one of our ex-players, Charlie Gale, who made 413 competitive appearances for us between 1961 and 1971, scoring 25 goals. Essentially a left-half (for those of us who remember such a position) he was successfully converted to left-back during Brian Lee's management, playing his part in the squad that won the 1970/71 Isthmian League title. The following season though, along with Barry Baker, he joined Maidenhead United and both of them must have enjoyed beating Wycombe in the first qualifying round of the F. A. Cup. Again, our condolences go to his family and friends.

ON THE FIELD OF PLAY

Before the season began we would all have settled for a 20th place finish so, despite being in 9th position in January, 17th can be regarded as a success. This season promises to be even harder though with games against Bolton, Ipswich, Portsmouth and Sunderland to name a few. It has to be put in perspective that those four were top flight members not that long ago.



At the time of writing this, with the welcome news that Dominic Gape has signed a new contract, we have just 14 players on the books. Let's hope we can make some astute signings

(permanent or on loan) as we did in August last year. A regular goalscorer must surely be a priority. It was sorely missed in the latter part of last season.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?

So much to report on starting with a player who featured for us just after the Second World War, Otto Decker. On a trip to Waddesdon Manor, Lyn and I came across information about him staying in the village during the War. Along with his elder brother Rolf, Otto, then aged 9, and several other boys from a Jewish school fled Frankfurt in Germany to escape the Nazis just as hostilities began. They were collectively known as the Cedar Boys due to staying in a house of that name. They attended the local school in Waddesdon. The owners of the Manor, Lord and Lady de Rothschild, arranged and funded their escape. He played for Wycombe from 1947 until 1951, making 39 appearances for the first team, before starting a new life across the Atlantic. The last mention I have of him is that eighteen months ago he was still alive and living in Florida.

I was not surprised to read that Nico Yennaris, who was excellent during his loan spell with us in the 2014/15 season, had made an International appearance. However, I was taken aback that it was for China v Philippines ! He does in fact have a Chinese mother.

Sean Devine (Buckingham United), Garry Thompson (Bradford Park Avenue) and Mike Williamson (Gateshead) have all been appointed managers, the latter two as player-managers.

Player movement sees Paris Cowan-Hall at Colchester, Aaron Pierre at Shrewsbury, Matt Ingram at Hull, Kortney Hause at Aston Villa and Will De Havilland at Dover, while both Paul Hayes and Alex Revell have decided to retire.



FOOTBALL MATTERS

Just one little strange statement coming from the Football League. They say that the reason the first round of the League Cup is regionalised is to minimise travel for supporters. Since when did they start to consider us and why do they not apply that to their League fixtures? If they did then we would not be travelling to Blackpool or Fleetwood for a Tuesday evening game or getting up at the crack of dawn for an early kick-off at Accrington on a Sunday. Seems like double standards to me!

As usual the views on anything footballwise are mine and not necessarily those of the Committee. If anyone has any comments regarding the content of this newsletter or have anything they would like to see included please contact me on 07484 723982 or dfinch105@btinternet.com.

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