



# Terras Times

The newsletter of Weymouth FC Supporters Association.

September 2020

2018/2019 Southern League Champions 2019/2020  
National League South play off winners.

Hi Terras fans,

Not much from me this month (no need to cheer that loudly!!) as we are jam packed with content from other contributors.

Only remains to say welcome Brian Stock and COYT!  
*James*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our current membership base is 212, including family members. We also have 50 individual members who have taken advantage of the 5 year membership scheme! So far this calendar year, we have seen 100 new members join, which is incredible! We saw an initial increase when the away travel discount was announced followed by a surge again when the ticketing preference scheme was disclosed in the summer. The addition of online applications via the club shop has proved popular but also slightly problematic. We are required by law to ensure applicants for membership are over 16 years of age, under 16's can be part of family membership, so if you are reading this and have not provided us with your DOB or indeed any other details, you need to get in touch via the email at the bottom. Furthermore, if you have any change to you personal details such a new address, phone number or email address, please communicate it to us so we can keep you up to date.

One final but very important point to note for all members. The Terras ticket preference scheme requires Weymouth FC to have the name and membership number of all our members, so they can verify eligibility on application for tickets. The Data Protection law prohibits us from passing this information to the club without your permission. We have asked all members by every means available to us for permission to pass the details on, but if you are reading this and you HAVE NOT given us your permission, you will not be able to get preference tickets when you apply because the club will not hold you details. So please, if you know someone who this may apply to, or does not have access to email, please let them know this important information, and get in touch.

Correspondence should be sent to:  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY  
THE TERRAS SUPPORTERS CLUB (WFCSA)  
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Hello again and welcome to this edition of our Supporters Newsletter. It is with great sadness that we report the passing of former manager Fred Davies, our former kit man Pete Dennis and Dorset Echo reporter Nigel Dean, all sad events in themselves, they are a great loss to the Terras family. Our condolences to the family and friends of Fred, Pete and Nigel. .

It is fair to say we have had a tumultuous summer, winning promotion to the National League then losing the architect to our success of the past three seasons to Southend United! Personally, whilst I was bitterly disappointed to see Mark Molesley leave us, I do not blame him one minute for taking the opportunity, and I wish him every success. Football management is a fickle beast at the best of times, so it was the right thing for him to do, just the timing was not so good! However, in new man Brian Stock, we have another young and hungry manager, and congratulations go to our Club Chairman and board of directors for such a forward-thinking appointment. It is encouraging to see the link with AFC Bournemouth has been maintained and maybe even strengthened! We don't yet know what the future might hold for us, but for sure these are exciting times to be a Terras fan.

I feel it would be wise to update you all on preparations for the coming season. At the time of writing, we still do not know if supporters will be allowed into games! Plans are well advanced to accommodate you, although our capacity will be much reduced, certainly initially until things improve. We need to prepare for a full season where we will all have to deal with the impact of COVID-19 and the effect it has had on us all. The sale of season tickets has been incredible, with well over 200 bought and paid for, marvellous support, thank you all very much. Also, Supporters Club membership was increasing at a steady rate, details elsewhere in this newsletter! We have made membership application available online via the online club shop and have seen a dramatic increase in membership applications, a clear message regards the direction of travel we need to take! We are listening so if you have any ideas of how we can improve things even further, please get in touch. It would also be incredibly helpful if you are able to help or assist in any way, we really do appreciate the help we get. The club will need many more COVID Guides to help with match day attendance when that all comes to fruition, so please get in touch with Mark Golsby at [mark@golsby.net](mailto:mark@golsby.net) or give Kate in the office a call on 01305 785558 if you can help. Before I sign off, please look out for information of the launch of this seasons Wessex Fantasy Football Competition. Those who listened to Club Chairman Ian White's interview will know that we need to innovate ways to raise funds to allow us to compete at National League level. You can all help boost the playing budget and drive us forward, so please tell your fellow supporters, family and friends and get them all signed up! Also, if you have not done so already, you can sign up to a scheme called Easyfundraising and raise money when you shop online via ebay and Amazon and many others. It is simple and easy to do, so take a look and sign up today. As ever, our grateful thanks for all of your support, we really do appreciate it.

Best wishes to you all.

Pete Nash Chairman, 'The Terras Supporters Club' (WFCSA)

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## Managerial departures - by TerrasStatMan

In the last month we've seen not one but two managerial departures at Weymouth FC.

The first was obviously Mark Molesley. Personally I was very sad to see him go and I have to say I didn't see it coming, at least not at the time it did. But I know for a fact he thought long and hard before going into the football league with Southend. It's clearly his dream to manage in the football league and no one would deny him the opportunity to progress but is this the right decision for him?

It's a massive risk for him but then three years ago we took a massive risk on a rookie in his first managerial role but boy did that pay off. It was a Michelin star winning recipe over two seasons that he dished. How much was down to him and how much was the result of a balanced and skilful team we will never know but that is the beautiful enigma of football. Did Molesley create the bouillabaisse from scratch or just add the garnish? Who knows but I think personally without him being in charge frankly a sumptuous consommé would be reduced to a thin and watery soup.

Talking of recipes, this brings me to another sad departure of a different kind. Fred Davies passed away a few days ago, a name etched into the very fabric of the club from our title winning team of 1998. I was 20 years old at the time, at university in Bristol, seeing what games I could whilst I sported a questionable spiked and dyed platinum blond hairdo with fronds so stiff from firm-hold gel any balloons would be popped on my stiffened fronds. These were halcyon days but in the January of that season we thought it would be yet another miserable one.

Stuck in the wilderness of a division two steps below our natural home I remember witnessing a game that should never have gone ahead at home on New Years Day against Waterlooville. People often casually say it was "blowing a gale" without that really being the case but that day it truly was, so much so the floodlight poles were visibly shaking in the wind as searing rain piled in horizontally. We lost that game 1-0 to a goal I swear was scored directly from a corner, the ball literally being blown into the net.



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We thought that that was "it" in terms of promotion was for yet another season and the Fred Davies experiment had failed almost before it had began even though he had only been in the post a couple of weeks. "Fred who?" I would have said at the time but to those in the know he had great pedigree as a player at AFC Bournemouth and managing Shrewsbury to promotion in the football league.

To me at the time at 20 years of age he seemed an old man. Funny how time and age changes your outlook - he was 51 when he took charge at The Terras, only 9 years older than I am now! What he brought to the team in terms of management style I'm not sure, you'll have to ask the players at the time, but from my view as a young fan he brought control, calmness and probably bags of experience and knowledge. Perhaps that was the final key ingredient to gel an experienced and skilful side because what happened next under his assured stewardship was something that had no parallel at the club before or since.

Following the stormy New Years Day loss against Waterlooville, form picked up with three wins and two losses but then, from February, Weymouth embarked on a blistering run of 15 straight league wins in a cavalier fashion, only picking up 5 clean sheets in that sequence. From being down and out at the start of February, they did the impossible and clinched the title on the final day of the season at Baldock, Fred securing a place in Weymouth FC folklore.

Following a season of consolidation in the Southern Premier league, Fred departed after only few weeks of the next season, the reigns being handed to Andy Mason after some rather indifferent results. Fred did later return as Director of Football to assist Andy but that magic formula was never discovered as promotion to the Conference eluded the team. However, his place in the pantheon of Weymouth legends was not tarnished by lesser achievements in his second tenure. Who knows, without that promotion 22 years ago we may not have had the success we enjoy now. Thanks for the memories Fred.

## Editor's note.

Massive thanks to all who have contributed to the newsletter over the last season (however long it took to complete!). Please keep your pictures and stories coming in.