



## Wessex Blues

121<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 20:07

Closed 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 20:20

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Due to the Christmas food arriving 15 minutes earlier than planned (pizzas from Dominoes), the meeting began with the food being eaten.

After the food was eaten, and the missing pizzas retrieved, Robbie gave thanks and welcomed old and new members to our venue for our meeting (24 members).

Alan and Gavin approved the previous minutes from November.

Apologies received – Phil W, Carole, Pat, Graham, Michael C, Andy P (E), Michael S, Graham H (J), Phil M, and Mark O (J)

### 2. Agenda Items

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late November to early December

Manchester City v Tottenham (0-4) – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Manchester City v Feyenoord (3-3) – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Liverpool v Manchester City (2-0) – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Manchester City v Nottingham Forest (3-0) – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Crystal Palace v Manchester City (2-2) – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Juventus v Manchester City (2-0) – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Robbie stated that this was the worst set of results that he had seen since being a Wessex Blues member and reminds him of the 'good old days.' No other significant comments were made, with the exception that several members mentioned the Champions League table, as there was little difference or advantage in either finishing 9<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late December to early January

Manchester United (H), Aston Villa (A), Everton (H), Leicester (A), West Ham (H)

Robbie stated that he was confident that we would beat Manchester United, while Marilyn stated that we are better prepared as we had one day more to recover from our previous game. Paul commented that we

should win, while Dave B stated that Manchester United had lost the last two games so were not on good form themselves.

Current membership – 62 (64) – New Members since last season include Jack Harris, David Atherton, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Philip Hampton, George Hyde, Derek Parker, Louis Ward, Clare Willats and Steven Harwood

New members not spoken/attended to date – Deanne Parkin, Pat Reid, Liam Barrett, Lukas Waszczyszyn, Helen Speller, Gracie Speller, Craig Jevons, Janet Connor, Lindsey Sturman, Oliver Sturman, Mark Sturman, Riette Jevons, Avan Erhumwunsee, Jack Harris, David Atherton, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Philip Hampton, George Hyde, Louis Ward, Clare Willats, Steven Harwood

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) None

Richard mentioned that the current membership was 62 (64) due to the same issue with Andy H's children from the previous month, and that the new member Steven Harwood was going to attend tonight's meeting but was feeling unwell.

### 3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late November and early December for the following games:

None

Birthday wishes: - Phil M (15<sup>th</sup>), Janet (19<sup>th</sup>), Margaret W (25<sup>th</sup>), Ryan (27<sup>th</sup>), Mustafa (30<sup>th</sup>), Phil H (1<sup>st</sup>), Pat (1<sup>st</sup>), Rich (2<sup>nd</sup>), Louis (5<sup>th</sup>), and Craig (8<sup>th</sup>)

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £1,016.94 (as of 12<sup>th</sup> December). Manchester City items were £188.47, alcohol was £224.64, while the Christmas food was £153.21. Richard confirmed that Robbie had actually personally paid for the food and that during the meeting Rich had paid Robbie back via the online application so the current balance was now £863.73.

### 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Richard confirmed that he would not be at the next meeting as he is visiting his sister-in-law in Romania. Paul asked Richard would he be playing his joker and Richard confirmed he would. Richard also confirmed that he would do the agenda as normal for Robbie. Several members thanked Richard for organising the Christmas raffle. Paul also mentioned that the Cricketers had got a new chief. Gavin asked what was the last away game that we had applied for. Richard confirmed it was Ipswich and PSG. Robbie confirmed that he was unable to go to PSG after requesting a ticket as his wife has booked a three-week trip to Bali. Rich also confirmed that we had been supplied a new certificate for this season, a new flag (which DOB will keep) and membership cards which he had brought to the meeting. The raffle then commenced after the meeting (this lasted a further forty minutes). Richard confirmed that 37 prizes were related to alcohol and 21 prizes in connection to Manchester City products. As 24 members were present, everybody would go home with at least two prizes each, with a lucky ten members going home with a third prize.

Next Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown