



### Wessex Blues

137<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 19:17

Closed 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 19:35

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie gave thanks and welcomed everyone to the meeting (21 members).

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, proposed by Paul M and seconded by Ryan

Apologies received Mark O (J), Paul G, Alan J (J), Michael (J)

#### 2. Agenda Items

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late April to early May

Chelsea v Manchester City 0-3 (12<sup>th</sup> April 2026)  
Manchester City v Arsenal 2-1 (19<sup>th</sup> April 2026)  
Burnley v Manchester City 0-1 (22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026)  
Manchester City v Southampton 2-1 (25<sup>th</sup> April 2026)  
Everton v Manchester City 3-3 (4<sup>th</sup> May 2026)  
Manchester City v Brentford 3-0 (9<sup>th</sup> May 2026)  
Manchester City v Crystal Palace 3-0 (13<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

Robbie stated that the Burnley game was disappointing and the Everton game was one game we might regret. Many members mentioned that it was good to see Phil Foden back, which hopefully will result in him cracking on for the rest of the season and beyond as it is unlikely he will go to the World Cup. Many members mentioned that we hope we retain Trafford, with some members debating Donnarumma's performance in recent games, especially with corners, as he does perform well with bullying and flaps like Fred Astaire from time to time. Paul M mentioned we played well against Crystal Palace. Andy P, mentioned that the Everton stadium looked great from the outside, soulless inside with steep steps; however, the atmosphere was good due to the result.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late May

Chelsea v Manchester City (16<sup>th</sup> May 2026)  
Bournemouth v Manchester City (19<sup>th</sup> May 2026)  
Manchester City v Aston Villa (24<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

Robbie mentioned that we hope to be happy at Wembley at the third attempt after losing the previous two FA Cup finals to Manchester United and Crystal Palace. Robbie mentioned that he thinks Burnley will do us a favour against

Arsenal. Robbie commented on his confrontation with a Southampton fan in Wetherspoon's Baker Street after referring to Wembley as Etihad South.

Current membership – 48 (same as last month)

New members not spoken/attended to date – Deanne Parkin, Liam Barrett, Avan Erhumwunsee and Regan Barrett

Pat Reid (Graham's wife) was in attendance and stated how much she enjoyed the game against Inter Milan in Istanbul and how much she enjoyed the European games in general with respect to the atmosphere of the crowd. It once was Graham's man cave and escape.

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) – None....Richard pointed out that new membership was currently closed, with new membership commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

### 3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late April and early May for the following games:

Bournemouth (A) – (25) – Ryan, Dave B, Robbie, Gavin, Andy P, Michael, DOB, Bill, Hayden, Mason, Neil M, Alan J, Derek, Colin, Louis, Tony, Dave A, Jack, Shane, Toby, Phil W, Stephen, Charlotte, Deanne, Clare

Crystal Palace (H) – (0)

Chelsea (Wembley) – (24) – Joe, Neil M, Stephen, DOB, Bill, Steve D, Phil W, Carole, Gavin, Andy P, Charlotte, Shane, Toby, Phil M, Colin, Louis, Clare, Tony, Robbie, Derek P, Alan J, Dave A, Jack, Paul

Aston Villa (H) – (3) – Phil M, Alan J, Bill

Richard mentioned, as tradition, we were allocated just two tickets for Bournemouth; however, at lunchtime today, members hopefully saw that I was sent an email stating that some spare tickets had become available. Within 5 minutes, as I had everything ready as always, we were allocated a further 15 tickets, with the possibility of obtaining more in the next few days. Aston Villa was originally three tickets, but I have had to send one back.

Birthday wishes – Graham R & Marilyn (16<sup>th</sup> May), Neil M (19<sup>th</sup> May), Hayden (25<sup>th</sup> May), Derek P (3<sup>rd</sup> June), Gavin (7<sup>th</sup> June), Charlotte (24<sup>th</sup> June), Jack (3<sup>rd</sup> July) and Phil W (7<sup>th</sup> July)

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £291.44 (same as last month)

### 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

No June meeting as usual....Robbie commented that we already have the League Cup and hopefully the FA Cup shortly....so overall a good season, even though many people thought we were in crisis. Robbie also mentioned that the girls and junior team have also done well. Robbie asked why Bournemouth's manager is leaving?....certain members mentioned that he wanted to go back to Portugal. Marilyn commented that the FA Cup was on TNT from 8am....just like the old days. Dave was asked if we could have the meetings upstairs in the future due to the noise? Dave mentioned that should not be a problem. Members mentioned that the World Cup Quarter Final could clash with our meeting. Colin confirmed however that the kick off was at 2100. Robbie mentioned that if anyone was meeting up before the Bournemouth game that he was likely to be in The Bell.

Next Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown