



2001 FA Cup thrills down Memory Lane

While Wycombe Wanderers prepare for their big adventure in the Championship, older players and fans can look back with pride to a previous record-breaking season. Almost 20 years ago, Lawrie Sanchez's Blues side embarked on a fantastic five-month journey that took them into uncharted territory in the FA Cup. After a nine-match marathon, they found themselves in the semi-final against former European champions Liverpool.

As we go Down Memory Lane again, this is the story retold by Wanderers Ex-Players Association with the thoughts of such club legends as Keith Ryan, Paul McCarthy, Steve Brown and, of course, Sanchez himself.

From a first round tie with Harrow Borough to the semi at Villa Park, relive all the drama, remember every headline maker & watch every goal. Can you recall who scored the opener of that extra-ordinary adventure? Who was sent off for removing his shirt on the club's greatest day? And who was the unknown who answered a teletext plea to become a nationwide headline maker? All the answers and so many more highlights on this trip Down Memory Lane.

<https://www.wycombewanderers.co.uk/news/2020/august/down-memory-lane-200001-fa-cup-run/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zFudxNNA5c&t=201s>

Via the club's You Tube Channel, also catch up on some previous Glory Days. Over the next few months, WWEPA will be highlighting some of the club's great moments and greatest characters. We kicked off with an exclusive – the first showing of an in-depth interview with Brian Lee who in the 1970s pioneered the path which Martin O'Neill & Gareth Ainsworth in particular followed so successively.

We followed that with a look back to the 80s and the days of Mark West, Bob Dell & Gary Lester. Now sit back and enjoy some amazing Cup stories from 2000-01.

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Apart from the rise from the Spartan League to the Championship, other things have changed just a little at Wycombe. Above the new kit Gareth Ainsworth's squad will be wearing next season. Below, kits from 1899, 1950 & 1991. What's your favourite? Probably the one you played in.....



Two Daves set subs style

Although WWEPA have sadly lost some members this year – notably Mickey Hollifield, Jack Timberlake and Derrick Draffan – we are still on course to top 100 signed-up members. And as annual subscriptions have started to roll in, we're pleased to welcome Dave Titterton and David Meli as newcomers to the ex-players fold.

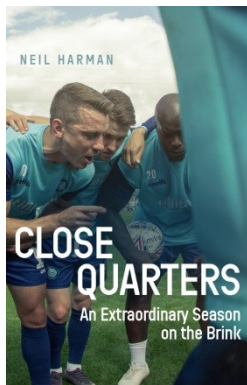
Meli played for Alan Hutchinson when our Chairman set up Marlow Valley Juniors in the 1980s. Hutch then took him to Loakes Park where he played regularly for the Capital League side before making two appearances from the bench for the senior team in the 1988-89 season. The former striker now lives in York and is Director of All About Sport

Titterton spent two seasons at Adams Park, making 27 appearances at left-back before injuries wrecked his career. But not before he'd played at Wembley in Martin O'Neill's successful Division Two play-off side against Preston. Today he lives in Worcestershire where he founded his own mobile communications company.

We welcome both and hope to see them at Adams Park when life starts to get back to normal. Remember, anyone who has played for any Wanderers' team – or been involved in an official capacity at the club – is eligible.

Perks include discounted rates for all our events when they restart plus the opportunity to watch a game from the comfort of the Ex-Players Box, the use of which has been kindly extended by the new owners. In exchange, we will continue our efforts around the ground, especially on match days when we hope to get more of you to meet up with fans in different areas of Adams Park.

Amazingly, subs have not been increased since we were formed 12 years ago. Just £20 enables you to be an honoured member. Please follow the instructions below if you've not already signed up for a Standing Order payment. We'd love to have many more of you on our books. Come and join us and help support the League's newest Championship club. Doesn't that sound great?



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