



Wessex Blues

130th Meeting Minutes

Started 9th October 2025 19:32

Closed 9th October 2025 19:50

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie gave thanks and welcomed everyone to the meeting (16 members). The meeting started late, as the venue was not open at the time of the start of the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, proposed by Gavin and seconded by Colin

Apologies received – Paul (J), Marilyn (J), Bill (J), Margaret (J), DOB (J), Michael (J), Andy P (J), Tony, Paul G, Phil, and Ryan (J)

2. Agenda Items

Martin Ockendon – Rich was informed sadly via email recently from his wife Sue (who was also a previous member of the Wessex Blues) that Martin had passed away back in July due to Alzheimer's that was confirmed in 2020. Martin was a member of the Wessex Blues between 2013-2016 with his son Tom however both left in 2016 due to Tom becoming a father and Martin getting deluded with fellow members. Rich noticed that virtually no member present at the meeting would have known Martin as most members present would have become a member since he left. Only Bill, Margaret, DOB, Paul G, Andy P and possibly Michael would have been aware of Martin as a member and none of them were present today.

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late September to early October

Manchester City v Manchester United (3-0) - 14th September 2025

Manchester City v Napoli (2-0) - 18th September 2025

Arsenal v Manchester City (1-1) - 21st September 2025

Huddersfield Town v Manchester City (0-2) - 24th September 2025

Manchester City v Burnley (5-1) - 27th September 2025

AS Monaco FC v Manchester City (2-2) - 1st October 2025

Brentford v Manchester City (0-1) - 5th October 2025

Overall, a good few weeks, remarked Robbie, however we were lucky against Brentford. Robbie further commented that Haaland has now become an all-round player, than previously.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late October to early November

Manchester City v Everton (18th October 2025)
Villareal v Manchester City (21st October 2025)
Aston Villa v Manchester City (26th October 2025)
Swansea City v Manchester City (29th October 2025)
Manchester City v Bournemouth (2nd November 2025)
Manchester City v Borussia Dortmund (5th November 2025)
Manchester City v Liverpool (9th November 2025)

Many members stated that a tough set of games was expected, especially Bournemouth as the team are playing well. Gavin commented that he was looking forward to the game on the 9th against Liverpool. Robbie also mentioned that he thought the game at Swansea was also not going to be easy.

Current membership – 45 (Andy and Joel became members and Andy was given belated birthday wishes)

New members not spoken/attended to date – Deanne Parkin, Pat Reid, Liam Barrett, Lukas Waszczyszyn, Craig Jevons, Lindsey Sturman, Oliver Sturman, Mark Sturman, Riette Jevons, Avan Erhumwunsee, Jack Harris, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Louis Ward, Clare Willats (this list has significantly reduced as a noticeably amount of people who became members last year who never turned up, have not renewed their membership for the current season)

However, Louis Ward and Ian Hall turned up tonight and gave their account why they are Manchester City fans. Louis was shy, so Colin spoke on his behalf that his son now 11 saw his first game against Southampton in the FA Cup in 2022, with his favourite player being Phil Foden. Ian mentioned that he became a blue in 1968 at the age of 5, now a season ticket holder and has seen the club go through the bad and the good times.

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) – None, Rich mentioned that it was a shame that we had lost nearly 20 members from last season, including Mustafa, Rana and Martin Brown. Rich confirmed that Martin had not renewed due to that he had an enough and that he had ‘been there, done that.’ Rich confirmed that he had not heard from Rana and Mustafa for their reason.

3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late September and early October for the following games:

Liverpool (H) – 1 (Joe)
Swansea City (A) – 1 (Philip)
Newcastle United (A) – 0
Leeds (H) - 0

Rich made a note from comments made from the last meeting that he was not present (from Andy P), that the reason Champion League matches are given allocation early is due to the fact that their dates are set in stone and will not be changed unlike Premiership games. This was the same reason as the previous season.

Birthday wishes – Margaret (12th) and Carole (30th)

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £1078.09 (as of 9th October). Healthy balance, but not as good as the previous season and this will affect the allocation cost to the forthcoming Christmas meal and raffle in December. This will be discussed next month on Paul G's return.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Gavin asked how many away ticket allocation was going....Rich noted that it appears like last season, allocation per branch, per game appears to be around two. Robbie did not think in this view that allocation per game was not going to extend beyond two for away games, however home games showed that no upper limit.

Next Meeting – 13th November 2025 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown