

#### Welcome to Scotland (Again) FA Veterans FC Statistics

For the another 2 games of our FA Veterans FC tour games for 2022. and our second tour 'North of the Border'.

Double issue programme again as well, to cover both our games over the weekend, with special thanks to Allan Todd for his assistance.

After our successful Scotland visit last year with our games at Raith Rovers and East Fife, even if this weekend is half as good it'll be another memorable one, and Jon may even get his Chinese takeaway before we go home!

Once Again I hope all the players, officials and supporters enjoy these games as much as they have in all our previous events.

#### The Diamonds and the Anvils

In their current form, Aidrieonians were founded in 2002, although originally in 1878.

Similarly Gretna were reformed in 2008, although originally in 1946.

The Diamonds have played at the Excelsior Stadium (or New Broomfield) since 1998, their previous home of Broomfield Park just across the road is now a Safeway.

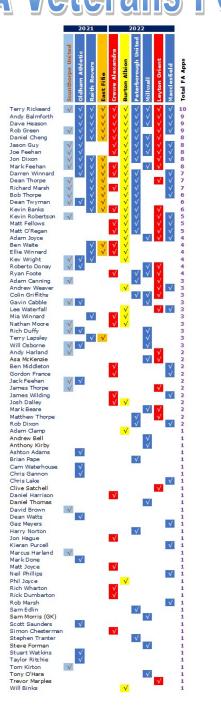
The Lowland League Greta Fc team have played at Raydale Park since foundation, although played the 2007-8 season at Fir Park, Motherwell as Raydale did not meet SPL standards.

Ironically, for this weekend, Aidrieonians lost their application after their financial collapse applying as a new team for league status to Gretna in 2002

Upon their success on the back of this, Gretna went on to win promotion in 3 consecutive years winning Divisions, 3, 2 and 1 before tier own financial collapse whilst in the Premier.

In their new guise, Aidrieonians have won the 2nd Division and Scottish Challenge Cup, whilst previous entity won the 1st division 3 times, the Scottish Cup and the Challenge Cup 3 times.

From 1987 to 2002 Gretna played in the Northern Leagues of the English football pyramid, winning the 1st Division in both 1990/1 and 1991/2, and making appearances in the 1st round of the FA Cup twice.



#### 2022 Games Re-Cap

Thursday 28th April 2022 Gresty Road Crewe Alexandra 1–5

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Wednesday 18th May

**Peterborough United** 

Monday 23rd May 2022

**Pirelli Stadium** 

**Burton Albion** 

London Road

The New Den

Millwall

8-0

1-5

2022

2-8









Monday 23rd May 2022

Brisbane Road Leyton Orient

5-2

Thursday 14th July 2022

Moss Rose

Macclesfield

Friday 18th November 2022

Gigg Lane

Bury

4-4



#### **Meet the Dean of Spurs**



1) Which team do you support? Tottenham Hotspur.

2) Have you played at their home stadium and what's you favourite memory from playing there? *Yes, favourite memory was my daughter and parents being there to watch me play.* 

3) What's your favourite other venue, obviously other than East Fife, that you've played at and

why? Bolton, it's where Mrs T is from and is her club so they've now become my second team.

4) Favourite shirt you've played in? *Obviously all the Spurs shirts are at the top of the list, but outside of that it has to be the Italian National kit.* 





5) Where haven't you played that would be in your 'bucket list'? *The Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.* 

6) hHw many of the current 92 English League grounds have you played at? 13, White Hart Lane, Macron, Eithiad, Anfield, Goodison, Amex, Upton Park, Carrow Road, King Power, Glanford Park, Boundary Park, Prelli and London Road.

7) Anything else you'd like to add? *I would like to thank Football Aid for giving me the opportunity to play at the various stadiums, and finding new friends along the way, but I'd also like to thank all of you in FA Veterans FC, and especially Mark Feehan, for creating a group that isa pleasure to be part of. Long may this continue. Just one more thing; doesanyone want a Chinese take away?*?



Thursday 14th July 2022 Moss Rose Macclesfield 4-4



#### This Weekend's Local Toddy

#### 1) Which team do you support? Motherwell

2) Have you played at their home stadium and what's you favourite memory from playing there? *Yes, often. Favourite memory would be just a few years ago when I was Assistant Manager for a testimonial against Bolton (whose ground I have played on 5 or 6 times with FA).* 





3) What's your favourite other venue, obviously other than East Fife, that

you've played at and why? Lots of happy memories from a number of grounds but Hampden was extra special as it's the National Stadium.

4) Favourite shirt you've played in? Leeds United by Kappa.

5) Where haven't you played that would be in your `bucket list'? Would have liked to have played the FA game at Wal-

sall, only because so many friends were going to be there.

6) How many of the current 92 English League grounds have you played at? *10* plus 2 training grounds and 2 who are no longer in the 92.

7) Anything else you'd like to add? FA gave me the chance to play at grounds I never imagined I would and meet so many fellow players, some of whom became good friends. The fact that a bit of money was going to charity was an added bonus.



Last Year North of the Border

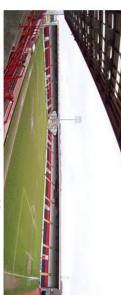




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### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Kick-off 9.30am

Excelsior Stadium



TODAY'S REFEREE: DAVID MARSHALL



Josh Brielson

**Todays's Teams From** Match



Dean Tom Ben Middleton Matt Fellows Terry Rickeard Rob Green Joe Feehan Jack Feehan Green Twyman

## Aidrieonians Veterans FC

# FA Veterans FC Match Gretna

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Raydale Park** 

Kick-off 2.00pm

From Todays's Teams











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