

FA Veterans FC



2023 Tour Game 1



Dorking Wanderers

Sunday 8th January 2023

Kick - Off 5.30 pm



Welcome to Surrey

For the first of our 2023 Tour Games. Following what, in my eyes, was a fantastic successful 2022 for the group.

9 Games at all new grounds to the previous FA regulars, and nearly every game 100% attended. Quite a few goals and some being real contenders if we had a 'Goal of the Season' competition, and some not quite!

Thanks to everyone who attended and took part, here's already looking forward to all our other ventures for 2023, already confirmed Walsall and Plymouth Argyle.

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

The Wanderers and Meadowbank

Being only formed in 1999, Dorking are probably the newest club we've visited.

That also goes for the New Meadowbank Stadium opened in 2018 on the site of the former, now disbanded Dorking FC, who had played on the site since 1953, holding 3,000 spectators.

This is the Wanderers first season in the National League having secured promotion in a 3-2 win over Ebbsfleet in the National League South Play-off Final last season.

That game also saw the record attendance at Meadowbank Stadium of 3,000.

Meadowbank Stadium is also the home of the Surrey FA, who use the venue for all their training courses and lectures, and who, kindly, have let us have use of the Stadium today.

This season, losing to Eastleigh, and Last season, losing to Hayes and Yeading, has seen Dorking's best two seasons progress in the FA Cup (4th Qualifying Round).

To say that the Wanderers have had a successful few years in an understatement. In 2017-18 they won the Isthmian League Division 2 South, the following season 2018-19 the Isthmian Premier Division. The following two seasons were disrupted by the Covid Pandemic, the first curtailed early with one off National League South Play off defeat to Worthing, the following season declared 'null and void' with Dorking sitting top, then their promotion finally in May.

FA Veterans FC Statistics

2022 Games Re-Cap

Thursday 28th April 2022

Gresty Road

Crewe Alexandra

1-5

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Pirelli Stadium

Burton Albion

1-5

Wednesday 18th May 2022

London Road

Peterborough United

2-8

Monday 23rd May 2022

The New Den

Millwall

8-0

Monday 23rd May 2022

Brisbane Road

Leyton Orient

5-2

Thursday 14th July 2022

Moss Rose

Macclesfield

4-4

Saturday 24th September 2022

Excelsior Stadium

Aldrieonians

2-7

Sunday 25th September 2022

Rydale Park

Gretna FC

8-3

	2021	2022	Total FA Apps
3 Terry Rickard			12
13 Andy Balmforth			11
10 Dave Heason			11
7 Rob Green			11
8 Daniel Cheric			10
87 Joe Feehan			10
4 Jon Dixon			10
20 Mark Feehan			10
24 Richard Marsh			9
45 Jason Guy			8
67 Darren Winnard			7
36 Dean Thorpe			7
11 Dean Trymman			7
77 Matt Fellows			7
5 Bob Thorpe			6
Kevin Banks			6
39 Kevin Robertson			5
1 Matt O'Riagan			5
Terry Lapsley			5
23 Adam Joyce			4
14 Ben Middleton			4
Ben Waite			4
Ellie Winnard			4
Gordon France			4
9 Jack Feehan			4
James Wilding			4
19 Kev Wright			4
6 Rob Dixon			4
Roberto Donay			4
Ryan Foote			4
2 Adam Canning			3
Andrew Weaver			3
37 Cain Griffiths			3
Gavin Cabbie			3
18 Lee Waterfall			3
Ma Winnard			3
17 Nathan Moore			3
Richard Duffy			3
Will Osborne			3
Andrew Bell			2
21 Andy Harland			2
Asa McGarvie			2
James Thorpe			2
Josh Birlison			2
Josh Dalley			2
Mark Beare			2
Matthew Thorpe			2
16 Tom Green			1
Adam Clamp			1
Anthony Kirby			1
Ashton Adams			1
Bavlese Milburn			1
Ben Henderson			1
Brian Rape			1
Cam Waterhouse			1
Chris Gannon			1
Chris Lake			1
Clive Satchell			1
Daniel Flint			1
Daniel Harrison			1
Daniel Thomas			1
Darren Davison			1
David Brown			1
Dean Watts			1
Gaz Meyers			1
Harry Norton			1
Johnny Rasciffe			1
Johnny Snell			1
Jon Haque			1
Jordan McGay			1
Kieran Runcell			1
Marcus Harland			1
Mark Done			1
Martin Fairburn			1
Matt Joyce			1
Mitchell James			1
Neil Phillips			1
Phil Joyce			1
Rich Wharton			1
Rick Dumbarton			1
Rob Marsh			1
Sam Edlin			1
Sam Morris (GK)			1
Scott Saunders			1
Simon Chesterman			1
Stephen Tranter			1
Steve Forman			1
Stuart Watkins			1
Taylor Ritchie			1
Tom Kirton			1
Tony O'Hara			1
Trevor Marples			1
Will Binks			1
12 Aaron McGarry			0
31 Allan Todd			0
15 Matt Walker			0
27 Sam Goddall			0



Our New Kit Story Continues JD Sports (Jon Dixon that is!)

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I contacted several shirt printers mainly to be told either that lead times were 7-8 weeks, or they would only print on shirts that were purchased from them. As I wanted to get everything finished for tonight's game, I couldn't risk a 2 month lead time, but one of the printers based near to me recommended a guy who



used to work for them who had set up his own company – Wayne at Pryor Prints. I made contact with him via Facebook and within hours he had responded with costs and mock ups of both kits printed up. The master spreadsheet was sent to Wayne detailing each name and number and the relevant

size of shirt. One thing that I had noticed on his Facebook page was that he also printed stickers, so I had the idea to have everyone's name and squad number, together with the team badge, printed on a sticker that was placed on a bag containing each player's kit – I hope you like that little touch.

Puma delivered the 192 pieces of kit within 2 weeks of placing the order. The kits were with Pryor Prints a week later, and Wayne turned the printing around in 7 days, meaning the whole process took under a month.



It was then a case of sorting out each player's 2 shirts, shorts and socks (3 for Rich and Adam) and packaging everything up ready for tonight's game.



I hope you enjoy the kit (wash it inside out and at no more than 40 degrees to prolong the life of the printing!) and I'm sure it'll make for some great photos in the future.

Question is – do we want personalised jackets for arriving to games in??

Jon Dixon, October 2022

Tonight sees the inaugural outing of our fantastic new set of kits, arranged, personalised and being delivered with 'forever' squad numbers by our own Jon Dixon, who has done a fantastic job with the whole project—that'll teach him to volunteer after a few drinks in the hotel bar in Scotland! Well Done Jon, absolutely brilliant project and we can't wait to see the outcome tonight. Here is the story of how this developed and was completed by Jon, in his own words:

The Story of the Kit

It all started on the second Scotland Tour in the bar. Between us we had countless shirts from clubs up and down the land but when talking about it, it kind of made sense that we should have a Football Aid Veterans kit. I mentioned that I had a mate who worked for Puma that



might be able to get us a deal, and so when we got back from Scotland, the question was put to the group Whatsapp and responses were positive. In the end, we had 32 players that wanted a kit. They were asked for their sizes and 3 choices of squad number (more of that later). When all the sizes came back, it was a

case of creating a master spreadsheet and then matching our overall requirement to what was available on the Puma website. There were some lovely kits that unfortunately didn't have the sizes we needed so we had to pass on those, but in the end we managed to get 2 great full kits for just £46 per player.



On to the squad numbers...I thought that by asking for 3 preferred numbers per player, everyone would stand a fighting chance of getting a number they wanted, and thankfully it turned out that way. It was first come, first served, but most people got their first or second choice numbers, so everyone should be happy.

The final thing was to get the shirts printed with names and numbers and of course the FA Veterans badge, which was slightly adapted from the original creation.

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Dorking Wanderers F A Veterans FC Match

Tonight's Teams From



Tonight's Referee:

Fabian Robertson



Meadowbank Stadium

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Kick-off 5.30pm

2	Adam Canning
3	Terry Rickeard
4	Jon Dixon
7	Rob Green
10	Dave Heason
16	Tom Green
17	Nathan Moore
20	Mark Feehan
21	Andy Harland
39	Kevin Robertson
77	Matt Fellows



Roberto Donay	
Ryan Fitzpatrick	
Asa McKenzie	
Ryan Foote	
Duncan Ho	
Phil Attrill	
Jez Craggs	
Malcolm Mitchell	
Andy Balmforth	13
Sarah Donay	

