# FA Veterans FC

Peterborough United

2022 Tour Game 3

#### Wednesday 18th May 2022 Kick - Off 6.30 pm

## Welcome to London Road FA Veterans FC Statistics

For the third, and half way game, of our five FA Veterans tour games for 2022.

This group of players were formed after the demise of the charity 'Football Aid', which restricted it's games after the covid pandemic and subsequently which became insolvent in 2021. With the limited number of games for the 2021 season, the group staged their own games, firstly at Scunthorpe United and followed shortly afer by a game at Oldham Athletic. The, recently renamed FA Veterans FC, staged two further successful games, later in 2021, across the border in Scotland at Raith Rovers and East Fife.

So, into 2022, with 4 games arranged, al at grounds previously not staged by the aforementioned charity, with a 5th organised by Terry Rickeard at Millwall. Tonight see's the midway game of the 2022. I hope all the players, officials and supporters enjoy as much as they have iin our previous 5 events.

### The Posh and London Road

Formed in 1934, and elected into the Football League in 1960

Played at London Road since their formation

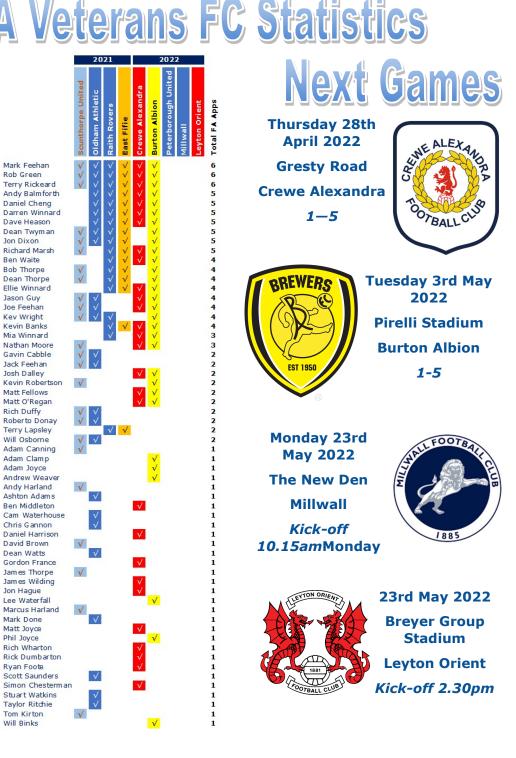
Just relegated from the Championship to League One of the EFL Structure

Have won the fourth tier twice, R/U twice and Playoff Winners once

Have been promoted from the 3rd tier 4 times, twice as R/U and twice as playoff winners

Won the EFL Trophy in 2013-14, beating Chesterfield 3-1 at Wembley Made Semi-Final of FA Cup in 1964/5 from the 1st Round, beating Arsenal en route

Following year reached S/F of League Cup losing out to eventual winners WBA.





1) which team do you support? Manchester United

2) Have you played at their home stadium and what's you favourite memory from playing there? Yes, I was lucky enough to play in a Football Aid game there in 2016 in which I also think Mr. Feehan played (in the opposite team!). The whole day was an incredible experience, but I managed to score 2 decent goals, including a 25 yard volley in the Stretford End which made it in to the Football Aid goal of the season shortlist.

3) what's your favourite other venue, obviously other than East Fife, that you've played at and why? *Well I'm glad you mentioned East Fife because there,* 



Raith, Oldham and Scunthorpe last year were all brilliant as it was mainly just "the regulars" playing - nothing better than playing footy with your mates is there? But the best Football Aid venue I think was Pride Park at Derby. I've played there 3 or 4 times but one year, I think it was 2018, the match was the day after the last game of the season and the pitch was absolutely immaculate, a real dream to play on.

4) Favourite shirt you've played in? United's, for sure!

5) where haven't you played that would be in your 'bucket list'? In the UK, the new Wembley (I played at the old one in 2000, the day after the last ever England game there when we lost 1-0 against Germany). Abroad, I was due to play in a Football Aid game in Lisbon which was re-arranged and I couldn't make the new date which I was really gutted about, but I'd love to play at the Nou Camp in Barcelona.

6) how many of the current 92 English League grounds have you played at? *At the last count, it was 16* 



7) anything else you'd like to add? Only that these events, and the community that we have formed together have been absolutely superb. Full credit must go to Mark for getting the group together in the first place and then organising the games. We have people from all over the UK coming together for matches and we all share a couple of things in common - firstly the love of football and secondly everyone is a top bloke. It may be sad, but I count our mini tour of Scotland as one of the best weekends I can remember! Hopefully we can all keep playing for many years to come - crossing new grounds off the list and having a load of laughs along the way. So here's to 2022 and beyond!

#### **Meet Reading's Ben Waite**

1) which team do you support? Reading FC

2) Have you played at their home stadium and what's you favourite memory from playing there? *Yes, scored a goal but my favourite memory was assisting one for my brother* 

3) what's your favourite other venue, obviously other than East Fife, that you've played at and why? I'm fairly new to the playing game.!



The atmospherearound the team for the Scottish games was great. Turf Moor was an interesting one to play at. From an FA viewpoint, scoring a goal at the Bernabeu while voluntary helping run the event!

4) Favourite shirt you've played in? *I really don't have it in me to wear any other English shirt apart from Reading, so it would have to be one of those. We have had* 

some interesting away kits including a bright orange one that I tend to go with when playing

5) where haven't you played that would be in your 'bucket list'? I'm a sucker for the unique grounds. I've always wanted to play a game with the locals in San Marino, if it's a ground in the English pyramid, I'd love to do Fulham having worked there before





6) how many of the current 92 English League grounds have you played at? Again, I'm nowhere near as experienced as the regulars! I've played at Burnley's Turf Moor, Reading's Madejski and then helped out at a

whole host of grounds with FA where I tried to 'Score' a goal at each that I have volunteered at, they never let me fill in when we were short of players unfortunately

7) anything else you'd like to add? As an 'outsider', thanks to everyone that's accepted me into the group! It was an honour to volunteer at the games with Football Aid and get to know you all and visit some amazing stadiums. It's so good to see Mark carrying on the tradition even after the FA left us in the dark!



#### Peterborough United FA Veterans FC Match

Joe Feehan
Jon Dixon
Rob Dixon
Kevin Banks
Kevin Robertson
Rob Green
Daniel Cheng
Colin Griffiths
Matt Fellows
Dave Heason
Dean Twyman
Andy Balmforth
Matthew Thorpe



#### **Tonight's Teams From**



#### **Tonight's Guest Players:**

Jackie Gallagher, Kevin Ashley Both former Peterborough United FC

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Terry Rickeard		
Dean Thorpe		
Bob Thorpe		
Jason Guy		
Richard Marsh		
Matt O'Regan		
Brian Pape		
Ryan Foote		
Adam Canning		
Darren Winnard		2
Harry Norton		
Sam Edlin		
Stephen Tranter		
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