



War memorial plaque to be restored at Adams Park

A special plaque commemorating the vice presidents, members and players (including James McDermott, pictured) of Wycombe Wanderers who fell in World War I will be restored at Adams Park, thanks to the work of a memorabilia working group established by the directors of Frank Adams Legacy Limited (FALL).

FALL own the stadium and a large proportion of the club's memorabilia, and its working group rediscovered the wooden plaque which was presented to the club in 1920 and displayed in the boardroom at its former Loakes Park home, but presumed lost during the move to Adams Park in 1990.

Members of the working group are working to improve the condition of the plaque before installing it in the entrance to the Caledonian Suite at the stadium, in place of a brass version which was produced by Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Trust a decade ago.

The group will celebrate their find with a pitch side photograph with the original plaque ahead of Saturday's League One game against Leyton Orient – the club's dedicated remembrance fixture – accompanied by descendants of some of the players whose names are listed on the plaque.

FALL's working group was established with the aim of collating and recording the hundreds of items of memorabilia which are owned by various organisations including the Ex-Players Association, Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association, the club itself and individuals who have loaned items.

Over the years, the elements of the collection have been exhibited or stored in various places at Adams Park and all parties agreed that it would be sensible to have a central register of the memorabilia showing where everything is.



A team of volunteers with knowledge of the history and importance of items was formed with the task of identifying and recording the various elements of the collection's location and ownership, all to be recorded on a database and at the same time identifying safe and secure storage areas to keep the items not on display.

The club's thanks go to the following group of volunteers who met on various occasions to carry out the exercise and have now reached a stage where all memorabilia items have been identified, recorded and secured.

*Martyn Broughton (FALL – coordinator)

*Phil Ball (Archivist and Data Base Manager)

*Trevor Stroud (Club & Trust)

*John Bignell (Ex Players Association)

Karen Adams (FALL and memorabilia owner)

*Alan Cecil (FALL and Trust)

Joe Robson (Supporter with knowledge of general sports memorabilia)

Special thanks should go to Phil Ball who has been the biggest contributor to this effort and has managed to sort (amongst other things) the plethora of programmes that have been collected over the years so that FALL now have a library of programmes arranged season by season dating back to the 1950s and some before.

Now that the working group has completed the first stage of its exercise and identified over 400 pieces on the register, it turns its attention to future projects and has formed a Memorabilia Committee (*as denoted above) representing interested parties to manage all aspects of keeping and growing this important collection of our club's history, ensuring it is accessible and secure for future generations of Wycombe fans.

Keep an eye out for future news as the committee gets to work.