



# THE TRUST

## AN EVENING WITH GORDON BANKS OBE AT THE SADDLERS CLUB – TICKETS ON SALE NOW



The Trust Board, in conjunction with the Walsall Football Supporters Club are 'honoured' to announce that a very special 'Evening with Gordon Banks OBE' event has been confirmed at The Saddlers Club on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7pm in aid of The Alzheimer's Society, with tickets available at a very low price of just £20 per person including an hot fish, chips and mushy peas super.

The 77 year old England International 1966 World Cup Winning Goalkeeper and all time footballing legend Gordon has offered his services completely free of charge to help raise much needed funds for this great cause which was very close to the heart of his close friend and former Walsall FC and England International Goalkeeper and Walsall FC Former Players Association President, Bert 'the cat' Williams MBE.

Gordon has kindly agreed to donate some of the money raised on the night to purchase new kit for the Walsall Ladies FC squad which will display the Alzheimer's Society logo on the front for the coming season with all remaining profits going directly to the society itself.

We are indebted to The Saddlers Club for allowing us to use their function room free of charge and also to BBC's Midland's Today Presenter Ian Winter who has offered to comper the evening, again free of charge.

An auction will also be held on the night to raise further funds to which Gordon has kindly donated a signed print of his 1970 save against Pele for which we already have a bid for £100, and a signed print of the late, great Bert Williams will also be up for grabs. A raffle will also be held for which, and as always, Walsall Football Club have kindly donated a prize and for which we are always grateful.

DVD's of the 1966 World Cup Final and a special Gordon Banks / Bert Williams DVD will be shown during the event which is open to ALL FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS, though it would be great to see as many Saddlers fans as possible fill the room.

Tickets are available now direct from The Saddlers Club or by contacting Trust Secretary Steve Davies via email at [walsall1888@aol.com](mailto:walsall1888@aol.com) or by calling 07799835388.

## 2014/2015 Trust Membership / Renewals now due.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 see's the start of new Trust Membership year (1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> August), and as such, all ANNUAL TRUST MEMBERSHIPS are now due for renewal.

As always, membership starts from as little as just £2 for an Annual Individual Membership (cheaper than the price of a pie or a pint at the match) or just £10 for an Annual Business Membership which includes 12 months advertising on the currently being rebuilt Trust website.

To take out a new Membership or to renew your existing one, simply see a member of the Trust Board at any Walsall FC home match (or away when possible) who will be only to glad to sign you up.

Membership Application Forms can be downloaded direct form our website at [www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/membership.htm](http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/membership.htm) or may have already been sent direct to your inbox if you are on our mailing list.

There are a number of Membership Benefits available to our members as well as a number of exclusive Member Discounts which have kindly been offered on a number of products and/or services by some of our Business Members for which we are very grateful.

For more information and more ways to take out or pay for your membership, please visit the official Trust Website at [www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/membership.htm](http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/membership.htm)

## **ANNUAL WALSALL FANS v WALSALL FC LEGENDS MATCH DETAILS CONFIRMED**



The Trust's Annual Walsall Fans v Walsall FC Legends Fundraiser Match has been confirmed to take place at Rushall Olympics' Dales Lane Ground, Daw End, Walsall, WS3 3QH on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014 with a kick off time of 2pm (turnstiles open at 1pm).

This event has always proved to be a great fundraiser for us and not only allows us to keep the Trust on a financially sound basis but also allows us to donate money to our nominated charity, charities, or other worthy causes which this year is the Saddlers Learning Centre.

This year's match has been sponsored by IC Shipping Ltd which is owned by Trust Board Member Ian Astbury, and the match ball has been sponsored by Antomia Property Services Limited which is owned by Walsall FC Legend Tony Millard. We would like to thank both for their support, and would also like to say thank you to Rushall Olympic who once again have allowed us to use their facilities free of charge.

Admission to the game is priced at £3 adults and £1 children with a match day programme on sale at £1.

The Club Bar will be open throughout the game which we hope you will take advantage of to show your support to Rushall Olympic and hot food and bar snacks will also be available.

Please come along and show your support, not only to the Trust, but also to everyone involved in this event, both on and off the pitch.

## **PELSALL VILLA v WALSALL FC LEGENDS MATCH CANCELLED**

The forthcoming Pelsall Villa v Walsall FC Legends game which was scheduled to take place at Pelsall Villa on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014 has been cancelled due to a problem with the Pelsall Villa changing rooms and will be rescheduled to take place in the new year.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused which is due to circumstances beyond our control.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Walsall Fans v Walsall FC Legends at Rushall Olympic's Dales Lane Ground which is due to take place the following week; 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2pm.

Please see above for more details.

## **More Up & Coming Events:**

### **An Evening with Tommy Coakley & Friends**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 14 – 7:30pm  
The Saddlers Club.

Tickets available soon priced at £10 each including a hot meal.

Come and relive the days of Turkey's for Christmas with the man who was in the middle of it all; Tommy Coakley, plus some of the promotion winning team from that era.

Profits from this event will be added to the donation already made by Jorge Leitao and used to purchase new playing kit for the Walsall FC Sierra Leone squad.

A night not to be missed. Full details to follow.

### **1975 FA Cup Run Squad 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 15 – 7:30pm  
The Saddlers Club

Tickets available soon priced at £10 each including a hot meal.

We want to get as many of the squad together as possible on a date closest to that glorious 1-0 win over the mighty Newcastle United to celebrate an absolutely brilliant time to be a Saddlers Supporter.

All profits made at this event will go to the Walsall FC Former Players Association.

### ***...and finally***

The Trust would like to welcome back former Trust Secretary Dean Neville who has been Co-Opted back onto the Trust Board by unanimous vote until the AGM is held next Spring when we hope Dean will formally rejoin the Board again. We look forward to working with Dean again who brings so much to the group.