



THE TRUST

NEWSLETTER

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NOTIFICATION OF 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Trust Board hereby give notice of the 2015 Walsall Football Supporters' Trust Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Trust.

The meeting which is open to all Trust Members is to be held at:-

**The New Inns (aka The Pretty Bricks), 5 John Street,
Walsall, West Midlands, WS2 8AF**

on:-

Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 7:30pm.

Provisional notification of the evenings Agenda is posted in the right hand column of this page with all members notified of additions and/or amendments via email, on the official Trust Website, and/or on the official Trust Facebook page should any be made in accordance with the Rules of the Trust.

Anyone wishing to stand for election to one of the offices of Trust on the Trust Board, or wishing to nominate someone else for election to one of the offices of Trust on the Trust Board (providing they are compliant with the Rules of the Trust) or any member wishing to bring a Resolution to the meeting should contact Trust Secretary Steve Davies via email to walsall1888@aol.com at least 14 days prior to date of the meeting.

2015 AGM Agenda (Provisional)

Members will be notified of any addition or amendment made to this agenda prior to the date of the AGM and in accordance with the Rules of the Trust.

7:30pm Meeting starts.

1. Roll Call and apologies.
2. Welcome.
3. Chairpersons Report.
4. Treasurers Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Membership.
7. Elections.

Break for refreshments.

8. Resolutions (if any).
9. Fundraising.
10. Charity Work and donations.
11. Website and Social Media.
12. Any other business.
13. Conclusion.

For further details please contact Trust Secretary Steve Davies on 07799 835388 or via email to walsall1888@aol.com

2015/2016 MEMBERSHIP – WE NEED YOUR HELP

As reported in previous newsletters and on our official website, paid up membership for the 2014/2015 season has been well down on previous years despite the Trusts' profile being at an all time high, something that the Trust Board has found disappointing.

Support via our official Facebook group has been excellent, especially since Walsall FC secured their first ever visit to Wembley Stadium in March and now boasts almost 900 members (at the time of writing) for which we thank all those who have joined and showed their support of the Trust.

What we need to do now however, is turn some of that support into paid up members to enable us to carry on with the work we do both in public and behind the scenes.

We whole heartedly appreciate your fundraising support when it comes to things like purchasing items of memorabilia such as the bottled beers, Fellows Park prints, books etc, donating items for our Annual Christmas Toy (and Food) Appeal or raffles, and also for the support you show by attending events such as our Annual Walsall Fans v Walsall FC Charity Matches, but without a good membership and without fees raised through that membership, items like those listed above, and any future fundraisers and events will not be possible.

Walsall Football Supporters' Trust is without a doubt one of the cheapest Trusts to join with membership starting from as little as £2 for a years membership (September 1st to August 31st), and although it is possible to join some Trusts for free, that level of membership does not carry the right to vote on Trust decisions or in elections, nor does it entitle said members to an equal paid up share in their Trust the way in which we offer.

Membership fees go towards paying our annual administrative costs to both Supporters Direct and the Financial Conduct Authority, the regulating bodies of the Trust, and also for our donation to the Co-Operative movement, a movement that the Trust are both involved with and strongly support.

The fees also cover some of the donation we make to the Saddlers Learning Centre to help purchase trophies and awards, and in support of the work that Sue Lane selflessly carries out there.

The Trust... **YOUR TRUST**, can only continue with your support and to that end, we ask for your help for future seasons. Please take the time to join the Trust and help show us your support financially as well as online. Ask your family, friends and work colleagues to join to and let us make **YOUR TRUST** a Trust to be proud of.

The more members we have, the louder we'll be heard.

2015/16 Membership Fees



Annual Individual Membership

Annual Individual Membership starts from just £2* per season and not only purchases your one equal share in the Trust itself, but also allows you to vote at Trust Elections and meetings, stand for election to the Trust Board or nominate another member to stand for election to the Trust Board.

Annual Business Membership

Annual Business Membership starts from just £10* per season and grants one representative from any business, group or organisation the same entitlements and rights as an Annual Individual Member (see above) as well as 12 months advertising for your business on the Trust Website by way of colour graphic banner, brief write up, and links to your site and/or social media.

*For payments made by PayPal please add 50p to cover any administration costs.

ROUND UP OF THE TRUSTS' 2014/15 SEASON IN BRIEF.

As always, the Trust has a number of things to be proud of again during the 2014/15 season, brief details of which can be found below.

For those of you who purchase the WFC Match Day Programme, you may have seen The Saddlers Learning Centres' Sue Lane thanking the Trust for our donation. We have spent the last season supporting Sue and the work the centre does by helping them to purchase awards and trophies for some of the kids who attend the centre, something we are very proud of, and something we aim to continue doing throughout the coming seasons.

Our donations to former WFC player Dean Holden towards a Sensory Garden in memory of his late daughter Cici have now also come to an end with a final donation of £70 which has been made following the sale of a signed and framed Bradford Bulls shirt, donated to the Trust by Sue Lane of the Saddlers Learning Centre. We wish Dean well with his future fundraising.

The Walsall@Wembley bottled beers were another major success for the Trust this year and we are pleased to announce that apart from the odd one or two bottles, we have now sold out. Thank you for your support in helping us raise funds for the Trust.

Our first batch of 'Farwell Fellows Park' prints originally painted by Paul Town of Stadium Portraits have now also sold out, helping us to raise much needed funds for the WFC Former Players Association for which we are very grateful. Orders for the next batch, along with a soon to be revealed limited edition 'Walsall at Wembley' print are now being taken (see page 4 for details).

Yet again, our Annual Walsall Fans v Walsall FC Legends match to help raise funds for the Trust and the Saddlers Learning Centre, and our Annual Christmas Toy (and food) Appeal to allow us to donate toys to the Walsall Manor Hospital Children's' Ward and food to the Walsall Food Bank were both a great success. We thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support for these 2 great ventures.

And finally,

Although sadly surrounded by a little controversy in the end, the Trusts' Walsall FC Go To Wembley' single which was written and produced by local band The Assist and released on iTunes amongst other online outlets managed to climb high in the iTunes Alternative Charts in the build up to WFC's first ever trip to Wembley Stadium, and it was great to get the name of the Trust and Walsall FC out there to the masses. CD's of the single are still available, with any profits going to The Brain Tumour Charity and the Walsall FC Youth Development Programme (see page 4 for details).

Walsall FC Legends back in action.

Up & Coming Fixtures.

Sunday 17th May - 3pm

FASTAID v WFC Legends

In aid of Community First Response charity Fastaid Black Country. Charity No.1147703.

Red Star AFC (McKechnies Sports & Social Club Ground) Middlemore Lane, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 8DN

Legends confirmed so far: Paul Jones, Tom Dass, Brian Palgrave, Mark Taylor, Ian Roper and Raj Gill, plus Peter Till (jnr), Paul Atthey (son of Nick Atthey) and both Martin and Steve Gethin.

Admission FREE but Fastaid do ask for a donation of £2 adults and £1 children.

Raffle and Bar on the day.

Sunday 31st May - 1pm

WFC Ladies v WFC Legends

In aid of Walsall Ladies FC

The Railway Club, Pleck Road, Walsall, WS1 4JG

Legends confirmed so far: Tony Millard, Mark Taylor, Brian Palgrave, Andy Reece, Kris Taylor, Sean Geddes, Raj Gill and George Bowerman.

Admission TBC

Raffle and Bar on the day.

Thank you to all involved in making these games possible and for those who have already donated raffle prizes.

STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE TRUST



Farewell Fellows Park – Limited Edition Print (Pre-Order)

By Paul Town (Stadium Portraits)

£20 – Print Only.

£48 – Professionally framed & mounted.

Preview
Not
Available

Walsall at Wembley – Limited Edition Print (Pre-Order)

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Walsall FC to donate Playing Kit to Walsall FC Legends.

Walsall Football Club has kindly agreed to donate a second playing kit to the Walsall FC Legends squad for use in future fixtures.

We thank Walsall FC for this generous donation and for their ongoing support.

Former Saddler Mick Evans to put Walsall Ladies FC Development Team through their Paces.

Former WFC Player Mick Evans has agreed to put the Walsall Ladies FC Development team through their paces in preparation for their forthcoming season.

The Development team who play their matches at Alumwell at 2pm on Sundays are still currently searching for a new manager, and anyone interested should contact Steve Davies on 07799835388 or via email to walsall1888@aol.com for more details.

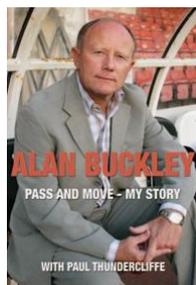


Wembley 2015 T-Shirts

(Sizes S to XXL)

£5 each

Profits go to The Brain Tumour Charity and Walsall FC Youth Development Programme.



Pass & Move, My Story (Hardback)

By Alan Buckley & Paul Thundercliffe

£12 – Unsigned. (RRP £19.99)

£15 – Signed. (RRP £19.99)

A donation from each sale will go to the Walsall FC Former Players Association.



Walsall FC Got To Wembley CD Single

By The Assist

£5 – Signed by the band.

Profits go to The Brain Tumour Charity and Walsall FC Youth Development Programme.

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Walsall 'til I die (Paperback)

By Walsall FC Supporters'

£2 – (RRP £9.99)

If you are interested in purchasing any of the above, please contact Trust Secretary Steve Davies on 07799 835388, via email to walsall1888@aol.com or via the trusts' official Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/walsallfctrust>.