

THE TRUST



Ex-Player visits' for up-and-coming home matches.

Following on from last seasons successful ex-player visits' to the Banks's Stadium, we are pleased to announce that more visits are to be confirmed throughout the 2012/2013 season.

Already confirmed for August and Septembers home matches are:-

ROY FAULKNER v Brentford (Capital One Cup) on 11th August 2012.

RAY WIGGIN and JIMMY McMORRAN v Doncaster on 18th August 2012.

GARY CHILDS v Brentford on 1st September 2012, and

FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE LATE MATT GADSBY RIP v Milton Keynes on 8th September 2012.

As you are aware, Matt collapsed whilst playing for Hinckley Utd in a Conference North match at Harrogate Town on 9th September 2006 and later died of Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy. The Trust are pleased that members of Matt's family will appearing in recognition of his time at Walsall Football Club.

WALSALL SUPPORTERS v LEGENDS CHARITY GAME CONFIRMED.



The third (and hopefully annual) Walsall Supporters v Legends charity football match has been confirmed to take place at Rushall Olympics Dales Lane Ground on Sunday 16th September, kick off time 3pm.

The Supporters team is open to ALL Walsall FC supporters aged 16+ and costs just £10 to take part in the game. Trust FC manager Craig Zecevic is in charge of the Supporters Team and anyone interested in playing should contact him at czecevic@gmail.com.

The Legends team will be managed by Chris Marsh and Craig Lang of CAT Communications.

CAT Communications are once again sponsoring the match, whilst IC Shipping will sponsor the match ball.

Mascot positions are available at a cost of £10 per mascot and anyone interested should contact Steve Davies at walsall1888@aol.com.

Admission costs to the match are priced the same as last year at £3 adults and £1 juniors/concessions. A match day programme will be on sale at a cost of £1 and raffle tickets will be sold on the day at a price of £1 per strip.

Amongst the prizes will be a pair of Walsall FC match tickets already donated by the club.

We thank everyone involved for your support.

Trust to launch Ex-Players' Association.

Following discussions between the Trust Board, WFC and numerous former WFC players, it has been decided that the WFST will officially launch the Ex-Players' Association on Sunday 16th September following the Supporters v Legends match at Rushall Olympics Dales Lane Ground.

Former Walsall, Wolves and England International Goalkeeper Bert Williams MBE has agreed to become President of the Association whilst Trust Secretary Steve Davies has agreed to be Association Secretary.

Mick Kearns and Andy Poole have also been approached, and Brian Caswell will form a Golf Association to help the Trust raise funds for our chosen charities for 2012/13.

The association is open to ALL former Walsall FC players and anyone wanting more details should contact Secretary Steve Davies via email at walsall1888@aol.com.

Membership Drive details.

WFC have agreed to the Trust carrying out a Membership Drive to enable people to take out new membership with the Trust or renew existing membership for the forthcoming 2012/13 season.

Trust Membership Secretary Richard Evans will be on hand in the Bescot Bar prior to our First Round Capital One Cup clash with Brentford at the Banks's Stadium on Saturday 11th August and Board members will also be on hand around the ground, in The Saddlers Club, Bescot Bar and in The Fullbrook Pub prior to our first league game against Doncaster on Saturday 18th August to enable you to take out or renew your membership.

Other payment options are available including Standing Order and Bank Transfer and are detailed on the Trust website.

A big Welcome to our overseas Members.

The Trust Board would like to welcome some of our newest members who have joined the WFST from overseas, proving just how wide spread the Saddlers family really is.

Pär Stener (Sweden), Bill Alsobrook (USA) and Mike Blakeway (Australia) have all recently joined the Trust in addition to long time member Tim Wilkes (New Zealand) making the Trust a truly international affair.

Supporters Trust FC brings home the silverware.

Congratulations to the Walsall Supporters Trust FC who on Saturday 9th June 2012 came out on top to beat Birmingham Blaze FC 2 nil in the first Football Against Homophobia Awareness Charity match to be organized by life long Walsall fan Kev Paddock in aid of the Terence Higgins Trust to lift their first ever silverware.

Both goals were scored in the second half by Joe Gilbert and Nathan Williams after a too close to call first half ended 0-0.



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Trust FC fixtures (provisional).

04/08/12 Burton (Away)

Stapenhill Football Club Ltd, Maple Grove, Burton-On-Trent, Staffordshire, DE15 9NN – ko 11am

11/08/12 Redditch (IFA Cup) or Coventry (Home)

Wood Green Academy, Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, WS10 9QU – ko 10:30am

18/08/12 Kidderminster (Home)

Wood Green Academy, Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, WS10 9QU – ko 10:30am

23/08/12 Redditch (Away – IFA Cup)

Details tbc.

Trust backs Sheffield Community Academy 'real' project.

The Walsall Football Supporters Trust is proud to back, by way of small donation (£25.00), a project which is being undertaken by a number of 12 year old pupils from Sheffield Community Academy.

Trust Secretary Steve Davies recently received an email from the pupils who were seeking funding for a project they were given to design, fund and source manufacture of two unique Walsall FC flags which are to be flown on the two unused flag poles at the Banks's Stadium.

To date, they have managed to raise enough money by way of donation to the fund so that the two flags can be manufactured and the Trust is keen to follow the progress of the project.

We hope to have a Trust Board member in attendance when the flags are raised at the Banks's Stadium which we're sure will be an exciting experience for the pupils involved.

More details of the flag raising will be made available on the official Trust website in due course, but in the meantime, we wish all those involved with project the very best with what they hope to achieve.

Changes made to the Trust Board during 2012 AGM.

During the Walsall Football Supporters Trust Annual General Meeting which was held at The Pretty Bricks Public House (Function Room), John Street, Walsall on Thursday 19th April 2012, a number of changes were made to the Trust Board members.

Firstly, former Assistant Secretary Margaret Vardy moves into the role of Treasurer following the resignation of former Treasurer Geoff Whiting. Geoff stepped into the role at a time when no one else would and we would like to pass on our appreciation to Geoff for the work he has done.

Former Board Trustee Richard Evans steps into the role of Membership Secretary which leaves Chairperson Neil Ravenscroft to concentrate on the roles of the Chair.

Trevor Reece was voted onto the Board of Trustees as Special Projects Manager and Daz Anslow who was co-opted onto the Board in June 2011 was voted onto the Board officially as Website Coordinator.

All changes made to the Trust Board were voted for and carried out in accordance with the existing Trust Constitution and Rules.

Minutes from the 2012 WFST Supporters Trust Annual General Meeting can be found on the official Walsall Football Supporters Trust Website.

Trust FC fixtures (provisional) continued.

01/09/12 Stafford Rangers (Away)
ko 10:30 am, venue tbc.

22/09/12 Preston North End (Home)
Wood Green Academy, Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, WS10 9QU – ko 10:30am

13/09/12 Chorley (Home)
Wood Green Academy, Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, WS10 9QU – ko 10:30am

20/10/12 Crewe Alexandra (Home)
Wood Green Academy, Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, WS10 9QU – ko 10:30am

08/12/12 Coventry (Away)
Details tbc.

13/01/13 Preston North End (Away)
Details tbc.

Fixtures may be cancelled or dates / times etc altered at short notice due to circumstances beyond the control of the Trust or Trust FC.

For more fixtures please visit the Trust FC section of the official Trust website at www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/trustfc.htm.

Walsall FC Sierra Leone meets Walsall Legend John Keister.



It was the coming together of Walsall FC from two different eras recently when members of the Walsall FC Sierra Leone squad met Walsall Legend and fans favourite John Keister.

Former Saddlers and Sierra Leone International midfielder John Keister who made over 100 appearances for Walsall between 1993 and 2000 before moving on to Chester City and who now plies his trade as National Coach of Sierra Leone has taken a keen interest in Walsall FC Sierra Leone & their connection with WFC & the WFST.

Trust website revamp almost complete.

We are pleased to announce that the current revamp and redesign of the official WFST website at www.walsallfctrust.org.uk is almost complete and is now live.

The new look site has been designed to make it easier for visitors to navigate and find exactly what they want with the inclusion of drop down menus and quick links and also incorporates more information relating to all things WFST.

Raise funds for the WFST at no extra cost to you.

As part of the new look Trust website, we have also introduced two simple ways for you to raise funds for the Trust without it costing you a penny extra.

easyfundraising
.org.uk

easysearch
.org.uk

Easy Fundraising allows you to raise funds for the Trust whilst you shop online at any one of over 2000 top online retailers including Argos, HMV, Next ebay and many more, the retailers pay the Trust, so you don't have to.

Secondly, why not use Easy Search to search the net? Every time you do, you'll be raising money for the WFST.

For more details please visit the official Trust website and click on the Easy Fundraising link in the Features section.