

# THE TRUST



## RECRUITMENT AND RENEWAL DRIVES CONFIRMED FOR 2013 / 2014 SEASON.

The Trust Board are pleased to announce that following discussions with Walsall FC, that permission has been granted by the club for us to hold two Recruitment and Renewal Drives at the beginning of the 2013/2014 season to enable our members to easily renew their Trust Membership and hopefully allow us to attract new members.

The Drives will be held prior to kick off at the Banks's Stadium against Tranmere Rovers on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and against Notts County on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Board Members will be on hand around the Banks's Stadium, The Saddlers Club and The Bescot Bar prior to kick off to enable you to fill in a Membership Application / Renewal Form and receive your Annual Membership Card. Alternatively, please feel free to complete the Application Form on the back page of this Newsletter and send it complete with payment in full to the address stated.

For full details and for information on how to pay for your membership via **PAYPAL** please visit <http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/membership.htm>.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE TRUST.

Despite a disappointing start to the Trust's season due to a fall in membership numbers, the 2012/2013 season has yet again proved to be a success for the Trust and our working relationship with Walsall Football Club and The Walsall Football Supporters Club continues to grow in strength.

Our charity fund raising for the season was a great achievement thanks to the generosity of our members and all Saddlers fans alike and as always, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support.

During the season, we were able to donate the following sums to the following charities and worthy causes:-

£2600 to The Meningitis Trust via Dean and Danielle Holdens' fund raising and in memory of their late daughter Cici.

£800 to CRY via Sarah Gadsbys' fund raising and in memory of Matt Gadsby and Anton Reid.

£100 to the Alzheimer's Society via Bert Williams MBE fund raising, and

£100 to the Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre.

In addition, the 2012 Toy Appeal for the children at various hospitals and hospices and the Food Collection for the Walsall Food Bank were also a great success again and we have also been able, via the auctioning of various items on Ebay to raise a little money towards Dean Holden's fund raising for a Sensory Garden during closed season.

We hope that you will all continue with your great support throughout the up and coming 2013/2014 season, a season which we are sure you will be aware is a very important milestone for the Saddlers. Membership details can be found left, or by visiting the trust website at [www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/membership.htm](http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/membership.htm).

## 2012/2013 AGM ELECTIONS / RE-ELECTIONS.

Due to the event that no new applications to stand for election to the Trust Board as advertised in the Notice of the 2012/2013 AGM and following agreement by the current Board to stand for a further term, the whole Board was re-elected to their current positions of trust as per the Rules.

This means that the following Board Members retain their positions on the Board:- (Chair) Neil Ravenscroft, (Vice Chair) Bob Thomas, (Treasurer) Margaret Vardy, (Secretary) Steve Davies, (Membership Secretary) Richard Evans and (Projects Manager) Trevor Reece. The following positions of trust on the Board were retained by Ian Astbury, Mark Jones, Mike Evans and Josh Piddock.

In accordance with the Rules, this leaves two vacant positions. If you feel you have something valuable to offer the Trust Board, please contact Trust Secretary Steve Davies at [secretary@walsallfctrust.org.uk](mailto:secretary@walsallfctrust.org.uk).

## RAY GRAYDON TO APPEAR AS GUEST OF THE TRUST AT WFC 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MATCH.



We are thrilled to announce that 'Sir' Ray Graydon and his wife will be appearing at the Banks's Stadium on Wednesday 31st July as guests of the Trust when the Saddlers take on our neighbours Aston Villa in our 125th Anniversary Match.

It is fantastic news that Ray has agreed to attend this match for which we thank both him and his wife. The match will be a great milestone for the club and we appreciate him taking the time out to visit us for what aims to be a great night.

## MICK KEARNS RETIRES.



After almost 4 decades to the day, Saddlers Legend Mick Kearns has decided to retire from his roles as Community Director and Goalkeeping Coach at Walsall FC.

The Trust would like to wish Mick every success for the future and hope that he will enjoy some time to himself, after all, if anyone has earned their right to a little R&R, then you need look no further than Mick Kearns himself.

## WALSALL TRAINING CENTRE AGREES NEW 2 YEAR SPONSORSHIP DEAL FOR TRUST WEBSITE.



Walsall Training Centre Limited (and Walsall Construction Training Centre Limited), the Midlands premier training and assessment providers for the Gas, Plumbing, Electrical and Construction trade sectors have agreed to sponsor the Trust website for a further 2 year period covering all costs of webhosting and domain name registration.

This is the second time Walsall Training have sponsored the Trust website which takes a big financial burden off our yearly budget and for this, we would like to thank Training Centre Manager Steve Edis and his team for their assistance and continued support.

### *and also.....*



We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to The Pretty Bricks (New Inns) Public House in John Street, Walsall for their continued support and for allowing us to use their Function Room for free for our Board and General Meetings.

The Bricks offers a warm, friendly welcome every time we visit and their fine selection of real Ales always goes down well with the Trust Board, Members and Guests alike.

## EBAY ITEMS RAISE FURTHER FUNDS.

A signed match worn Febian Brandy shirt and a signed Warwickshire County Cricket Club shirt were recently auctioned off on Ebay to raise further funds for the Trust and for Dean Holdens' fund raising efforts towards a Sensory Garden. Each shirt raised £50.00 less the usual Ebay fees.



## NEW TRUST RULES ADOPTED AT AGM.

During the 2013 Trust AGM, a vote was held with those present to adopt the latest set of Model Rules which are put together by and amended under the guidance of Supporters Direct as the new rules for the Walsall Football Supporters Trust.

A unanimous vote was cast in favour of the adoption of the new rules and as such they were put into place that night.

To view the new Model Rules of the Trust in full or to download a .pdf version of the Rules to view in your own time, please visit our website at, <http://www.walsallfc.trust.org.uk/rules.htm>, there you will find links to not only the Rules, but also to a number of side policies that accompany the Rules.

For more downloads including Membership Application Forms and previous editions of our newsletter, please visit <http://www.walsallfc.trust.org.uk/downloads.htm>.

## TRUST WEBSITE RE-VAMP PUBLISHED.

We are pleased to announce that the long awaited Trust Website Re-vamp has now been published and is nearing completion.

Our apologies for the lack of updates to the previous site but this was due to a number of software conflicts that made the site impossible to maintain any further and as a result, a new site had to be built.

**FORMER SADDLERS  
FULL BACK MICKY  
EVANS OFFERS TO  
COACH TRUST FC TEAM.**



Former Saddlers Full Back Micky Evans (1965-73) has this week offered his services to the Trust FC team as a regular coach to help take a little of the strain off team Manager Craig Zecevic who is currently busy with work commitments.

Micky, 66, has offered to travel to the teams training sessions on a fortnightly basis to help Craig train the team and to pass on his knowledge and skills and has also made clear his intentions to play for the team from time to time.

This is a great opportunity for the team and we are sure that Micks' professionalism and knowledge in the game of football will go along way to securing a bright future for the lads.

**WIN FOR WALSALL  
LEGENDS (XI)**

Congratulations to the Walsall Legends team (including 3 members of the Trust FC team) for their win against Lichfield City Legends which saw the Saddlers come out on top deserved 3-2 winners in a charity match which helped raise £811 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**FORMER AND CURRENT SADDLERS  
STARS ATTEND END OF SEASON  
PARTY NIGHT AT THE SADDLERS  
CLUB.**

We are pleased to announce that a great night was had by all at the Trust and Walsall Supporters Club End of Season Party Night which took place in The Saddlers Club on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April in aid of Dean & Danielle Holdens' fundraising for The Meningitis Trust.

With two great live bands taking to the stage by way of Charlie & The Martyrs and Lowfield, The Saddlers Club Disco, plus a raffle and Auction of various signed Walsall Shirts, those present, which included Walsall Manager Dean Smith, former Saddlers Forward and fans hero Kyle 'Killer' Lightbourne, George Bowerman and both Dean and Danielle themselves, were kept entertained throughout the evening, which with the help of other fundraising efforts raised a staggering £2,600.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with setting up this fundraiser and to everyone who purchased tickets for the event.



**WALSALL FC  
FORMER PLAYERS  
ASSOCIATION.**

Things have been a little quiet of late with regards to the WFC Former Players Association so there is not much to report other than to announce that Association Secretary Steve Davies, the Association Members and the Club are all working hard sorting out arrangements for Walsall FC's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Match against our neighbours Aston Villa which is due to take place at the Banks's Stadium on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

All former Walsall and Aston Villa players are welcome to attend the match and should contact Steve via email at [secretary@walsallfc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@walsallfc.org.uk) to book their ticket.

**WALSALL FC  
SIERRA LEONE**

Information coming in from the lads in Sierra Leone has been a little hit and miss of late so there is currently nothing to report here but we will bring you all the latest news from the team as soon as we get it.

**Apologies.....**

Please accept our apologies for the lack of content on the Trust Website with regards to the Trust FC team and WFC Sierra Leone. Our webmaster will be contacting both teams in due course to source all the relevant information for the website so please keep an eye out for all the latest news.

## WORKING PARTY MEETING.

If you have any issues regarding the Club which you would like bringing up at the next Working Party meeting, please contact Trust Secretary Steve Davies via email at [secretary@walsallfctrust.org.uk](mailto:secretary@walsallfctrust.org.uk) to discuss your concerns.

Any genuine issues will be discussed by Steve on your behalf at the next Working Party Meeting and you will be contacted with any response or feedback from the Club in due course.

## 2013 EVENTS TO BE CONFIRMED.

The Board plan to hold the following events and fund raisers throughout the 2013/14 League One season:-

Annual Walsall Supporters v Walsall Legends Football Match.

Annual Christmas Toy Appeal (to include the collection of non-perishable foods for the Walsall Food Bank).

Annual Sports Quiz and Soccer Brain Of Walsall.

Dates for these events will be discussed and confirmed at the next Working Party Meeting and details will be posted on the Trust Website at [www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/events.htm](http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/events.htm), in the Trust section of the Walsall FC Match Programme and through our usual avenues in the local press, i.e. The Walsall Advertiser.

## AFTERWORDS.

The Trust Board would like to congratulate both Craig Lang and partner Penny (CAT UK) who are due to be married later in the summer and would also like to thank The Saddlers Club for the free use of their function room for last seasons End Of Season Party. We would also like to thank The Pretty Bricks public house for the free use of their function room for both Board and General Meetings.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please feel free to use this Membership Application Form to pay for your 2013/14 annual membership. Simply fill it in and hand it to a member of the Trust Board at one of our Membership Drives at the Banks's Stadium on either 03:08:2013 or 17:08:2013 complete with payment to receive your 2013/14 Membership Card.



<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM</b>	
I would like to renew my membership / become a member (please delete) and enclose a cheque / postal order / cash for £ _____ made payable to Walsall Football Supporters' Trust. <b>Fields marked * are required fields.</b>	
Name*:	
Address*:	
Postcode*:	
Date Of Birth*:	dd / mm / yyyy
Email Address:	
<b>MEMBERSHIP TYPE (PLEASE TICK) *</b>	
Individual Membership £2.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Membership £10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership runs from the first day of the football season to the final day prior to the following season starting. Business Membership includes 12 months advertising on the WFST website.	
Please return your application form complete with full payment and a self addressed stamped envelope to: Membership Secretary, Walsall Football Supporters' Trust, 9 Meadowbrook Court, Little Stoke, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8LX.	