

# THE TRUST



## Welcome to the Trust

Hello and welcome to Issue No.7 of the Walsall Football Supporters Trust Newsletter, designed to keep you up to date with all the latest Trust news, dates for your diary and any other news we feel may be relevant to our members.

## MEMBER DISCOUNTS STARTING TO EMERGE

The Trust, in conjunction with the following Business Members, would like to announce the first of our Member Benefits which offer discounts on a number of products and services by way of giving our Members a little something back to say thank you for your continued support.

### UPTO 20% DISCOUNT at Robinson's Hair Design – 30 Goodall Street, Walsall



Robinson's Hair Design based in Goodall Street, Walsall is a brand new hair salon who specialise in Wedding, Prom and Special Occasion hair styles as well as basic trims, cuts and colours at very competitive prices.

Kirsty and the team at Robinson's have kindly agreed to offer a discount to all paid up WFST Members on presentation of their Membership Card. This means a **10% discount** on Gents Cuts and a **20% discount** on Ladies Cut & Blow Dry's. For a friendly chat or consultation, please drop by or call 07821369811. For more information, please visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Robinsons-Hair-Design/611126705578397](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Robinsons-Hair-Design/611126705578397).

### 10% OFF ALL WEDDING & PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY with Treasured Forever, Walsall



Treasured Forever – Wedding and Portrait Photographers – Husband and wife team, Sharon and Mick Spencer.

Treasured Forever specialise in modern 'Storybook Wedding Photography' whose style is natural and editorial with a twist of creativity. They tell your story as it naturally evolves throughout your big day quickly and with the minimum of fuss giving you a relaxed yet contemporary style to your wedding photographs.

With over 15 year's experience, Treasured Forever is able to capture the whole story of your day from beginning to end. Their eye for detail, friendly approach and the sense to blend together a mixture of fun and tradition perfectly and seamlessly, help to create a beautiful storybook style wedding album.

With Wedding Packages starting from just £900 and Portrait Photography starting from just £25, Treasured Forever would like to offer all fully paid WFST Members a massive **10% discount** on their services including Wedding, Baby, Maternity and Family Portraits as well as Prom, Christening and Graduation Photography.

Simply take along your Trust Membership Card when you visit. For more details, email [info@treasuredforever.co.uk](mailto:info@treasuredforever.co.uk) or visit their website at [www.treasuredforever.co.uk](http://www.treasuredforever.co.uk) and fill in their 'contact form' not forgetting to mention you are a member of the Walsall Football Supporters Trust.

## COMING SOON – Discounts from Genealogy Services, Darlaston

Ever fancied tracing your family tree, but don't have the time, the resources or the know how?

Well why not let Genealogy Services (Darlaston) take care of it for you for a very competitive price? Yet another brand new Trust Business Member, Genealogy Services (Darlaston) will soon be finalising details of discounts available to all fully paid WFST Members.

Full details will be posted on our official website at [www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/news.htm](http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/news.htm) as soon as they become available.

The Trust Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Business Members for their generosity on behalf of all members of the Trust

Please listen out for further details of even more Member Benefits coming soon.

## LIMITED EDITION WALSALL FC 'ANNIVERSARY ALE 125' BOTTLED BEER STILL AVAILABLE



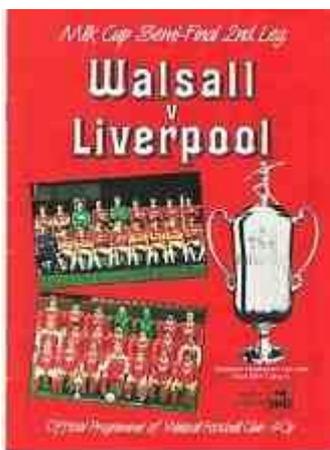
The Trust Board are still in possession of a number of bottles of the limited edition Walsall FC 'Anniversary Ale 125' produced by the Backyard Brewhouse in conjunction with the Trust to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Walsall Football Club.

Limited to just 250 bottles, 2 bottles for each year of the club's existence, this 5%abv Pale Ale makes for both a great drink or a fantastic piece of memorabilia and priced at just £3.50 a bottle, they are selling out fast. Once they're gone, they're gone.

To order your bottle today, or to make arrangements for collection for those of you who have pre-ordered, please contact Trust Secretary Steve Davies via email at [walsall1888@aol.com](mailto:walsall1888@aol.com) or by calling 07799835388.

In accordance with the law, these beers are only available to those Saddlers fans aged 18 years or over.

## 1984 MILK CUP TEAM REUNION TO BE HELD AT THE SADDLERS CLUB



The Trust Board are thrilled to announce that following on from the success of the 'Evening with Alan Buckley' event that was held in The Saddlers Club last December, the Trust, in conjunction with the Walsall Football Supporters Club will be holding a similar event, this time featuring the reunion of the 1984 Milk Cup squad.

The 1984 Milk Cup run was the greatest cup run in the 125 year history of Walsall Football Club seeing us reach the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the semi-final against the mighty Liverpool at Fellows Park and it would be great to see not only as many of the squad make an appearance on the night, but also as many supporters as possible to remember and share their experiences from that period in the clubs history with others.

The event is to be held in The Saddlers Club on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014** with tickets priced at just £7 each (tbc) including food (tbc).

All players have been invited to attend the event and there are more details yet to be confirmed, so please keep an eye out on the official Trust website at [www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/news.htm](http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/news.htm) for more information, or read our weekly press release in the Walsall Advertiser or Trust Column in the Walsall FC Matchday Programme.

Hope to see you there.

## SADDLERS TEAM TO TAKE PART IN CURE LEUKAEMIA MIDLAND 6-A-SIDE COMPETITION



Working in conjunction with the Walsall FC Legends and the WFC Former Players Association, the Trust have put together a great squad following an invite to take part in the 2014 Cure Leukaemia Midlands 6-a-side Club Legends Cup Tournament which is to take place at the Birmingham LG Arena on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Former players Tony Millard, Andy Reece, Ian Roper, Wayne Evans, Brian Palgrave, Jamie Lawrence, Simon Osbourne, Tony Barras and Pedro Matias have already shown great interest in taking part and the Saddlers Legend that is the one and only SIR RAY GRAYDON has already agreed to manage the team.

Walsall will face teams from Aston Villa, Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Coventry City, plus 2 other 'Mystery Teams' and you too could be part of the action, lining up next to, or helping coach your heroes.

Tickets are available now from [www.theticketfactory.com](http://www.theticketfactory.com) priced at £10 adults and £2 under 16's (subject to booking fees). For more information, please visit [www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/CLC%20PRESS%20RELEASE%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/CLC%20PRESS%20RELEASE%20(1).pdf).

## WFC LEGENDS TO TAKE ON DARLASTON TOWN FC OVER 35's TEAM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE STRUGGLING LOCAL CLUB

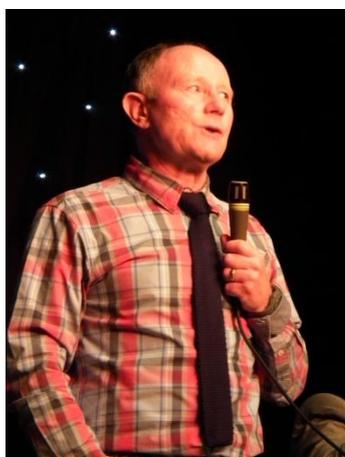


The Walsall FC Legends team have agreed to take on a Darlaston Town FC over 35's squad in a special fundraising match to try and raise funds for the local non-league club that was founded way back in 1874 and which very nearly disappeared from existence last year.

The game is to be played at Bentley Leisure Pavillions, Bentley Road North, Walsall, WS2 0EA on Sunday 2nd March 2014 With a kick off time of 2pm.

Anyone wishing to sponsor any element of this event which is a more than worthy cause should contact Neil Chambers via email at [chambers568@btinternet.com](mailto:chambers568@btinternet.com) or by calling 07976752698.

## REVIEW – AN EVENING WITH ALAN BUCKLEY



Around 110 people attended The Saddlers Club on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 to meet and greet the true Saddlers Legend that is Mr Alan Buckley.

Following on from the successful launch of his new book 'Pass and Move' at The Saddlers Club on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Alan agreed to come back to Walsall to give fans the chance to chat with him, get their books autographed and ask one of Walsall FC's most loved players / managers questions about his book and his career with not only Walsall FC, but also Forest, West Bromwich, Birmingham and Grimsby, questions he was only too willing to answer.

Along side Alan was also co-writer Paul Thundercliffe who also answered questions relating to the writing of the book.

Attendees at the event had the chance to chat with Alan, get their book autographed and/or get photographed with the Legend on The Saddlers Club stage before tucking into an hot meal of Pie, Mash, Peas and Gravy which was included in the ticket price before the Q&A session was held. A cheque for £510 which was donated from the proceeds of the event was later handed to Paul Thundercliffe in aid of a Leukaemia Charity he works closely with by Supporters Club representative Colin Bromley and Supporters Trust Secretary Steve Davies.

## 2013 CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD APPEAL ANOTHER SUCCESS



The Trust Board would once again like to say a very big, heart filled thank you to everyone who donated toys or money to this seasons Christmas Toy & Food Appeal in aid of Walsall Manor Hospital's Childrens Ward and the Walsall Food Bank.

As always, the generosity of the Saddlers family, including players, staff and supporters, as well as the Port Vale FC supporters who made donations to the cause made it possible to not only pass on toys to the playing squad to hand out at the Monor Hospital on their annual visit, but also meant there was plenty left for the Trust to drop off another load at a later date, including a brand new CD/DVD player which had been requested by staff on the Childrens Ward.

Other toys and items of non-perishable food items were donated to the Walsall Food Bank which is situated at the church near to Junction 10 of the M6 motorway to hand out to those families from the town who found themselves in a less fortunate place during the festive period.

## 'SPORTSMAN'S EVENING' WITH DON GOODMAN, STEVE DALEY AND IAN 'SLUDGE' LEES IN AID OF DARLASTON TOWN FC.

**A SPORTSMAN'S EVENING IN AID OF  
DARLASTON TOWN (1874) FC**  
*With Steve Daley, Don Goodman and top comic  
Ian "Sludge" Lees*



Don Goodman - Ex WBA, Sunderland, Wolves and Walsall - Sky Sports & Radio 5 Live Presenter  
Steve Daley - Ex Wolves, Man City and Walsall "One of the funniest speakers on the circuit"  
Ian "Sludge" Lees - "Brilliant comedian and compere"

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014**  
**Tickets £17 or a table of 10 at £150**

Venue: Darlaston Town Hall, Victoria Road, Darlaston WS10 8AA  
Doors open 7.00pm

**TICKETS** call 07976 752698 or email [chambers568@btinternet.com](mailto:chambers568@btinternet.com)  
Also from Darlaston Town Hall or phone 01922 658080  
Supported by Walsall Sport and Leisure Services & UPVC Conservatories Darlaston

A 'sportsman's Evening' event supported by Walsall Sports & Leisure Services and UPVC Conservatories (Darlaston) is to be held at Darlaston Town Hall, Victoria Road, Darlaston on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (7pm) in aid of Darlaston Town Football Club.

Tickets for the event which features former West Bromwich Albion, Sunderland, Wolves and Walsall FC Striker, and Sky Sports and Radio 5 Live Presenter Don Goodman, former Wolves, Man City and Walsall FC Midfielder Steve Daley, one of the funniest speakers on the circuit, and is to be compered by top comedian Ian 'Sludge' Lees are priced at £17 each or £150 for a table of 10 people.

**Please Note: The Trust has already booked a table for any members who wish to attend at a price of £15 per ticket. Any interested parties should contact Trust Secretary Steve Davies at [walsall1888@aol.com](mailto:walsall1888@aol.com) or via telephone on 07799835388 to secure your place.**

Tickets are available from Darlaston Town Hall (01922 658080) or by emailing Neil Chambers at [chambers568@btinternet.com](mailto:chambers568@btinternet.com) or by calling 07976752698.

## 'MINI-FEST' IN MEMOERY OF FORMER CHARLATANS DRUMMER JON BROOKES & IN AID OF THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY NOW **SOLD OUT!**



A mini music festival which is to be held in memory of former Charlatans drummer Jon Brookes (1968-2013) and in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity is now sold out.

The festival which is to be held at the Darlaston All Activity Centre, Willenhall Road, Darlaston on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February has been part organised by Saddlers fan Adam Paget and will feature a complete line up of artists including:- DJ Kevin Lowe, Macy, Livewire, Spectrum, Ilume, Connie Talbot (Marquis Drive), The Rimes, Little Liam, Idle, Isolated Atoms, The Broxton Hundred, Marquis Drive, Tommo Barnes, Stripey Oss, Junk Monkey and Dirty Weekend. For more information, please visit the event

Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/216420128539510>.

## SADDLERS SUPPORTER CHRISTIAN EVANS TO RUN THE 2014 BRIGHTON MARATHON IN AID OF SENSE, NATIONAL DEAFBLIND AND RUBELLA ASSOCIATION

Saddlers Supporter Christian Evans is to take part in this years Brighton Marathon on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April to raise money for Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association., for which we wish him all the very best.

Please help Christian hit his target of £300 by making a donation at [www.justgiving.com/ChrisEvans78](http://www.justgiving.com/ChrisEvans78) and help raise some money for this more than worthy cause.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FORMER PLAYERS ASSOCIATION MEET UP & MEAL

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – 7:30pm**

Toby Carvery (The Broadway), Broadway North, Walsall, WS1 2QA.

FPA Members to contact Mick Evans to book your place.

### 1984 MILK CUP SQUAD REUNION AT THE SADDLERS CLUB

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – time tbc.**

The Saddlers Club, Bescot Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4TS.

Tickets £7 including food tbc. More details to follow.

### DARLASTON TOWN FC (over 35's) v WALSALL FC LEGENDS

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014**

The Saddlers Club, Bescot Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4TS.

More details to follow.

### FORMER PLAYERS ASSOCIATION GOLF DAY

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

Darnford Morrs Golf Centre, Darnford Lane, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS14 9JG.

£40 to play. More details to follow.

### FORMER PLAYERS DAY AT THE BANKS'S STADIUM

**Saturday 22nd March 2014 – Walsall FC v Leyton Orient FC**

Banks's Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4TS.

Including pre-match meal in the Bonser Suite. Former Players to contact Trust and FPA Secretary Steve Davies to book your place and confirm tickets.

### CURE LEUKAEMIA MIDLAND 6-A-SIDE CLUB LEGENDS CUP TOURNAMENT

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Featuring Walsall, Wolves, Aston Villa, Birmingham, WBA. Coventry + 2 mystery teams**

Birmingham LG Arena, B40 1NT.

Tickets cost £10 adults and £2 under 16's (subject to booking fee). [www.theticketfactory.com](http://www.theticketfactory.com)