



THE TRUST

Walsall FC Legends in Club Legends Cup Tournament at the Birmingham LG Arena this July in aid of Cure Leukaemia.



The Walsall FC Legends are to face the likes of Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham, Wolves, Coventry and a specially formed celebrity and

media team when the Club Legends Cup tournament comes to the Birmingham LG Arena on Saturday 12th July in support of Cure Leukaemia.

Since it was released however, we have read a lot regarding the Walsall 'PROVISIONAL SQUAD' and lots of fans are quite rightly getting excited about getting Pedro, Jorge, and Zigor over for the tournament. Can we please stress to everyone that this is a 'PROVISIONAL SQUAD ONLY', not a confirmed squad.

We have had discussions with all three players and Pedro is the most likely to be there. Zigor will be there subject to work commitments. Team Sponsor Cat Communications are talking to both these players and will do their very best to make sure they are here.

Jorge will not know for definite until around two weeks before the tournament as he is Assistant Manager of a club in Portugal and will only be able to attend dependent on the club's schedule.

We felt it was the right thing to keep Jorge's place in the squad open to him until the last possible moment as he is a much loved player who we would all love to see in a Walsall shirt again.

We were delighted when Sir Ray agreed to return to the hot seat for the tournament; we have so much respect for the man and we know he is much loved by the fans even now!

We have tried to remain loyal to the players that turn out for the Legends on a regular basis, and with this in mind, Tony Millard, Andy Reece, Mark Taylor, Ian Roper, Wayne Evans, Tony Barras and Brian Palgrave are guaranteed a place if they are available to play.

We have other players from outside this group but these lads are the main stays of our WFC Legends squad and it would have been totally wrong to omit any of them from such a great event.

Cure Leukaemia Club Legends Cup Tournament tickets on sale now.

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Tickets for the Club legends Cup are available to buy now direct from www.theticketfactory.com priced at £10 adults and £2 under 16's (subject to booking fees) or via the link on the official Club Legends Cup website at www.clublegendscup.co.uk.

WIN A FAMILY TICKET TO THE CLUB LEGENDS CUP.

Thanks to the organisers, we been allocated a number of family tickets for 2 adults and 2 children for the event, and as such, we thought it only right to offer those tickets to real Saddlers fans.

A number of tickets have already been offered to our friends at Bescot Banter, UTS, Walsall Web Fans and Vital Walsall to offer as competition prizes, as well as holding our own competition which is open to all fully paid-up members of the Trust.

To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the question below via email to walsall1888@aol.com or by calling Trust Secretary Steve Davies on 07799835388 (mobile rates apply).

ANDY REECE is a regular player for the Walsall FC Legends team, but for which team did he make the majority of his Football League appearances?

One winner from the correct answers will be drawn and announced on Friday 2nd May 2014. Good luck.

CATUK Charity Match at the Banks's Stadium in aid of 'The Last Chance Hotel' Animal Rescue and 'Balls to Cancer'.

Walsall Football Club's main kit sponsor and Commercial Partner, and good friends of the Trust CAT Communications Limited have announced a sponsored charity match at Banks's Stadium on Thursday 22nd May 2014 (7:30pm kick off).



In what is to be CAT Communications final charity game at the Banks's stadium, Saddlers fans favourite Chris Marsh, also hanging up his boots after this game, will lead a team of 'Mad Dogs' out against a

selected team of 'Cool Cats', a squad made up of 24 Saddlers Supporters in a game to be refereed by the Trust's very own Secretary Steve Davies.

Funds raised from this event will be donated to two separate charities, the 'Last Chance Hotel' Animal Rescue who are Penny's (CAT Communications MD) chosen charity who care for abandoned, abused and/or neglected animals, and 'Balls to Cancer' to show their support to former Walsall FC Midfielder Kris Taylor as well as anyone else who has suffered from or is suffering from Testicular Cancer.

Admission to game will be £2 adults and £1 children, and we hope that as many of you as possible will make it along to the Banks's Stadium and show your support of everyone involved and to the two great causes for which the match is being held.

IC Shipping sponsorship deal injects new lease of life into the Supporters' Trust FC.

Port Vale 3 Walsall Supporters' Trust FC 4.

A new sponsorship deal offered to the Walsall Supporters' Trust FC by Board Trustee Ian Astbury, Director of Trust Business Members IC Shipping Limited certainly seems to have done the trick last Saturday as the lads came back deserved winners against a good Port Vale supporters' squad.

The Trust team emerged from a long hibernation and did what the Seniors couldn't do, coming away with all three points. They made a dream start in the game and built up a 3-1 lead by half time thanks to strikes from Nathan Williams, Chris Madeley and Chris Yates. In the 2nd half they extended their lead through John Quilter before Vale pulled a goal back. Walsall were then hit by a serious injury to Danny Whorton who dislocated his knee cap, meaning a trip to hospital and a lengthy delay in the game with just 20 minutes remaining. When play restarted, the Vale lads reduced the deficit to just one goal, but the final score ended 3-4 to the Walsall Supporters' Trust FC.

The lads will now provisionally face Stafford Rangers and Manchester City in the coming weeks as we look to end the season with a flourish.

AFC Cambridge Swifts vs. Walsall FC Legends Charity Match in aid of The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and in memory of Walsall PC Julie Skidmore.

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Local side AFC Cambridge Swifts take on the Walsall FC Legends later this month in a charity match to raise funds for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, in memory of former Walsall PC Julie Skidmore.

The match which is to be held at the Pleck Railway Club, Wednesbury Road, Walsall, WS1 4JG on Sunday 27th April (12:30pm kick off) will see the Swifts take on the likes of Tony Millard, Mark Rees, Ian Roper, Andy Reece, Mark Taylor, Brian Palgrave and boxing brothers Martin and Steve Gethin.

Admission to the game is set at £3 adults and £1 children with programmes on sale on the day at a price of £1 each.

There will also be a raffle held to help boost funds further and which includes some great prizes including Walsall FC home tickets for the final match of the 2013/14 season, Hednesford Town FC home match tickets for any match in the 2014/15 season, a family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children to the Club Legends Cup at the Birmingham LG Arena, Dominoes Pizza Gift Vouchers, a bottle of Miguel Torres Imperial Brandy, 2 tickets to see John Coghlan's Quo on Friday 11th July courtesy of The Robin 2, Bilston and many other great prizes.

Please show everyone involved your support and get along to cheer both teams on, make the most of the bar (open from 12:00pm) and help raise some much needed funds for a more than worthy cause and in memory of great servant to and fan of Walsall Football Club.

Congratulations to those involved in sponsored walk to Vale Park in aid of The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and in memory of Walsall PC Julie Skidmore.



The Trust Board would like to congratulate everyone involved with last Fridays/Saturdays sponsored walk to Vale Park in aid of The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

The team raised in excess of £2,000 which was made up of cash donations during the walk, or through donations made on their Just Giving page online, a great amount for a great cause.

Supporters from both Walsall FC and Port Vale once again put aside their differences, dug deep and showed their generosity on the day, a great testament to both clubs and football fans in general.

Book your seat for the End of Season Awards Ceremony at The Banks's Stadium.

The Trust Board have booked a table at the up and coming Walsall Football Club 2014 Awards Ceremony at the Banks's Stadium (Stadium Suite) on Sunday 4th May 2014, which includes not only the awards ceremony itself, but also top-class entertainment, a four course meal and a late bar.

Tickets on the Trust table, which are limited, are priced at £30 each instead of the usual £35, and anyone interested in joining us should contact Trust Secretary Steve Davies via email at walsall1888@aol.com or by calling him directly on 07799835388 (mobile rates apply).

Are you looking to sell, or do you know someone else who is looking to sell their shares in Walsall Football Club?

If the answer to the above question is yes! Then the Trust Board would love to hear from you.

The Trust currently own 213 shares in Walsall Football Club making us the twelfth largest shareholders in the company. Our aim however is gain a greater share in the Club and therefore gain a greater saying in how the Club is run.

We do now have in our possession, a list of all Walsall Football Club shareholders and a sub-committee of the Trust Board will soon be contacting as many of those shareholders as possible with an offer to buy shares.

Anyone wishing to sell their shares now should contact Trust Secretary Steve Davies via email at walsall1888@aol.com, via the online form on the 'Contact Us' page of our website at www.walsallfctrust.org.uk or by calling Steve direct on 07799835388 (mobile rates apply).

Minutes from the Trust AGM, Open General Meeting and March Working Party Meeting now available.

The minutes from the 2014 Walsall Football Supporters' Trust Annual General Meeting, the Open General Meeting that followed and the minutes from the March 2014 Working Party Meeting are now available to view on the official Trust website at www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/minutes.htm.

Vacant positions available on the Trust Board.

There are currently 2 vacancies available on the Walsall Football Supporters' Trust Board for any member wishing to get more involved with us and the work we do.

If you feel you have certain skills, abilities or knowledge which will be beneficial to the Trust and are willing to give up your free time on a strictly voluntary basis, then we would love to hear from you.

Applicants must be a fully paid up member of the Trust, aged 16 years or above, and must be fully compliant with the rules of the Trust and their side policies.

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Walsall Football Supporters' Trust website rebuild going well.

A complete restructuring, rescripting and rebuild of the Walsall Football Supporters' Trust website, designed to make the site easier on the eye, more informative with a number of brand new sections and easier for visitors to navigate around and find exactly what they are looking for with ease is going better than expected and is due to be published later on this month.

[2014 Walsall Football Club Former Players Day a great success.](#)

We would like to thank all the former Walsall FC players who attended, we don't propose to list everyone, but would like to mention those players returning to the club for the first time in many years to what was our second Annual Former Players Day at the Banks's Stadium.

We finally managed to locate Colin Brazier to deepest, darkest Rugeley and he has proved to be a great find, attending the Former Players Association Golf Day fundraiser, the '84 Milk Cup Reunion and the Former Players Day.

Roy Cross was one we met at Eddie Holding's funeral and again it was lovely to see him pay us a visit and he was delighted to meet up with an old school friend he had not seen for 50 years! It is stories like this that keep you going when times get tough.

Trevor Foster also made a welcome return to his old club and enjoyed his day with us.

We also welcomed a couple of former players from the Walsall FC youth system from the 60's in Dave Brookes and Brian Hampson; not household names but part of our clubs rich history all the same.

Again we met the latter two at Eddie's funeral, so it is nice for them to meet up under happier circumstances now and again.

Eddie's son Jez told us how much his dad enjoyed meeting old friends at the Villa game when he was not in the best of health, so we need no more incentive to keep searching for our old players and bring them back to the WALSALL FAMILY.

[Signed Febian Brandy shirt up for auction at the end of the season.](#)

As you may be aware, the Trust stepped into sponsor Febian Brandy's shirt again this season which we will receive at the end of the season signed by Febian himself.

We will be offering the shirt to the highest bidder via an online auction (details to follow), but in the meantime, if you would like to make a pre-auction bid before the end of the season please do so via email to walsall1888@aol.com.

[Stunning Banks's Stadium Birthday Cake created to celebrate joint 70th birthdays.](#)



A stunning Banks's Stadium Birthday Cake was created last week to celebrate the joint 70th birthdays of Trust Member Alan Miles and his friend Dave Philips. The Trust Board would like to wish both Alan and Dave all the best; we hope you had a great birthday.

[Trust to continue supporting the Saddlers Learning Centre for the 2014/2015 season.](#)



During last months Trust AGM at The Pretty Bricks public house, the Trust Board agreed to continue supporting the Saddlers Learning Centre via monitory donations to help purchase trophies and other awards which are awarded to the children who use the provision at the Banks's Stadium as a medium for learning through football and within the setting of the football stadium as well as school.

[Trust to form links with Texas Premier League outfit Galveston Pirate SC.](#)



In an attempt to spread the word of all things Walsall Football Club and Walsall Football Supporters' Trust to a worldwide audience, the Trust are to build good links with Texas premier League outfit Galveston Pirate SC who are owned by Trust Member Bill Alsobrook. More details to follow, so please keep an eye out on the Trust website in the coming weeks.

And finally...

[Happy 85th Birthday to Walsall FC Former Players Association President Jack Bridgett.](#)

The Trust Board would like to wish a very happy 85th birthday (10th April) to Former Players Association President Jack Bridgett.