## WHAT'S ON AT WALSALL FC Your six-month guide to what's going on at the Banks's Stadium

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### **CLUB HELP LOCAL CHARITIES**

### THANKS to the Community Shield, Walsall Football Club were able to hand a welcome financial boost to three local charities.

Profits from the Community Shield, the annual fixture is played at Wembley between the Premier League Champions and FA Cup winners as a curtain-raiser to the new season, are allocated to charitable causes.

Part of this money is allocated to Premier League and Football League clubs who have the opportunity to nominate three local charities to receive donations.

Walsall FC received  $\pounds$ 2,000 to distribute and we decided to award  $\pounds$ 700 to Walsall Hospice,  $\pounds$ 650 to Pleck Amateur Boxing Club and  $\pounds$ 650 to Wyrley Juniors FC.

The three organisations were invited to a home game where they were treated to full VIP treatment before being presented with their cheques.

The Saddlers also made cheque presentations to three local charities from monies raised at our Christmas Party Nights throughout the month of December.

The monies were raised through guests taking part in various games in between courses of their meal and the staff worked hard to raise over £3,000, which was split between Walsall Breast Cancer Support Group, Walsall Hospice and The Liam Keeling Foundation.

We thank everyone who took part.

### **SHOW REVIEW**

The Magic of The Beatles Saturday, 6th March 2010



Banks's Stadium was gripped by Beatles Mania as The Magic of The Beatles show made its debut at Walsall FC.

And what a debut it was! I've never seen the dance floor as crowded for a Cabaret Evening! The 'Fab Four' performed two

one-hour sets, belting out classic hit after classic hit that was laced with witty and engaging Scouse humour.

It was a recipe for success and had the audience begging for more!

The first part of the show concentrated on the early years with the mop-tops and songs that set The Beatles on the road to success.

After a short break, the lads returned, resplendent in colourful Sgt. Pepper outfits, to perform another hour of psychedelic rock.

This was a fantastic evening, complemented by a delicious fourcourse meal and excellent company from a fun-loving crowd. **LEIGHANNE WALTERS** 

### SADDLERS SUPPORT HELP FOR HEROES

WALSALL Football Club helped to raise over £2,500 for 'Help for Heroes' as part of The Football League's 'Football for Heroes' week earlier this year.

Our home game against Millwall saw us promote the campaign in a variety of ways.

A military band played before the match and at half-time and military personnel formed a Guard of Honour for the two teams entering the field of play before kick-off. The armed forces also provided 12 mascots to escort the Walsall players onto the pitch, information stands and a variety of vehicles were also on site to give supporters a better insight into the work undertaken by the Armed Forces.

Thanks to the generosity of Walsall supporters,  $\pounds 2,354$  was raised on the day through bucket collections and the club also donated the 50/50 Matchday Draw proceeds ( $\pounds 267$ ) to Help for Heroes, meaning the final total donated was  $\pounds 2,621$ .

"It was an excellent occasion," explained Saddlers' Chief Executive, Roy Whalley. "We are fully behind Help for Heroes and were only too happy to get involved.

"It was an ideal opportunity to show our gratitude for the work being undertaken by British forces in Afghanistan and other parts of the World and raise awareness of the sacrifices being made in defending Britain's interests around the World."

Captain Makand Singh, Regimental Operations Support Officer, 159 Supply Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps, added: "Walsall is a football club that is very supportive of its Army and I would also like to thank the very generous community of the West Midlands."



# NS AND REVIEWS

### THE SADDLERS HOLIDAY CLUB, WITH THOMAS COOK, GOES FROM STRENGTH-TO-STRENGTH

IF YOU are planning to book a holiday in the UK or abroad or want to hire a car, book hotel accommodation or you need to purchase foreign currency, make sure that you go along to ANY branch of Thomas Cook, tell them you are a Walsall supporter and receive a guaranteed 5% discount.

More and more Saddlers' supporters are doing this, which is great for them as they are saving money, and it is good for the Walsall FC Youth Development Programme who receive donations from Thomas Cook based on the number of bookings taken.

It really is a win-win situation and we hope that more of you will take advantage of the savings being offered by Thomas Cook to all Walsall supporters.

### **TESTIMONIALS**

"I would like to thank all the staff involved who put on an excellent service for our party. Everything went well, food was excellent as it is every year, and the timing was perfect. I have had a lot of feedback from colleagues on how good the whole evening was, the food and the service, so please can you pass on this 'thank you' to your team." Amanda Edmunds.

Midcounties Co-operative

"We cannot fault in any way the organisation of our event. Prior to the actual evening I was able to discuss all our requirements and make changes with people who were friendly, helpful and willing to offer the best possible advice.

On the day of the event the staff could not have done anymore to meet our needs and provide us with the best possible service. Charlotte and her team were great, the food was excellent and the staff most helpful."

Peter Scanlon, Chairman of the Midland Football Combination

### **SHOW REVIEW**

World Cup Curtain-Raiser with Gordon Banks and Nobby Stiles Thursday, 6th May 2010



The Saddlers' World Cup Curtain-Raiser featuring 1966 heroes Gordon Banks and Nobby Stiles was a total success.

There was a full house in attendance for five hours of great entertainment and delicious food.

The evening started with a fourcourse meal, efficiently and expertly served, with the steak

and ale pie going down particularly well.

Intertwined between the courses was the usual fun and games, with the England World Cup True or False quiz bringing back memories of tournaments past.

Nobby Stiles was first to take the stage and recounted his various battles for club and country where, as a '5'5", seven stone hard-man', he was more than capable of looking after himself against any opposition – including the Argentines!

It is clear to see that Stiles is a man who doesn't take himself too seriously and is happy to poke fun at his diminutive frame, lack of eyesight and teeth – but boy, what a playing talent he was and he had the audience enthralled.

Next up it was Gordon Banks who breezed onto the stage with all of the energy that he had during his pomp. He spoke well and combined some fascinating stories with sharp wit and humour.

To be in the presence of such a legend and hearing him describe in great detail 'that' save from Pele in the 1970 World Cup was an absolute pleasure.

His stories about his early days and that infamous clash with Argentina at the 1966 World Cup had the audience hanging onto his every word.

After an auction featuring some excellent pieces of World Cup memorabilia, it was time for Nobby's son, John, to round off the night with gag-after-gag.

He is a polished comedian whose act always goes down well at Banks's Stadium and it was the perfect way to end a most enjoyable evening.

It certainly got my vote on Election Night!

**JIM COWLEY** 



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## RUSS JOHNSON'S QUIZ NIGHT Facts & fun!



#### Thursday, September 23rd 2010

Combine facts with fun in our ever-popular Quiz Night, hosted by Russ Johnson.

There will be spot prizes galore, a Licensed bar and snacks menu available – what more can you ask for?

#### Thursday, November 18th 2010

Entry is  $\pounds 6$  per team of four – call 01922-651 412 to book your place. The quiz starts at 8.00pm in The Swifts Lounge.

# RUSS JOHNSON'S FESTIVE OUTZ-NIGHT Festive facts & fun!

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## DARTS FUN With Bobby George



### Thursday, September 16th 2010



THERE is a great night in store for all darts fans as we are entertained by one of the leading characters of the game, Bobby George, who will recount some of the fascinating stories from his glittering career that has spanned three decades.

It will be an evening packed full of laughter and some lucky audience members will also get the opportunity to step up to the oche to take on the 'King of Bling'. On top of that there will also be a delicious steak & ale pie, chips and peas meal.

Call 01922-651 414 / 416 to book your place. Tickets are also available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until 4.00pm) and online via www.saddlers.co.uk.

Tickets £20 to include steak & ale pie, chips and peas





## TRIBUTE bands simply do not come any better than Talon.

They are always a welcome and popular visitor to Banks's Stadium, playing in front of packed houses, and this performance promises to be no different as they launch our Autumn cabaret season in fine style.

Their musical ability is second-to-none. The band interchange guitars and keyboards with the lead vocal passing from one to another.

All the classic Eagles hits are performed from 'Desperado' to 'Life In The Fast Lane' and 'Tequila Sunrise' to the hit that never fails to get the audience up and dancing, 'Hotel California'.

It's not just the classics that Talon concentrate on, though, with audiences treated to all that is best from The Eagles' recently-released albums.

For a truly memorable night, come and see Talon. Call 01922-651 414 / 416 to book your place. Tiefets are =

also available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until 4.00pm) and online via www.saddlers.co.uk.

#### DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT!

Keith Hough was part of the audience for Talon's visit to the Banks's Stadium in August 2009.

"This was a brilliant evening!

"The show started slightly late due to a band member being held up in traffic on his way back from Cornwall, but their performance didn't suffer.

"In fact, it was their first show of their Autumn tour, but there was no sign of rustiness following a seven-week break as they delivered a polished and assured performance.

"They are easily the best Eagles tribute band around and not only do they cover all the hits, they have developed an excellent rapport with the audience which truly enhances the show.

"For followers of Eagles music, they are a 'must see' with their set lasting over two hours."

## AUTUMN CHARITY FASHION SHOW For Information Call 01922 651 418

Walsall Football Club, in association with Asda, presents a

## CHARITY AUTUWN FASHION SHOW Friday, September 24th 2010

There will be some exciting ranges on show, including fashion for kids, ladies and gents!

You will have the opportunity to purchase items on the night with the money raised going to two extremely worthwhile causes, Walsall Hospice and Walsall Breast Cancer Self-Help Group.

Come and show your support at this event here at Banks's Stadium. Tickets are £20 to include a meal.

> For further information, please call 01922-651 418 or email events@walsallfc.co.uk/









**Tickets** 

to include

meal



# **AUTUMN BRIDAL FAYRE**

## here at Banks's Stadium on Wednesday, September 29th











We've got everything for your complete wedding, from dresses galore to suits, balloons, cakes, hats, stationary, table decorations, cars, flowers, jewellery, music, travel agents, beauty consultants and much, much more...

Doors open between 6.00pm and 9.00pm with FREE ADMISSION.

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# THE DRIFTERS REVIEW

Dance the night away to classic hits Saturday, October 9th 2010



A celebration of the classic sounds of The Drifters, this powerfully-delivered show is full of passion and zest as it goes on a journey through over 50 world-wide hits from one of the biggest-selling acts of all-time.

We guarantee that you will be on your feet dancing the night away to hits such as 'Money Honey', 'There Goes My Baby', 'Up On The Roof', 'On Broadway', 'Under The Boardwalk', 'There Goes My Baby' and many, many more!

**Tickets** 

to include four-course meal or £18 show only

Call 01922-651 414 / 416 to book your place. Tickets are also available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until 4.00pm) and online via www.saddlers.co.uk.



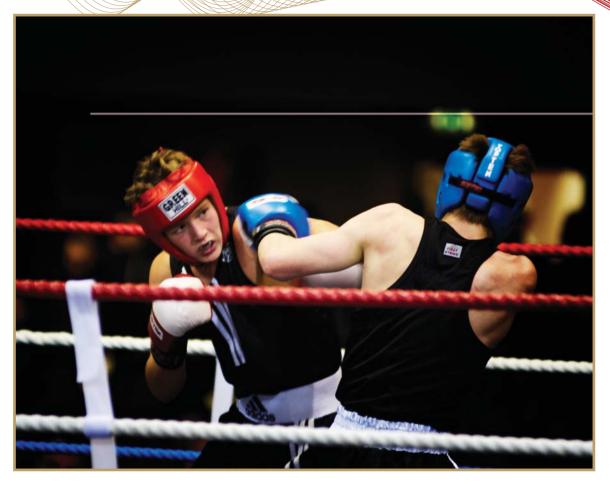
# AMATEUR BOXING DINNER SHOW

## A show that packs a punch!

to include four-course meal and Comedian Micky Gunn

Tickets

Thursday, October 14th 2010



Where else can you enjoy the thrills and spills of live boxing action, have a delicious four-course meal and be entertained by the best comedians on the circuit – all for just \$30?

Our Amateur Boxing Dinner Shows, in association with Pleck ABC, have built up a cult following over the years. Don't miss out – this show features comedian Micky Gunn plus a minimum of ten bouts. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Box Office on 01922-651 414 / 416. Alternatively they are available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until 4.00pm) and online via www.saddlers.co.uk.

## WEDDINGS at Banks's Stadium

#### You don't have to be a football fan to hold your wedding at Walsall Football Club, just a fan of excellent food and service combined with a unique venue.

We will listen to your ideas and, whether you require a small intimate wedding or a large lavish occasion, we will provide a bespoke wedding tailored to your specific requirements. Our aim is to ensure your wedding day is as unique and individual as you are...

We appreciate each wedding is different and offer personalised service and support whenever you need it, our packages are designed to keep things simple without compromising on quality or content.

For more details, call our Events Team on (01922) 651 418.



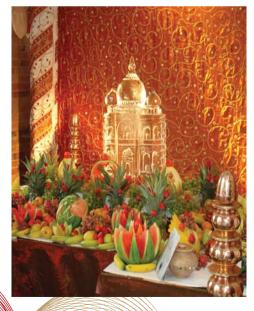
## **ASIAN WEDDINGS**

## As one of the Midlands' premier function venues, the Banks's Stadium plays host to Asian weddings and events.

Our unique venue offers banqueting for up to 600 guests with a pitch-side view. We have our own Asian catering team on hand to cater to your individual requirements, along with a team of highly experienced operational staff ready to deliver winning results.

- · Banqueting for up to 600 guests
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- Dressing Rooms
- Large Stage and Dance Floor
- PA & Lighting System
- Hotel on site
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- We will even put your name on our scoreboard!

For more details, call our Events Team on (01922) 651 416.



Prom Fayres & Wedding Fayres are held throughout the year. Call the Events Team on (01922) 651 418 for details of our next event

## **REMEMBERING CLOUGHIE**

Forest legends on Life with Brian

Thursday, November 11th 2010

### We are joined by two legends from Notlingham Forest's glory years, John McGovern and Kenny Burns.

The duo played such an important role in Brian Clough's trophy-laden early years at The City Ground and have some fascinating stories to tell from life with Brian

McGovern first linked up with Clough at Hartlepools where his progress was rapid and he found himself in firstteam action at the age of just 16.

Within three years he had become the youngest-ever player to appear in all four divisions of The Football League.

Following Clough to Derby County and then Nottingham Forest, he won promotion at all three clubs before captaining Forest to the League Championship, two League Cups and two European Cups during their most successful era ever.

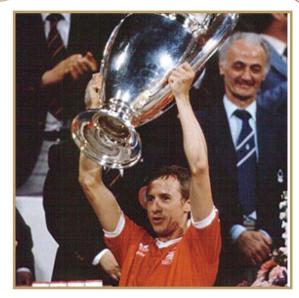
He went on to become player-manager at Bolton Wanderers, assistant at both Plymouth Argyle and Hull City, joint manager at Rotherham United alongside Archie Gemmill and finally manager of Woking.

Now a pundit on BBC Radio Nottingham as well as a respected after-dinner speaker, we are delighted to welcome him to Banks's Stadium.

He is joined by former Scotland International, Kenny Burns.

A tough-tackling, no-nonsense competitor, he came through the ranks at Glasgow Rangers but joined Birmingham City at 17.





Tickets

including four-course meal and comedian, losh Daniels

Arriving at St. Andrews initially as a defender, he was converted into a striker before joining Nottingham Forest for  $\pounds150,000$  in 1977, where he was moved back into a central defensive position by Brian Clough.

Overwhelming success followed and he was voted as the Footballer of the Year in 1977/78 as Forest won the Title.

An influential figure in the European campaigns that followed over the next few years, he finally left the club in 1981 to join Leeds United.

Staying at Elland Road until 1984, he then served Derby County, Notts County (on loan), Barnsley and Elfsborg before drifting into the non-league game.

Completing this excellent bill is an hilarious young comedian by the name of Josh Daniels who has earned rave reviews in his previous appearances at Banks's Stadium.

Call 01922-651 414 / 416 to book your place. Tickets are also available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until 4.00pm) and online via www.satulers.co.uk.

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## BOOK ONLINE VIA www.saddlers.co.uk / www.m6j9.com

## SEPTEMBER



**Thursday 16th** Friday 17th **Thursday 23rd** Friday 24th

DARTS FUN EVENING WITH BOBBY GEORGE Tickets are £20 to include steak & ale pie, chips and peas TALON - Tickets are £30 to include four-course meal or £18 show only RUSS JOHNSON'S QUIZ NIGHT - £6 for a team of four **CHARITY AUTUMN FASHION SHOW** – Tickets are £20 including meal Wednesday 29th AUTUMN BRIDAL FAYRE - Free admission

## **OCTOBER**

Wednesday 6th	SPORTING DINNER WITH PAUL MERSON	
	Tickets are £30, including four-course meal and comedian, LESLIE GIBSON	
Saturday 9th	THE DRIFTERS REVIEW	
	Tickets are £30 to include four-course meal or £18 show only	
Thursday 14th		
	Tickets are £30 to include four-course meal and comedian MICKY GUNN	



NOVEMBER

**Thursday 11th** REMEMBERING CLOUGHIE WITH JOHN McGOVERN & KENNY BURNS Tickets are £30, including four-course meal and comedian, JOSH DANIELS Saturday 13th PHIL FRYER IS FRANK SINATRA Tickets are £30 to include four-course meal or £18 show only **RUSS JOHNSON'S QUIZ NIGHT Thursday 18th** £6 for a team of four

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## DECEMBER

Wednesday 1st	<b>BOYS FROM BURNLEY WITH PAUL FLETCHER MBE &amp; STEVE KINDON</b> Tickets are £30, including four-course meal		
Thursday 2nd	MIDLANDS HEROES WITH STEVE DALEY & DON GOODMAN Tickets are £30, including four-course meal and comedian, VENN TRACEY		
Thursday 9th	ursday 9thAMATEUR BOXING DINNER SHOWTickets are £30 to include four-course meal and comedian OLLIE SPENCER		
Thursday 16th	AMATEUR BOXING DINNER SHOW Tickets are £30 to include four-course meal and comedian MICK WALKER		
Sunday 19th	<b>JOE LONGTHORNE</b> Tickets are £55, including four-course meal		
Thursday 23rd	RUSS JOHNSON'S FESTIVE QUIZ NIGHT £6 for a team of four		
Thursday 30th	<b>CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME - CINDERELLA</b> Tickets £5 (children under-14), £10 (adults) and £20 Family Ticket (two adults & two children)		

SEE PAGES 24, 25 AND 26 FOR FULL DETAILS OF OUR DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHTS AND NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS...

# PHIL FRYER IS FRANK SINATRA

A simply stunning tribute...

to include four-course meal or £18 show only

Tickets

Saturday, November 13th 2010

Sinatra look-alike and sound-a-like Phil Fryer is back at Banks's Stadium with his simply stunning tribute to 'OI Blue Eyes'.

Re-live those classic, never-to-be-forgotten hits as the popular Fryer, who has spent over a decade perfecting his tribute to his musical idol, is joined by eight-piece band, 'Quintet, Trio & Duo'.

If you're a fan of the legendary Frank Sinatra, this is a must-see show that has been performed to much acclaim both at home and abroad.

Also on the bill is an hilarious comedian by the name of Ollie Spencer, who is always a welcome visitor to Banks's Stadium.

Call 01922-651 414 / 416 to book your place. Tickets are also available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until 4.00pm) and online via www.saddlers.co.uk.





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## **BOYS FROM BURNLEY** Double the laughs

Wednesday, December 1st 2010



One thing is certain; when Paul Fletcher MBE and Steve Kindon come together, laughs are guaranteed!

The Boys from Burnley are a fantastically witty double-act whose footballing stories and banter will have you begging for more.

Fletcher was a striker who started his career with Bolton Wanderers before becoming Burnley's record signing. 71 goals in 293 League games followed at Turf Moor before his professional career was ended by injury at 32 whilst with Blackpool.

Going on to become one of Europe's leading stadium experts, he has been Chief Executive at Huddersfield Town, Bolton Wanderers and Coventry City as well as being appointed Commercial Director of the new Wembley by The FA only to controversially walk away from the project as costs escalated.

Becoming Chief Executive at his beloved Burnley in 2008, he was awarded an MBE for his services to football and Charity in the 2007 New Year's Honours List.

A fantastic and enlightening speaker, he will be joined by another Burnley favourite, Steve Kindon, who also made his mark here in the West Midlands with Wolves.

Tickets

to include four-course meal

Kindon kicked off his career at Burnley where he made quick progress through the ranks after only taking up football during his teenage years.

He played over 100 times for The Clarets before Wolves snapped him up in 1972. Nicknamed 'The Tank' for his bustling style, he soon became a firm favourite at Molineux.

In 1977 he returned to Turf Moor before ending his playing days at Huddersfield Town.

Capped at Youth, Under-23 and 'B' level by England, he has now made a name for himself on the afterdinner circuit and is in big demand.

Call 01922-651 414 / 416 to book your place. Tickets are also available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until 4.00pm) and online via www.saddlers.co.uk.



## MIDLANDS HEROES Local legends here

to include four-course meal and comedian, Venn Tracey

**Tickets** 

Thursday, December 2nd 2010



#### There is a real local theme to our next festive Sporting Dinner as we welcome former Saddlers Don Goodman and Steve Daley.

Goodman enjoyed a long career in the game as a hard-working and committed front-man. He is muchloved by supporters of West Bromwich Albion, Wolves and Walsall, which is quite an achievement in itself!

His prowess in front of goal for Albion really announced his arrival on the footballing stage after beginning his career at Bradford City.

After moving on to Sunderland, he returned to the Midlands with Wolves in December 1994 and scored some important goals for the club.

A spell in Japan and brief stints with Barnsley and Motherwell followed before he arrived at Bescot Stadium during the 2000/01 season as we looked o make an immediate return to the second-tier of the English game.

His impact was such that he scored during our Play. Off Final victory over Reading at the Millernum



Stadium to go down in Walsall FC folklore.

Daley meanwhile is another player with Wolves and Walsall links.

He came through the ranks at Molineux to win the League Cup in 1974 and also help the club in their run to the UEFA Cup Final.

In September 1979 he was transferred to Manchester City for a British record fee of £1,437,500 but failed to make the expected impact at Maine Road and within 20 months was heading to America for a knock-down fee.

Serving Burnley in between a return Stateside, he ended his professional career with The Saddlers in 1985/86 before drifting into the non-League game.

Both men speak with honesty and humour and will be joined by comedian, Venn Tracey.Call 01922-651 414 / 416 to book your place. Tickets are also available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until 4.00pm) and online via

# **CHRISTMAS BOXING SHOWS**

Double the Boxing action in December...

Tickets **£30** to include four-course meal and Comedian

Thursday, December 9th 2010 Thursday, December 16th 2010



Where else can you enjoy the thrills and spills of live boxing action, have a delicious four-course meal and be entertained by the best comedians on the circuit – all for just \$30?

Our Amateur Boxing Dinner Shows, in association with Pleck ABC, have built up a cult following over the years. Don't miss out – the December 9th show features comedian, Ollie Spencer and the December 16th show features comedian, Mick Walker.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Box Office on 01922-651 414 / 416. Alternatively they are available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The thotball

Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until 4.00pm) and online via www.saddlers.co.uk.



## JOE LONGTHORNE Back by popular demand



Sunday, December 19th 2010



We are delighted to welcome Joe Longthorne back to the Banks's Stadium for what promises to be another unforgettable evening.

The ever-popular entertainer is always a sell-out. He captured the hearts of the nation during the 1980s and was a regular turn on variety shows as well as having his own television series.

As a live performer, he has wowed audiences around the globe and over the last three decades has proved to be one of Britain's best loved and enduring entertainers. If you are yet to see him live, make sure you come along to Banks's Stadium for this pre-Christmas show. If you have seen him live, you will need no persuading to come and see him again!

Call 01922-651 414 / 416 to book your place. Tickets are also available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am until Copm) and online via www.saddlers.co.uk.

## CHRISTMAS PANTO - CINDERELLA Fun for all the family

Tickets 255 (children under-14), £10 (adults) and £20 (Family Ticket of two adults and two children).

Thursday, December 30th 2010



With comedy, excitement and adventure, Walsall FC's Christmas Pantomime will provide fun for all the family!

Come along and cheer the hero, Prince Charming, boo the horrible Ugly Sisters, Fifi and Lala as the attempt to stop Cinderella from going to the Ball and laugh at the comical antics of Buttons.

This would make a great Christmas present or simply a nice treat for the family over the festive period

CHRISTMAS

WALSALL



We have a wide range of Party Nights coming up throughout December to suit all tastes. There really is something for everyone in warm and friendly surroundings.

Each Party Night features the main cabaret artiste, delicious four-course meal, disco and a late bar - all for just £37.50 per person!

A non-refundable deposit of  $\pounds10$  is required on all bookings – please note that for 50 tickets or more, a  $\pounds20$  deposit will be required.

Book now by calling our Events Team on 01922-651 418 or email: events@walsallfc.co.uk. All monies paid are nonrefundable and tickets are non-transferable.

Here is a peak at what's in store...

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 2010

#### THE WORLD'S GREATEST FUNK & SOUL PARTY

- BONSER SUITE

A funkalicious evening featuring Al Green, Aretha Franklin and more plus current artists like Duffy and Kanye West.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 2010

BADNESS – STADIUM SUITE

The premier tribute to the sounds of Madness, Bad Manners and Buster Bloodvessel.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 2010

#### **BROTHERS OF SOUL – BONSER SUITE**

A superb soul act featuring The Temptations, The Drifters and The Four Tops... Don't miss it!

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 2010

ELVIS & HIS BAND – STADIUM SUITE

An unforgettable tribute to The King of rock 'n' roll with Kevin Paul.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 2010

SOUL SURVIVORS – BONSER SUITE Classic soul music from the likes of Otis Redding, The Detroit

Spinners and Marvin Gave.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 2010

KICK UP THE 80s - STADIUM SUITE One of the UK's most popular indules to the colourtul sounds of the 1980s!

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 2010 FOOLSLIFE – BONSER SUITE

A lively party band whose music covers a range of decades from the 1960s to the current day...

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 2010

#### **BIG UP THE 90s – STADIUM SUITE**

A fantastic tribute to this memorable musical era from Brit Pop to girl bands!

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 2010

SOUL SURVIVORS – STADIUM SUITE The perfect night for all lovers of classic soul music...

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH 2010

**ABBARETTES** – **BONSER SUIT**E An Abba tribute who actually play their instruments! Get your dancing shoes on...

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH 2010

KICK UP THE 80s – STADIUM SUITE Another chance for you to re-live those 80s memories when the music was electric and the hair was big!

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 2010

**DISCO INFERNO** – **BONSER SUITE** Flares, big collars and oversized afro wigs are the order of the day for this 70s disco band...

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 2010

BACK TO MIAMI – STADIUM SUITE A premier soul band featuring male and female vocals of the highest calibre...

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH 2010**

#### SADDLERS CHRISTMAS KNEES-UP PARTY NIGHT – BONSER SUITE

Enjoy our mouth-watering festive menu before moving on for fun and frolics with our resident DJ Paul Burrell! Tickets for this event are just £25 per person.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2011 2010

THE WORLD'S GREATEST FUNK & SOUL PARTY STADIUM SUITE

Great counds made tamons by legends such as Edwar Starr and The Commodores plus up to date litts

Get into the festive spirit here

at the Banks's Stadium!

### YOUR 2010 CHRISTMAS MENU

[v] Homemade Winter Vegetable Soup with bread roll & butter

Symphony of Salmon mixed leaves & citrus vinaigrette

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Roast Norfolk Turkey Breast seasoning, pigs-in-blankets, rich roast gravy

Braised Lamb Shank with Root Vegetables in a rich mint & rosemary jus

[v] Cheddar & Tomato Chutney Tart complemented with an onion coulis

[v] Homemade Vegetable Balti served with timbale of rice & mini naan bread

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Roast Potatoes Baton Carrots & Swede Button Sprouts

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Chocolate Truffle Torte with raspberry coulis

Baked Cherry Cheesecake

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Coffee & Mini Mince Pies

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Gluten-free and other dietary requirements can be accommodated. Please contact the sales office on **01922-651 418** to confirm your requirements.

### **YOUR CHRISTMAS ITINERARY**

**7.00pm** Bar open

**7.30pm** Your menu choices will be taken on the evening and dinner is served at 7.30pm

**9.00pm** The entertainment begins!

> **12.30am** Bar closes

**1.15am** Carriages

to book your place at one of our magical evenings, please call our events team on 01922-651 418

OR EMAIL: events@walsallfc.co.uk A FULL LISTING OF EVENTS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA www.m6j9.com

# NEW YEAR'S EVE AT WALSALL FC

#### YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE MENU

#### The Searchers

[v] Homemade Potato & Watercress Soup served with rustic breads

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Roast Sirloin of Beef Chasseur rich jus with tomato, mushroom & shallots scented with tarragon

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[v] Somerset Brie & Beetroot Tart

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Roasted New Potatoes Buttered Baby Carrots and Fine Green Beans Honey Roast Parsnip

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Lemon Basket tangy lemon mousse encased in a chocolate basket

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Chef's Cheese Board served with celery, grapes & savoury biscuits

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Coffee & Chocolate Mints

#### Elvis & His Band

[v] Homemade Potato & Watercress Soup served with rustic breads

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#### YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE ITINERARY

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#### THE SEARCHERS

#### - (BONSER SUITE)

The Searchers are one of the few British pop groups to have maintained their position at the top for well over 40 years.

Second only to The Beatles as Liverpool's finest 60s group, they are always extremely popular here at the Banks's Stadium and will help you see in the New Year in style!

Tickets are £70 per person, including a delicious five-course meal and entertainment from comedian, Ian 'Sludge' Lees.

### ELVIS & HIS BAND PLUS LAS VEGAS SHOWGIRLS - (STADIUM SUITE)

Kevin Paul and his band provide an explosive and passionate performance with the all-important Presley charisma. His incredible energy and vocal ability combined with a magnetic stage presence makes for an unforgettable tribute to The King of rock 'n' roll.

Along with the Las Vegas showgirls, the night is sure to provide you with a little taste of Vegas magic!

Tickets are £60 per person, including a delicious four-course meal.

# MAKE YOUR MATCHDAY EXTRA SPECIAL There are a range of sponsorship packages available to make your matchday here at Banks's Stadium extra special...

#### MATCH SPONSORSHIP:

YOUR MATCH SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Car parking
- Behind-the-scenes stadium tour
- Matchday Programme for each quest •
- Souvenir for each quest •
- Four-course meal with wine
- Centre stand match tickets
- · Half-time refreshments
- Opportunity to nominate the Walsall FC Player of the Match (Match Sponsor to donate prize)
- · Access to licensed bar facilities
- Autographed Walsall FC football presented by the . Player of the Match
- Group photograph
- Full-page, full-colour advertisement in the Matchday Programme
- Electronic scoreboard advertising •
- Sponsor message via the public address system
- Acknowledgement of your sponsorship via Saddlers TV around the stadium and on the Official Walsall FC Website in the build-up to the game

#### MATCHBALL SPONSORSHIP:



#### YOUR MATCHBALL SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE WILL INCLUDE:

- Car parking
- Behind-the-scenes stadium tour
- Matchday Programme for each quest •
- Souvenir for each quest •
- Four-course meal with wine •
- Centre stand match tickets
- Half-time refreshments
- Access to licensed bar facilities
- Autographed Walsall FC football presented by the Player of the Match
- Acknowledgement of sponsorship on the front cover and inside the Matchday Programme, as well as via Saddlers TV around the stadium and on the Official Walsall FC Website
- Group photograph

#### MATCHDAY MASCOT PACKAGE:



THE MATCHDAY MASCOT PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Car parking
- Four-course pre-match carvery meal
- Matchday Programme Souvenir gift for each guest
- Centre stand match ticket
- Full Walsall FC replica kit for the mascot
- Acknowledgement of sponsorship, plus editorial/photograph in the Matchday Programme
- · Half-time refreshments
- Presentation of autographed Walsall FC football to mascot by Player of the Match
- Photographs covering the sponsorship

#### **EXECUTIVE PACKAGES:**

THE EXECUTIVE BOX PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Five car parking permits
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- Seating capacity for ten guests
- Ten Matchday Programmes
- LCD television with satellite provision and access to Saddlers TV
- Intercom to bar and waitress service
- Half-time refreshments
- Use of The Priory Lounge •
- Full catering service available

#### MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY:

MAKE your visit to the Banks's Stadium a real social occasion. THE VIP MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Car Parking
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- Superb pre-match meal in The Bonser Suite
- Matchday Programme
- Centre Stand match ticket
- · Half-time refreshments
- Access to licensed bar facilities before and after game

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND A FULL LIST OF PRICES. PLEASE CALL THE COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT ON 01922-651 412



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## WALSALL FC COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

The Banks's Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4SA t: 01922 644 742 f: 01922 613 202 e: community@walsallfc.co.uk w: www.walsallfccp.co.uk Charity Number: 1087147

## FOOTBALL FUN FOR EVERYONE

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### SOCCER SCHOOLS

Two and three day courses run in every School Holiday Prices start from £20.00

FA Charter Standard Holiday Courses "A sign of quality"

## **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Weekday and Saturday Parties available throughout the year

Two hour Weekday parties from £50.00 Three hour Saturday parties from £75.00

## **EVENING CENTRES**

Ten week Evening Sessions during School Term Time to improve your football skills

Venues throughout the Borough Ten week course - £30.00

## SATURDAY SOCCER

Two Hours of fun sessions every Saturday Morning at The Banks's Stadium

Only £3.00 per session Match Day packages available for only £5.00

## **BALL BOYS & GIRLS**

Bring your football team, school or group of friends to be Ball Boys or Girls

Experience the match day atmosphere first hand Prices start from £75.00 per day

## MINI & JUNIOR SADDLERS

#### Become a Mini or Junior Saddler and begin a passion for life

Meet the players, Signed Birthday and Christmas Cards, Away trips and much more...

CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS ON ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES t: 01922 644 742 e: community@walsallfc.co.uk

## Saddlers Learning Centre

Walsall FC Saddlers Learning Centre
Aims to provide an innovative
Learning environment, to motivate, build
Self esteem and help raise
Achievement in Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, problem solving, improving own
Learning, working with others to
Laugh and have
Fun using football and the setting of the
Club as a medium for learning

### Playing for Success Sessions Daytime Enterprise Days Computer Suite

For further information contact Sue Lane at the Centre on (01922) 629 238

# CONFERENCE

For more information on our facilities visit www.m6j9.com



The Banks's Stadium boasts one of the largest and most prestigious conference & events venues in the Midlands.

#### We offer the following:

- A wide range of stylish suites that accommodates up to 700 guests
- · An extensive range of food and beverages
- Bescot Station just 500 yards from the stadium, linking to the national rail network
- Excellent road links we are sited just 1 mile from the M6 Junction 9
- The highest number of free car parking spaces for a UK football venue - 1,200 within the stadium grounds
- · All rooms hold a license for civil ceremonies

This prestigious venue offers extensive flexibility of use with a full range of facilities, and is suitable for every occasion or event. Whether you are planning an intimate private party, or an important board meeting, our experienced event co-ordinators are on hand to guide you through every step. Our professional and dedicated Operations Team co-ordinate all our events, ensuring no detail is left to chance.

To arrange a visit from one of our sales team or to view the superb facilities we have to offer please contact us on (01922) 651 418 or email sales@walsallfc.co.uk



#### THE STADIUM SUITE

- Capacity for up to 700 delegates
- Designated entrance foyer with reception desk
- · Cloakroom and toilet facilities
- · Cabaret stage
- Two fully equipped dressing rooms
- Sound & lighting system
- Internet access wifi
- Two licensed bars and a wine bar
- Fully air-conditioned
- Natural daylight & overlooking pitch
- Lift access available

Capacity: Reception 700 delegates, Theatre Style Seating 650 delegates, Dinner/Cabaret 450 delegates.

#### Contact our Events Team on (01922) 651 418

# AND EVENTS Call our Events Team (01922) 651 418

#### THE BONSER SUITE

- · Capacity for up to 600 guests
- Fully air conditioned
- Cloakroom and toilet facilities
- · Dedicated entrance & reception area with cloakroom
- · Lift for easy access
- Stage, state-of-the-art sound & lighting system
- Internet access wifi
- · A prestigious setting for major business conferences or social events
- Natural daylight & overlooking pitch
- Two sets of acoustic retractable walls gives the suite a flexibility to divide into three separate areas
- The three rooms that make up The Bonser Suite are; the Priory Lounge, Mayfair Lounge and Savoy Lounge.

Capacity: Reception 600 delegates, Theatre Style Seating 500 delegates, Dinner/Cabaret 320 delegates.

#### SWIFTS EXECUTIVE LOUNGE

- · Ideal room for private parties, weddings & seminars
- PA system
- Internet access wifi
- Own bar facilities
- Toilet facilities
- Fully air-conditioned
- Natural daylight

Capacity: Reception 100 delegates, Theatre Style Seating 70 delegates, Dinner/Cabaret 40 delegates.

#### DIRECTORS LOUNGE

- Ideal for small business meetings, small functions & civil ceremonies
- The Directors Lounge has its own bar and toilet facilities
- TV monitor and video
- Natural daylight

Capacity: Reception 50 delegates, Boardroom 20 delegates.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOXES**

- · Ideal for small business meetings, one to one interviews
- Fully air conditioned
- Internet access wifi
- Natural daylight
- Television

Capacity: Reception 8 delegates, theatre style seating up to 12 delegates, Boardroom up to 10 delegates.









### **KEY CONTACTS**

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