



Swansea City Disabled Supporters Association Members Newsletter March 2015

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Hello fellow Swansea City fans !

This is our second SCFC DSA Newsletter, and we hope that you find it interesting.

The DSA Committee have been making good progress behind the scenes. It's always difficult starting something new, but we think we are on the right track.

In this Newsletter, you will find details about how we have got involved with social media, an article about Andrew Brayley (the DSA treasurer), details about a forthcoming Question and Answer evening, and much more. As usual, your input as members is vital. If you have anything you wish to add, or know about, remember where we are ! You can contact us by e-mail on swansdsa@outlook.com.

The AGM will be held in July sometime, when the present Committee may stand for re-election.

However, any full member may also put their name forward.

A vote will take place as necessary, if more than one person stands for each position.

All full adult members of the DSA are entitled to one vote each. Non members of the DSA will not be eligible to vote.

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DSA Membership currently stands at :-

51 Adult Members

5 Junior Members

Please spread the word, to friends,
family, colleagues, etc.

Contact us at : swansdsa@outlook.com

Croeso i Gymdeithas Cefnogwyr Anabl Tim Peldroed Dinas Abertawe.

Ein pwyllgor yw Richard Haselgrove, Andrew Brayley, Cath Williams, Mark Phillips a Cath Dyer.

Mae Ian James, swyddog anabled y clwb, hefyd yn dod i'r cyfarfodydd, ac yn rhoi lot o gefnogaeth werthfawr i'r pwyllgor.

Nod ein cymdeithas yw i hyrwyddo lles cefnogwyr y clwb, ac yn arbennig ein cefnogwyr anabl drwy hyrwyddo ac annog rhannu gwybodaeth ac arfer da am bobl anabl sy'n mynd i gemau peldroed, a thrwy gynrychioli a hyrwyddo barn ein haelodau i ddylanwadu mewn ffordd bositif ddatblygiadau, ymwybyddiaeth a mynediad i bobl anabl, nawr ac yn y dyfodol.

Rydym am gryfhau'r cyswllt rhwng y clwb a'i gefnogwyr.

Ni'n cwrrd unwaith y mis, ac yn ceisio feddwl am ddiwyddiadau lle fydddech yn cael y siawns i ddod i'n nabod ni, a hefyd yn cael y siawns i ofyn unrhyw gwestiynau sydd gennych.

Diolch



Welcome to Swansea City Football Club DSA.

Our committee is Richard Haselgrove, Andrew Brayley, Cath Williams, Mark Phillips and Cath Dyer.

Ian James, the club Disability Officer, also attends the meetings, and gives plenty of valuable support to the committee.

The aim of our association is to promote the welfare of the club's supporters, especially our fans and disabled fans by promoting and encouraging the sharing of information and good practice for disabled people going to football games, and by representing and promoting the views of our members to positively influencing development, awareness and access for disabled people, now and in the future.

We want to strengthen the link between the club and its supporters.

We meet once a month, and try to think about events where you have the chance to get to know us, and also have the chance to ask any questions you have.

Meeting at Landore Training Centre

With grateful thanks to Huw Cooze (Supporters Director of the Football Club), we were able to hold our March Committee meeting at the Academy Training Centre at Landore.



The SCFC DSA Committee, with Huw Cooze

Before the meeting, Huw kindly gave us a tour of the facilities, which was really interesting.

This is such a good example of how the Club are supportive of the Disabled Supporters Association, and our thanks go to Huw for arranging it.



Entry onto the pitches



The Canteen



DSA Social Evening

On Wednesday 15 April, we will be holding a social evening, for DSA members and their guests.

The evening will take the form of a Question and Answer session in the 1st half, and a screening of "Jack to a King" in the 2nd half.

3 guests from the Club have been invited to the Question and Answer session, and this is your chance to meet them ! We are hoping for a member of the first team playing squad to be there (although this can never be guaranteed, due to other requirements).

The evening is for DSA members (and their guests / personal assistant only), and is **free of charge**.

Wednesday 15 April 2015
Liberty Stadium
Start 18.00

Please reserve your place(s) by e-mail to the DSA (swansdsa@outlook.com).

Just e-mail us your name(s), membership number (if known), how many places you would like to reserve.

Come and join us – it will be fun !!

Please note : We will not be able to discuss the Club's Disability Policy at this event, as people's circumstances are private, and not to be discussed at a public event.

“Meet the Committee”

We thought it might be nice if you got to us (if you don't already !). We're going to start with Andrew, who is the DSA Treasurer.



1. So, let's start with your name !

Andrew Brayley

2. And what do you do ?

I am a Senior Commercial Accountant at the DVLA. I financially manager all the I.T. Contracts, currently totalling 120 million pounds.

3. How long have you been supporting the Swans ?

For as long as I can remember ! And at my age, that's more than I'd like to admit to !!

4. Do you have a pre-match routine ?

Not really. However, I always wear my Swans shirt under various layers of clothing, and a game is not complete without my father and I eating a bag of wine gums !!

5. Who is your favourite current Swans player ?

Leon Britton. He is a consistent contributor on the field, and apart from a “small lapse in Sheffield” (although we forgive him for that !!), he is loyal to the Club through highs and lows.

6. And who is your favourite ever Swans player ?

Either Alan Curtis or Lee Trundle. Both made major contributions to the Club, during their times here.

7. Why did you get involved with the Disabled Supporters Association ?

I am keen and enthusiastic to make a valid and effective contribution, to help improve the match day experience for all disabled people.

Social Media

The Swansea City FC Disabled Supporters Association now have a strong presence on social media.



At the time of writing, we had 141 “likes” on Facebook, and this is increasing every month.

Find us at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swansea-City-Disabled-Supporters-Association-DSA-318014635056314>, or just search within

Facebook. Come and join us !!



At the time of writing, we had 41 “followers” on Twitter, which again is increasing every month.

Find us at **@SwansDSA**. Come and join us !!

Thank you to Mark Phillips, our Social Media Committee Member, for setting all this up.

Don't forget !!

Wed 15 April : Social Evening

- Question and Answer session
- Screening of “Jack to a King”
- RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW !!



July 2015(Date will be announced ahead of time)

- Annual General Meeting (to construct the committee for the 2015/2016 season)

SCFC Disabled Supporters Association

The DSA is about further strengthening the links with the Club and it's fans. Send us suggestions, questions or comments to improve your Swans experience.

Get in touch at **swansdsa@outlook.com**

Useful links:

Swans Trust :

<http://www.swanstrust.co.uk>

(Projects, and then SCFC DSA)

Level Playing Field:

<http://www.levelplayingfield.org.uk/clubs/swansea-city>

