



Swansea City FC Disabled Supporters Association

## Swansea City Disabled Supporters Association Members Newsletter July 2015

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This is the third of our SCFC DSA Newsletters, and we hope that you find it interesting.

Whilst bringing you some up to date information, it also includes news about the Annual General Meeting.

In this Newsletter, you will find details about a few things we've been doing, an article about Cath Williams (who looks after some of our administration, and is a keen member of the DSA Committee), a report about the successful social 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](mailto:swansdsa@outlook.com).

### Events in 2015 and 2016

The 2 main events last season, were very successful. The open evening in September, and the social evening in April were very well attended.

And it gave members the chance to meet some high profile people !

So it is our intention to do something similar next season.

We are currently in negotiation with the Club, to hold another social evening in late September.

Details will follow when confirmed.



We were contacted by Cerys Owens, whose son Evan had been a real little hero, when his Mum collapsed. He got help, and dialled 999.

The Club arranged for Evan, along with his Dad and Brother, to meet Garry Monk, Cath Dyer and Mark Phillips from the DSA joined them. Thanks to all concerned for making this boy's dream come true.

### DSA Annual General Meeting

This was held at the Liberty Stadium, on Tuesday 07 July.

20 people attended, and it was especially pleasing to see non Committee members attend.

All DSA members should have received an e-mail / letter, which contained the Chair's report, the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report.

We have a Committee meeting in early August, and the Committee positions for 2015/16 will be decided then.

All updates will be communicated to the DSA membership.

If you have any queries, please e-mail us.

"Dyna dymor ardderchog i'r Elyrch.  
Llongyfarchiadau mawr iddynt.  
Cawsom noson agored wych, gyda Lee Trundle, Gerhard Tremmel a Mal Pope yn cymryd rhan yn yr holi ac ateb, a chawsom y cyfle i wyllo'r ffilm "Jack to a King".

Mae'r Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol ym mis Gorffennaf, ac mae hwn yn agored i bawb sy'n aelod.

Hoffai'r pwyllgor ddiolch i'r clwb, ac i Huw Cooze, Cyfarwyddwr y Cefnogwyr, am yr holl gefnogaeth maent wedi rhoi i ni, Cymdeithas Cefnogwyr Anabl y clwb, ac edrychwn ymlaen at gydweithio yn bellach o hyn ymlaen. Diolch.

What an excellent season for the Swans, and huge congratulations to them. We had a great opening evening, with Lee Trundle, Gerhard Tremmel and Mal Pope joining us for a Q and A session, and our members had a chance to watch the film "Jack to a King". Our AGM was in July, and was open to all our members. The DSA would like to thank the club and Huw Cooze - supporters' director for all their support given to us this season and we look forward to working together going forward. Thank you.



Back Row : Huw Cooze, Gerhard Tremmel, Cath Williams, Gerhard Tremmel, Ian James, Andrew Brayley, Mal Pope, Cath Dyer and Lee Trundle

Front Row : Mark Phillips and Richard Haselgrove



Ash Randall, football freestyler, showing his tricks. Excellent !



Lee Trundle, amongst the audience, entertaining the crowds !! Things don't change !!



## A bonus from the Social Evening :

On the night of the social evening, we were approached by 4 DSA members, who wanted to offer their help to the Committee. So they were immediately co-opted on ! Jan Burgess, Kim Kimpton, Lesley Williams and Karen Hopkins were very welcome. For the reasons that were stated in the Chair's report that was sent out from the AGM, the Committee was down to 5 people. It was getting too much work, so 4 additional pairs of hands were very welcome.

And now we have been joined by Phill Davies as well, following the AGM, and he is also very welcome.

## Membership renewals :

Memberships for the current season expire on 31 July.

If you would like to renew (please do so !), we're pleased to say that there is no increase to the cost of membership. Membership fees for 01.08.15 – 31.07.16 will be Adult £5 and Junior £2.

If you were a member last year, please complete the renewal form attached.

Please send your form, together with a cheque, made payable to SCFC DSA, to ; - **Gill Rees, Swansea City FC DSA, Liberty Stadium, Landore, Swansea. SA1 2FA.**

Thank you for your support.

## Involvement with other Clubs :

Since the last Newsletter, we have been contacted by 2 Clubs, asking for our feedback. This is excellent, and shows good progress as a DSA in Swansea.



Aston Villa are looking into building a disabled area for the away fans. Wheelchair away fans currently are placed on the opposite side of the ground from their own fans.

And Everton got in touch, to ask our feelings about the matchday experience at Goodison Park.



## Another bonus from the social evening !



We got some great publicity in the Swansea Evening Post.

## SCFC DSA Mission Statement :-

The aim of the Swansea City FC Disabled Supporters Association is :-

“To promote the welfare of SCFC supporters, and in particular SCFC disabled supporters, by the following means :

By promoting and encouraging the sharing of information and good practice, in relation to disabled people attending football matches.

By representing and promoting the views of members, to appropriate individuals and bodies, to positively influence future developments, awareness and access for disabled people.”

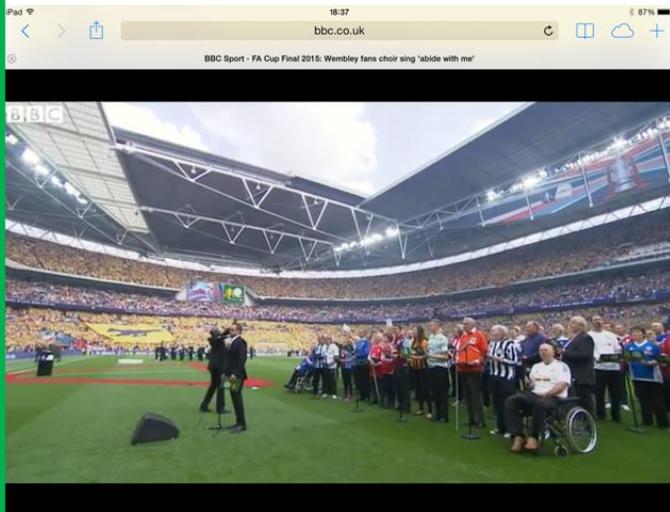
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## Swans at the FA Cup Final !

Congratulations to DSA member Laurie Popham, who represented Swansea City FC in the FA Cup choir.

What an honour.



Laurie can be seen in the bottom right hand corner.



## This is YOUR Disabled Supporters Association !!

Whilst to run anything, you need a group of committed individuals, which is what we think the Swansea City DSA has, the Association is basically a voice for the members.

What would YOU like to see the SCFC DSA do ?

What events would YOU like the SCFC DSA to put on ?

Your comments, opinions and views are always welcome.

Please get in touch any time.

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## **"Meet the Committee"**

This month, we focus on Cath Williams, who was a founder member of the Disabled Supporters Association.



1. How long have you been supporting Swansea City ?

**For 11 years. I saw them at the Vetch, and now at the Liberty.**

2. What is your most memorable Swans moment ?

**Wembley. When we won promotion into the Premier League. The atmosphere in the stadium, and on the way home, was brilliant. Everyone beeping horns on the bridges over the Motorway.**

3. Do you have a pre-match routine ?

**My Mum and I have sausage in bread in the house, and then I always buy a programme. Then we go to our seats, and have a drink, read the programme and watch the warm ups.**

4. Who is your favourite current Swans player ?

**My favourite player is Angel Rangel. I also like Leon Britton.**

5. And who is your favourite ever Swans player ?

**Lee Trundle, because he knows my name !**

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

**I feel strongly that disabled people should have as much enjoyment at football, as a non disabled person does.**

7. Do you have a message to other disabled Swans supporters ?

**Please make sure everybody knows that the DSA are here to help.**