



**Swansea City Disabled Supporters Association
Members Newsletter
November 2015**

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

Inside are details of your Committee for 2015/16.

Included in this edition, are a review of the very successful "Evening with Alan Curtis" that we held in September. Some important new contact information for the DSA, along with details of the new web-site, which is up and running. We have a Question and Answer session with Mark, our new Chairman, and hopefully a few other interesting bits as well !

Membership renewals :

Memberships are now up and running for the 2015 / 16 season.

Membership runs from 01 August to 31 July.

Membership fees for 01.08.15 – 31.07.16 will be Adult £5 and Junior £2.

Please send your form, together with a cheque, made payable to SCFC DSA, to ;-

**SCFC DSA Membership, 61 Strand Court,
The Strand, Swansea. SA1 2BJ**

Thank you for your support.

**NEW CONTACT
DETAILS :**

We now have a new DSA web-site, and a new e-mail address.

Please could all members especially, please take note.

Our new e-mail address :

info@swansdsa.co.uk

The web-site address is :

www.swansdsa.co.uk

Go and have a look !!

There is a link to a membership form there, so if you're not a member of the DSA, you now easily can be !

There is also an information section, for all the other Premier League Clubs.

Previous copies of the DSA Newsletter are now on there, as well as a "Gallery", where you can see photos from DSA events of the past. We will be adding more photos soon.

Feel free to feed back, to
info@swansdsa.co.uk.

SCFC DSA Committee 2015/16



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Chair, and
Social Media



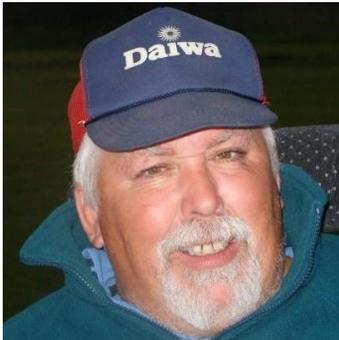
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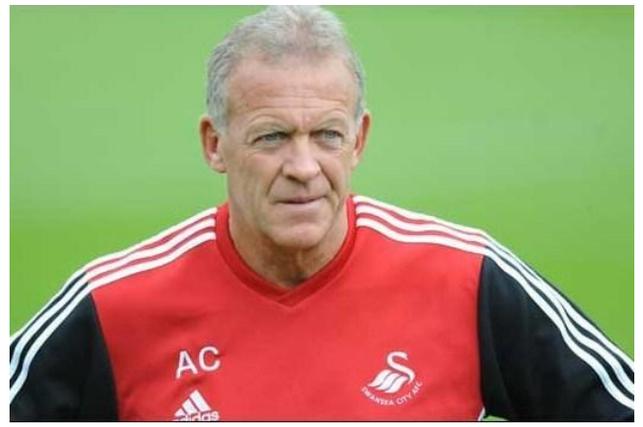
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“An Evening with ALAN CURTIS”

We held a very successful evening, on Wednesday 23 September, where we held an evening with Alan Curtis. Alan talked about his career from being a young boy starting out in football, through to where he is today.



Alan was friendly, interesting and funny, and it was a pleasure to be able to host this event.

We would like to thank Hannah (from the football Club) and Hayley (Stadium Management company) for their assistance in putting on this event.



We had two raffle prizes. A signed football, and a signed shirt. The football was won by our Chairman, **Mark Phillips** !!! The signed shirt was won by **Roger Horton**. Congratulations to both.



“Meet the Committee”

This month, we focus on Mark Phillips, the new Chairman of the Disabled Supporters Association.

Mark is currently working on an ambitious project, building towards Wales’ first Disabled Peoples Cooperative, providing independent living support and advice to disabled people and their families.



1. How long have you been supporting the Swans?

My 1st Swans match was in April 1999, when I was 10. My friend Richard Johnes took me to Swansea City vs Shrewsbury Town at the Vetch Field. Since then, I’ve been hooked, and following the Swans has become the perfect replacement for me not being able to play football anymore.

2. Do you have a pre-match routine?

No pre match routine really, I like to get to the ground early on match day and let the anticipation build. I’ll speak to a few familiar faces, including some great stadium staff.

3. Who are your favourite current Swans players?

Lukasz Fabianski – When I could play football, I was a former goalkeeper, and Lukasz has been a fantastic influence on our side.

Jack Cork would be the other -I’ve always been a big fan of Jack’s. I was delighted when the club decided to sign him last season.

4. Who is your favourite Swans player ever?

For me personally, it has to be **Leon Britton**. Leon has not only been instrumental the Swansea City Journey, he is in the DNA of the Club and its philosophy. His composure on the ball is something that has been vital in the development of the Swansea way.

5. What is your most memorable Swans moment?

Aside from the Wembley trips, it would be **Swansea City 3-2 Arsenal (2012)** - our first Premier League Season. My Dad’s a big Arsenal fan, so cue the hysteria at the final whistle and a frosty car journey home that day !! I felt vindicated for deciding to support the Swans, through the lower leagues, over the “big” teams out there. The doubles over Arsenal & Man United last season will live long in the memory too.

6. Why did you get involved with the Swans DSA?

Because I’ve had some great experiences following the Swans in recent seasons, and I wanted to help other supporters have those same opportunities and really feel a part of the Club. I’m passionate about raising disability awareness and building positive engagement with disabled people.

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

Join the DSA! We’re still relatively new, but we’ve grown and had a fantastic season. We’re very fortunate to have a Club that truly backs & supports the work we do. The Club are always looking at ways to improve the match day experience for disabled supporters. As members, you can connect and help the DSA set targets and objectives. The DSA also host members only events, which are a great chance to meet other disabled supporters & perhaps some Swans idols !!

SCFC DSA Mission Statement :-

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

“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.”

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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Ticket Office

At the last Committee meeting, we were joined by Catherine Thomas (Customer Service Manager) and David Enstone (Ticket Office Manager).

David has developed a new on-line booking system, which lets disabled supporters to buy their Liberty Stadium tickets online for the first time.

We believe that Swansea City are the first club to introduce such a system. Previously, disabled supporters would have to purchase their ticket by telephone, or in person.

This is an excellent service from the Club, which the DSA welcomes, and we thank David for his work in this.



Not long ago, we were also joined by Ugo and Julie from the Travel Club. More evidence that the DSA are getting out and about, doing our best to improve things for Swans disabled supporters.

Goodbye Helen ! Some of you will know Helen, who looked after disabled ticketing, in the Ticket Office. Helen has now left the Ticket Office to work for the Football Club hospitality team.



Good luck, Helen, and thanks for all your help.

Insert photo of James Beattie & DSA Committee

We recently had the honour of meeting Swans first team coach JAMES BEATTIE recently.

James is backing an Action for Disability campaign, which asks for young people in South Wales to volunteer, with small groups of friends, to raise awareness of issues affecting disabled people.

James said "I support the charity because they support thousands of people with physical and learning disabilities, to fulfil their potential, and live the lives they choose".

Disabled Cyril the Swan ?

We were very upset to learn that Cyril the Swan had a temporary disability. We found him with a bandage round his head, and needing a crutch to walk with.



On a more serious note, we had an idea that we could get the message about disability (even if it's temporary) through to people, and who better than to help with that than Cyril the Swan.

The DSA Committee will work closely with Cyril, to see how we can progress this idea.

