

WELCOME TO THE 3RD CLARETS TRUST NEWSLETTER

It has been very busy since our last newsletter. The closing date has passed for applications for the Trust board and as there were fewer candidates than positions available, an election is not required. This means we now have a Trust Board, which will need to be ratified at a special meeting prior to the 'Audience with Steve Cotterill' event on 21st April. With a number of positions available, the board will also seek to co-opt additional representatives.

There have also been two open meetings, and both have been well attended with some positive ideas being put forward. The key issue at present appears to be the ground and whether the Trust could and should look at buying it back. We are looking to set up a savings scheme but are aware that before we do anything we must make sure that our members are consulted and allowed to decide that this is the direction the Trust should take.

Planning has also been ongoing for the Beer Festival and the Audience with Steve Cotterill, which both take place later this month. In order to run events such as this we need people to volunteer to help out and also to support the event by turning up. At the beer festival volunteers will be needed for setting up, selling programmes, glasses and beer vouchers and manning the bars over the three sessions as well as taking everything down on the Sunday. It's a lot of work and many hands make light work as they say. I go back to what I said at the first open meeting 'Don't ask what the Trust can do for you. Ask yourself "What can I do for the Trust?"'

Those of us on the board are no different to you - supporters and volunteers. The more we can share the work around, the more we can get done and the easier it will be. Every little helps.

Up the Clarets! Steve.

UPCOMING EVENT # 1

FIRST CLARETS TRUST BEER FESTIVAL

Friday 15th – Saturday 16th April



Foundation Lounge at Turf Moor

The weekend of 15th – 16th April will see the Foundation Lounge at Turf Moor transformed into a beer enthusiasts' paradise. Over thirty real ales will be available over the weekend from both local and national breweries, but the feature event will be the launch of the Trust's very own ale on Friday night. The event has been organised with help from East Lancs CAMRA, the Burnley Express and, of course, Burnley F.C.

The weekend commences on Friday evening (15th April) and you can sample the many beers on offer between 7pm and 11pm. On Saturday (16th April) the day begins at 11am, and will run right through until 11pm, with the exception of a two hour break between 3pm and 5pm, when action on the pitch against Brighton & Hove Albion will be everyone's primary concern.

As we have already mentioned, the weekend will also see the launch of the Clarets Trust beer. The name is a closely guarded secret but it will be named after a very famous name from Burnley FC's past. The first pint will be pulled by a special guest around 8pm.

Entry to this event is a very reasonable £3.50, although this will be reduced to just £3.00 for Trust members on production of your membership card. The entry fee also includes an event programme and glass hire. Tokens for purchasing beer will be available in denominations of £1.

We are still looking for some sponsors for the beers at £50 a barrel. This buys advertising in the programme and on the barrel at the event, free entry to a Friday night preview plus £10 worth of beer vouchers. Anybody interested please get in touch with us, using the contact details overleaf.

UPCOMING EVENT # 2

AN AUDIENCE WITH STEVE COTTERILL & FRIENDS

Thursday 21st April

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we have arranged for Steve Cotterill to be the Trust's guest of honour at a special 'Audience With . . .' evening.

This event will take place at 8:30pm on Thursday 21st April in the James Hargreaves Suite at Turf Moor and will be chaired by Tony Livesey. The distinguished panel will be completed by three familiar former Clarets, namely Willie Irvine, Andy Lochhead and Vince Overson.



Entry to this event is completely free for all Trust members, although you will need to produce your membership card. Non-members can also attend and the cost is £3 (pay on the door.) However, anyone who joins the Trust later in the evening will have their entry fee refunded.

Don't miss this chance to hear the current manager and legends of the past speaking about current footballing issues as well as other selected topics.

FEEDBACK FROM OPEN MEETINGS (5th FEBRUARY & 12th MARCH)

The first two Open Meetings were held after the home game against Leeds Utd and before the home game against Rotherham Utd. The early kick-off against Leeds United meant that almost one hundred fans attended whilst thirty turned up at the more inconvenient time prior to the Rotherham game. After brief updates from the steering group, questions were invited from the floor at both meetings.

Both were lively and interesting debates with several different speakers and some very positive views but whilst it was felt that the Trust had moved forward there was a definite need for a focus for activities. The consensus view appeared to be that the Trust should concentrate on attempting to buy back Turf Moor.



At the first meeting, mention was made of Dave Edmundson's Supporters Consultation Group (SCG) and the lack of involvement of the Trust. The attendees felt that it was important that the Trust put pressure on the club to get involved. This has been done and the Trust have been invited and sent a representative to the last SCG meeting.

Our next Open Meeting will be on the 30th April at the Inn on the Wharf at 12 noon. Please make every effort to attend as the Trust should by then have a ratified board and some feedback on the scheme to buy back the ground.

FUTURE EVENTS NEWS

The Trust have secured the services of the very popular Wigan Youth Jazz Orchestra on Friday 9th September when they will be playing at Colne Municipal Hall. Watch out for more details and ticket information in future newsletters.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The various supporters' groups have organised a presentation evening for 26th April in the James Hargreaves Suite. The steering group thought it would be a good idea to present a Clarets Trust player of the year award.



Votes can be submitted via e-mail (info@claretstrust.co.uk), posted to Clarets Trust, P.O. Box 1960, Sports Desk, Burnley Express, Bull Street, Burnley BB11 1DP or passed on at the Beer Festival or Audience with Steve Cotterill events. Simply include your name, membership number and nomination! Please contact us as soon as possible if you want to attend the presentation evening, at which the manager and players will be present.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

From April 1st there will be a limited half-price offer for new members to join the Trust for the remaining six months of the current membership year (Apr – Sep.). We have already arranged for all season ticket holders to receive this offer, which will be included in Burnley F.C.'s season ticket renewal pack. We also want to encourage more corporate members. To date the following companies have become Corporate members of the Trust, and we thank them for their support:

Limarc

JW European Ltd.

Leaways Healthcare

Burnley Express

www.burnleytoday.co.uk

Elyzium

www.elyzium.co.uk

Lindonwood Ltd.

www.lindonwood.com

Remember that individual and corporate membership forms can still be downloaded from the Clarets Trust website. Individual membership forms are also available at Burnley Football Club (Reception and Ticket Office) and at the Burnley Express offices in the centre of town – pass one on today!

MAD ABOUT THE CLARETS

Several users of the messageboard at www.claretsmad.co.uk have join forces to donate items of football memorabilia, as well as other items, to raise much needed funds for the Trust via auctions on Ebay. As well as several more auctions over the next few months, a number of users are also planning a sponsored run to a home game in early September to coincide with the first anniversary of the Trust's launch. Further details will appear in future editions of this newsletter closer to the time of the event.

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NEWSLETTER ADDENDUM

Clarets Trust Board: Election Notice



On this page you will find the manifestos submitted by the six candidates nominated for election to the Trust Board.

As this is fewer than the maximum number of elected members allowed, an election is not required and therefore voting forms have not been sent out to members with this newsletter.

The proposal will be put to a special meeting on the 21st April (at 8pm – immediately before the 'Audience with Steve Cotterill & Friends' event) that all six candidates should be accepted unopposed. If for any reason you have an objection or know of any reason that a candidate should not be elected then please contact the Trust using the details listed at the foot of the newsletter.

If you feel there has been any breach of rules then please contact either the independent scrutineers:

**Forever Bury - PO Box 310, Bury,
BL9 6WA**

or

**Supporters Direct - 15 Bowling
Green Lane, London, EC1R 0BD.**

It is important that the process has been followed correctly and is transparent and that the board are democratically and fairly elected.

Martin Barnes

Having been involved with various community events via the fanzine, I would consider it a privilege to continue these efforts in a wider capacity on behalf of Trust members. I attend most games and am in regular contact with the Community scheme and would like to maintain these links. Being a firm believer in Supporter involvement, I will do all I can to promote the Trust and all that it involves and personifies. I am sure that I can do a good job for the Trust, and hope that I am given the opportunity to do so.

Proposed by: Barry Barnes
Seconded by: Dale Warrington

Steve Corrigan

Steve has been involved with Trust since the formation of the working groups prior to the launch and is now chairing the steering group. Born in Colne and brought up in Fence he has returned to the area after several years in London where he was an active member of the London Clarets in several positions including ticket secretary, magazine editor and chairman. Steve believes in an active Trust working with other supporters groups and community organisations and that the major challenge should be to buy back the ground and put the ownership of Turf Moor with the fans.

Proposed by: Dave Roberts
Seconded by: Nicola Corrigan

Margaret Fawcett

I am chairperson of Central Lancs Clarets, as well as being an active member of the Trust Working Party from the start. I have a passion and commitment to this Trust, which along with my ability to get sponsorship and prizes donated I feel are my main assets. I have helped with membership, and various events at the launch and continue to do so for the events we are planning. I believe the Clarets Trust is the way forward for us the fans, and I hope I have the opportunity to help our members achieve what they strive for.

Proposed by: Angus Williamson
Seconded by: Hazel Leach

Darren Irvine

I have been involved with the Clarets Trust since its first days, spending the last 6 months as a Steering Group member. I helped to create a very successful launch night, in September 2004, and it's since then that I have been a member of the interim committee, helping with the everyday running of the trust. Despite massive changes in the football club since April 2004, my passion for the club still remains strong, and along with your help, I will do everything in my power to make Burnley F.C. the club you want it to be.

Proposed by: Willie Irvine
Seconded by: Sarah Irvine

Hazel Leach

I have been a Burnley supporter for 29 years. My son & I are season ticket holders and travel to a number of away games each year with Central Lancs Clarets, for whom I am Membership Secretary. Whilst I haven't been on the Steering Group to set up the Trust, I have helped at functions they have held. I now wish to join the Trust Board as I feel the Supporters Trust is a good way to help our club.

Proposed by: Margaret Fawcett
Seconded by: Dave Roberts

Dave Roberts

I have been closely involved with Clarets Trust from its humble beginnings, and am currently acting as Membership Secretary. I would welcome the opportunity to play a part in taking the organisation forward over the next twelve months. There are four key qualities that I have already demonstrated as a member of the current steering group, and that I would continue to offer to the elected board, namely; enthusiasm, commitment, honesty, and good old-fashioned hard work. If successful, I will continue to give generously of my time to help this most worthwhile of causes on behalf of you, the members.

Proposed by: Garry Roberts
Seconded by: Margaret Fawcett



OPEN MEETING

(although voting on the main motion will only be possible on production of your membership card)

**Saturday 30th April 2005
commencing at 12 noon**

**at 'The Inn On The Wharf'
Manchester Road, Burnley
(Upstairs Function Room)**

MAIN MOTION:

'The Clarets Trust will investigate the feasibility of purchasing Turf Moor (and Gawthorpe) from Longside Properties Ltd and if it proves so will set up a savings scheme to enable such purchase. At least 50% of profits from all future fundraising activities and events will be put towards the scheme.'

Note: Those unable to be present for this meeting may register their vote by contacting us (by post or e-mail at the usual addresses below) prior to the meeting. You must quote your Name, Membership Number, and vote (Yes or No) on this subject.

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