

FA Cup Run Squad of 74/75 40th Anniversary Reunion at The Saddlers Club.

The Walsall Football Supporters' Trust, in association with the Walsall Football Supporters' Club, are to hold a special event which will see as many of the 1974/75 FA Cup run squad who defeated both Manchester United 3-2 and Newcastle United 1-0 before losing at the hands of Birmingham City in the fifth round proper in attendance at what aims to be a very memorable night.

Details are yet to be finalised, but it is hoped that the event will be staged on as near to the date of that glorious match v Newcastle as possible with Walsall's Sky Bet league 1 home clash with Gillingham at the Banks's Stadium on Saturday 31st January at the forefront of our minds.

Further information will be posted on our Facebook page, via Twitter and in both of our media columns in the Walsall FC Matchday Programme and Walsall Advertiser as and when they become available.

The Professional Footballers Association (PFA) reaches out to Former Players Association.

The Professional Footballers Association (PFA) has contacted the Trust via Walsall Football Club in an attempt to establish contact with the Walsall FC Former Players Associations in order to re-establish contact with its members who will also be PFA Members.

Over the years, the contact information that the PFA has held on its members has become outdated meaning that contact has been lost.

Would any members of the Walsall FC Former Players Association who wish to re-establish contact with the PFA in order to update their contact information, please contact Trust / Former Players Association Secretary Steve Davies at walsall1888@aol.com in order to grant permission for your details to be passed on, allowing the PFA to provide members with the support and benefits they are still entitled to.

Additionally, the PFA are looking to conduct a number of studies in the near future that may be of interest to some of the WFC FPA members and may also offer the opportunity for some members to participate in said studies should they wish to do so.

Your assistance with this matter would be very beneficial and gratefully appreciated by the Professional Footballers Association.

Research into 'Risk of Osteoarthritis in Professional Footballers'.

The Department of Academic Rheumatology at the University of Nottingham have recently contacted the Trust regarding its current research into the risk of Osteoarthritis in Professional Footballers.

The study team wish to work with a number of football clubs across the country to determine the risk of Knee Osteoarthritis in later life caused by playing as a professional footballer at an earlier age.

The project which is funded by Arthritis Research UK, with funding and additional support from FIFA, the FA, the PFA and Spire Healthcare is undertaking a survey of all retired professional footballers in the United Kingdom and subsequently undertaking knee x-rays on a sample of questionnaire responders.

The study is hoping to send the questionnaire to as many retired professional footballers as possible who are above the age of 40 and who have previously held a full time contract with a professional football club including Walsall FC.

Any former players who fit the criteria listed above, and who would like to take part in this study should contact Trust / Former Players Association Secretary Steve Davies at walsall1888@aol.com for more information and to register your interest.

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