

## WELCOME TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> CLARETS TRUST NEWSLETTER

Once again it's been a very busy time for the Trust over the last couple of months. As well as news of forthcoming events, we will also take a look back in this issue at the 1st Clarets Trust Beer Festival, the Audience with Steve Cotterill & Friends and the most recent Open Meeting.

There is still lots of activity in the pipeline but as always we need more volunteers and members to help out. There have been some suggestions that we just cannot progress because we don't have the numbers of people getting involved that would be required.

However, with the summer break upon us and the Trust board in place, there is now a chance to plan for our first full season and it is hoped to publish a full calendar of events before the start of next season.

In the meantime even Manchester United have shown that no club is safe from the investor and the speculator. Contrary to the popular myth, there are many very loyal Manchester United fans and they deserve our support just as we would hope for theirs in the reverse situation. Also, a word of support for Wrexham where there may be a small glimmer of hope in their fight for survival. The administrators have launched a legal challenge against the breaking of their lease of the Racecourse ground by owner Alex Hamilton. Good luck to both these clubs.

Let's hope it never comes to either situation at Burnley but if it does the Trust needs to be ready and able to protect the interests of our club and supporters. Buying back the ground would be the best option to safeguard that future so let's get to it.

Up the Clarets! Steve.

## NEXT EVENT: JAZZ CONCERT

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

At 8pm on the 9th September the internationally renowned Wigan Youth Jazz Orchestra will perform at Colne Municipal Hall in a celebration of the big band music sound of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Buddy Rich, Woody Herman, Stan Keaton & Les Brown as well as original works composed especially for the orchestra.

This fund raising concert is part of Clarets Trust's commitment to the community. 25% of profits will go to help support the important work of the Pendleside Hospice who give vital support, care, comfort to the terminally ill as well as their families and friends.

As well as winning the prestigious BBC Radio Big Band (Senior Section) Competition in 1994 & 2000, the Orchestra also won the Junior section of the same competition in 1989 & 1991 and many other national and international honours in their 39 year history.

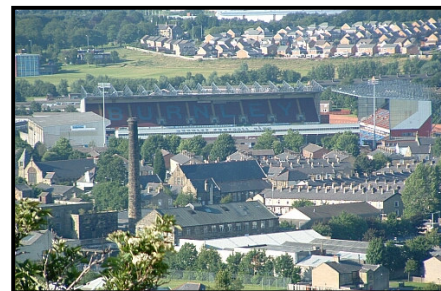
Under the experienced leadership of Ian Darrington, Wigan Youth Jazz Orchestra has worked with many of the world's top Jazz musicians including Maynard Ferguson, James Morrison, Georgie Fame, Don Lusher, Kenny Baker, Elaine Delmar, Geoff Love & Alan Price.

Their reputation has grown and demand for live performances means that touring has become a major part of a very busy schedule that includes over fifty performances per year, which is why we are pleased to announce their involvement with Pendleside Hospice and the Clarets Trust.

Ticket prices are £8 for adults and £6 for concessions, Trust members and Jazz club members. Please contact us using the details on the reverse of this newsletter to obtain tickets or for more details.

## OPEN MEETING

A lively open meeting before the Plymouth game led to the passing of two motions. The first was the motion proposed by the board that the Trust should investigate the feasibility of buying back Turf Moor and at least 50% of money raised from future events should go to the fund.



This will be a massive undertaking and the mechanics of how it will work have to be carefully considered. We will also require professional financial advice before making any decisions. We have also taken the first step of approaching the chairman to discuss the proposal.

The second motion was put forward from the floor and was worded: 'Clarets Trust expresses its disapproval of the £3 matchday price surcharge for walk-on supporters for the 2005/6 season. The Trust urges the club to give a commitment to review this policy.' This has been put to the club and a reply received from Mr Edmundson. A follow-up meeting has been arranged for 8th June and we hope that this will lead to a regular dialogue.

Also, don't forget that the next Open Meeting will be in the Foundation Bar at Turf Moor, at 5pm after the friendly with Malaga on July 23rd.

**HAVE YOUR SAY  
ANY TIME!**

**Contact us at**

**[info@claretstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@claretstrust.co.uk)**

**or come along to the next  
Open Meeting**

## BEER FESTIVAL REVIEW

The 1st Clarets Trust Beer Festival was very well received on the weekend of the Brighton game (April 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>). Particularly well-liked was the Trust beer, Bob Lord's bitter launched on the Friday night with the first pint pulled by Bob Lord's daughter, Barbara.



*Clarets Trust Honorary Vice President Willie Irvine introduces Barbara Lord*

Unfortunately, the brewers, Eastwood & Sanders, have not lived up to their part of the deal and instead of providing a specially brewed beer simply re-badged their best bitter. This means that there is no incentive for them to try to sell Bob Lord's bitter and so the Trust will not be making money from it unless we go out and sell the beer ourselves.

Whilst this is a disappointment, we will be looking into the possibility of having it brewed elsewhere and making sure that we get the deal agreed up front in writing. With more time to plan the beer festival for next year we hope to have an even more successful event.

## AN AUDIENCE WITH STEVE COTTERILL & FRIENDS

Over 200 people attended this event on April 21<sup>st</sup> and were able to listen to the varied and interesting views of the panel, including the late addition of the chairman Barry Kilby as well as Willie Irvine, Andy Lochhead and Vince Overson. Tony Livesey did a superb job as the chairman and raised a few laughs as well. In addition, 36 new members signed up on the night, and we have also been approached about taking the event on the road around the region in the future.

## **IMPORTANT REQUEST:** **'DO YOUR BIT' FOR THE TRUST**

We are fortunate, in many ways, that our Trust was not formed in the shadow of an imminent crisis at our football club. However, it does mean that we have to work even harder to get the message across that a strong Supporters' Trust will be vital for the future.

Almost six hundred members have already signed up to Clarets Trust in our first eight months in existence. This is a good solid foundation, but it does leave plenty of scope for us to grow even further. As well as central initiatives to sign up members at Trust events, via publicity in the media, and other activity involving the football club (such as the membership forms that were included in season ticket renewal packs) it is vital that each one of us becomes an active advocate for the Trust.

We have already started including a spare membership form in every new member's welcome pack, but we would like each and every member do their bit to help us recruit even more members. Membership forms can be downloaded from the Clarets Trust website, and are also available at Burnley Football Club (Reception and Ticket Office) and at the Burnley Express office in the centre of town – please pass one on today!

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

John McGreal was awarded Clarets Trust's Player of the Year award, collated from your votes, at the recent Supporters' Groups event on April 26<sup>th</sup>.



*John McGreal receiving his award from Trust board member, Martin Barnes.*

## LITERACY EVENT

Clarets Trust has been in contact with WHSmith with regard to supporting an event amongst local schools promoting reading. It is hoped to involve Burnley Football Club and Football in the Community and we have also been in touch with the National Literacy Trust and the Football Foundation, whose Premiership scheme was recently featured on Match of the Day. It is still in the early stages of planning but we are hoping to run a pilot scheme in one school in the near future.

## RUN TO THE TURF

In September, Clarets Trust will celebrate its 1st birthday and there are plans for a sponsored 10k fun run as part of the anniversary celebrations. The run has been suggested by contributors at Clarets Mad, and is likely to start and finish at Turf Moor on the Saturday home game nearest to September 10<sup>th</sup>. Anybody interested in taking part should get in touch via the usual channels or contact Clarets Mad directly (email: [claretsmad@ntlworld.com](mailto:claretsmad@ntlworld.com))

## TRUST BOARD CONFIRMATION

As officially announced at the Audience with Steve Cotterill & Friends event, Clarets Trust now has its first set of board members, who are as follows:

Martin Barnes; Steve Corrigan;  
Meg Fawcett; Darren Irvine;  
Hazel Leach; Dave Roberts.

Submissions had been received from these six members (as included in our last newsletter), which is fewer than the minimum of eight required for a full vote to take place. Therefore, all six have now been elected, unopposed, to the board. In addition, the new Trust Board has now also co-opted Tony Scholes, who has been involved with the Trust since its inception. We will also be looking to co-opt additional members over time, with a view to strengthening the current board.

## **CLARETS TRUST CONTACT DETAILS**

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