



Redditch United Football Club The News

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The Next 4 Home Games

- Saturday 28th January - Reds v Brackley Town
- Tuesday 31st January - Reds v St. Albans
- Saturday 11th February - Reds v Frome Town
- Saturday 25th February - Reds v Chesham

New Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the New official Redditch United Football Club News Letter, With this publication we hope to bring you a monthly update of the goings on in and around the Valley Stadium. Our aim with 'The News' is to Keep you up to date with Team news, Ground Improvements, Events and Functions.

You will be able to read the thoughts of both the Chairman and the coaching staff, Learn more about the players, our Future and our past. We will be asking readers for there thoughts, Stories and answering there questions.

The News will also keep you up to date with fixtures, scores, spe-

cial offers and competitions. We will also be keeping you up to date with news from the Youth teams and RUGFC.

A Club spokesman said "after listening to our supporters suggestions the one item that kept cropping up was communication between the Club and the supporters, we already have information going out in the form of our website, Facebook, local press and Matchday Programme but this can be sometimes limited to basic info. We would also like our supporters input on what they would like to see within this publication". If you have any questions or input please send them to redditchutdfc@gmail.com

Barry Fry Coming to the Valley

We are pleased to announce that Barry Fry will be visiting The Valley Stadium on April 27th 2012, 'an evening with Barry Fry' will be his second visit to the Valley and we hope will be just as successful if not more so. The evening is being jointly set up by

Lee O'Neil from the Charity Team Lewis and Redditch United FC with proceeds going to the Acorns Charity, Later in the Year there will also be a special Charity match between Team Lewis and Birmingham City All Stars with details to follow soon.



Chairmans' Thoughts



“The year has not been without its challenges but I firmly believe we are in a position now where we can build on firm foundations”

‘When Sallie and I took over the Club ten months ago we bought it from the jaws of liquidation. We have subsequently invested £250,000 into paying off creditors and investing in the future of the club through its infrastructure. We have a full-time coach, functions manager and part time corporate liaison and we are well positioned for the future.

We would have definitely banked where we are now at the start of the turnaround process, turnover has grown from £20,000 to £250,000 a year and

we have a function room and facilities which we can develop.

We have also worked very hard on forming partnerships and the partnerships with the YMCA, County Council and NEW College in particular are beginning to bear fruit. On the field we have attracted a group of players who are passionate and believe in the Club and are proud to wear the Redditch shirt.

This season is about consolidation which hopefully we have achieved and building a base to

really go for promotion next season with our ultimate objective to achieve Conference football for the town of Redditch.

We need more and more people involved as volunteers, this is an essential part of the Club’s future.

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Car Boot

Starting on the 8th February 2012 we will be launching the Redditch United FC Traders Market, The Market will run on the first Wednesday of every month and will be situated on the main Car Park, the internal Car Park and inside the club house.

Set up time for Traders will be from 6.30am and the market

will open from 7.30 am, the costs are £5 per car, £7 per van and £7 per indoor pitch. The Kitchen will be open throughout and will be serving hot and cold food and drink from 7.00am.

It is hoped that we can fill the void left by the demise of the Henley Market which also ran on a Wednesday and became really successful over the many

years that it ran, pitches are available to both Traders and Public. For more info contact Jeff on 01527 67450.



A Red Valentine



On February 10th 2012 Redditch United Football Club will be hosting a very special Valentines party which is sure to impress your loved ones, we are pleased to announce that one of the uk’s top live acts ‘Ministry of Soul’ will be playing live. Ministry of Soul consist of 10

very talented Musicians/singers who deliver such timeless classics as hold on I’m coming, my girl, in the midnight hour, mustang sally along with a host of Stax, Atlantic and Motown hits plus some of the latest contemporary soul songs. Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased in ad-

vance although you can pay on entry for £6, it is advised you book early. To buy Tickets or for more info on the Band please contact Debbie on 07833 205463 or why not visit there web site at www.ministryofsoul.co.uk

From the Dug-out

As we enter the second half of the season, it is fair to say we desperately need our injured players back fit and to have a good run between now and the end of the season with regards to injuries. With all players fit and available we have shown how well we can compete at this level, however as we all know the Football season is a marathon and not a sprint, consistency is the key and can be a difficult ingredient to achieve.

I am sure this season will be a great learning curve for all of us at the Club from the Chairmen and Sallie to myself and the players, I feel confident we have laid the foundations at the Football Club to move on and have a bright future. We have players at the Club on contract that I believe can form the nucleus of a very good Team over a number of years at the Club, hopefully taking us up through the Divisions. I am optimistic

for the remainder of the Season and still get a Buzz when the games come round, it is also great for me and the Team to see you all down at the Valley cheering the boys on which believe me is of great benefit to Team morale. I hope this continues and grows which will help us in our quest to reach the playoffs.



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Frost Bite

On the 14th January our game against St. Albans was called off due to part of the Pitch still being frozen just before 2pm, The decision was made by the Match Referee who deemed that part of the Pitch unplayable. A great effort by Staff and Volunteers to get the pitch playable was in the end fruitless despite the unusual step of parking Cars on the pitch to

create heat from the running engines!. Although St. Albans had arrived they were made aware on the morning that it would be a close call and although both Teams were happy to play the Game the decision was eventually made by the ref to call the Game off. The Game will now be played on Tuesday 31st January 2012, Kick Off 7.45pm.

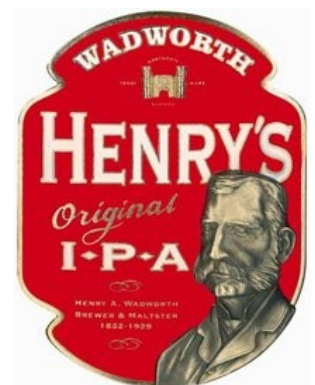


Ale of the Month

As some of you are aware extensive work has been done to improve Matchday experience both inside and out and has included a refurbishment of the lounge, directors room and staircase, we also decided that the bar needed a bit of work to ensure the drinks we sell are as

good as they can be. We have replaced all the pipes from the cellar to the bar and all the pump heads, there is a electronic system that also helps to keep the beer clean and helps to save wastage. Apart from a selection of quality draughts we have added a guest Ale pump where

we aim to deliver you a different Ale each month, so far we have had success with ‘Happy Daze’ and ‘Racey Rudolf’. This months Ale is ‘Henry’s I.P.A’, a gentle malt with slight hoppiness combines a good balance of flavours on the palate.



Back In Time 72'

SPORTS BRIEFS

Redditch United sharpshooter Nicky Ingram is the club's leading goal-scorer, with 13 goals from 14 league and cup games this season.

Redditch United manager Alan Hawkes is rearranging the Midland Counties Floodlit League game scheduled for Tuesday evening at Wellingboro to keep Reds safe from injuries for Saturday's F.A. Cup game with Ton Pentre

Five Redditch and Alvechurch F.C. players were selected for the Worcestershire County team to play in a Midland Counties amateur championship match at Leamington last night (Thursday). They were Lyne, Davis and Green from Alvechurch and Ingram and Howell from Redditch.

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Left to Right: back row—Brian Smart, Alan Shinton, Alan Walker, Les Brookes, Ray Howell, Brian Taylor, Danny Hamilton; front row—Nicky Ingram, Steve Shaw, Paul Evans, Bob Werhum, Ray Taylor.