

### March 2019 Newsletter

#### Christmas Meal 2018

On Monday 03 December a fantastic evening was enjoyed by over 100 people, which included Darren Way, Terry Skiverton and Paul Terry, plus all the players. A grand total of £389 was raised in the raffle and auction, which included a Francois Zoko signed shirt, 2 match day tickets and a bottle of Brandy. Our thanks go to Janet Lawrence, Janet Samways, Alexandra Samways & Eileen Becky for their organising of the draw & the magnificent prizes that they also provided. Our thanks must also go to Clive Robinson & his team for an excellent Christmas menu. Congratulations also to Darren Way and Jethro Hill for their interesting speeches.



#### Level Playing Field visit



On 05 January, at the home game against Bury FC, we were privileged to receive a visit from Liam Bird, the recently appointed Level Playing Field Fans Liaison Officer. Liam used this visit as a familiarization trip where he could update himself with the activities of our own DSA. As well as the normal DSA activities Liam was briefed about our 'Soccer Sight' set-up, including listening in to the match commentary and was also briefed about our SWDFEF activity. After the game we retired to a local restaurant where we all answered any questions he still wanted to cover. Liam said, "The results might not be going Yeovil's way on the pitch but the Yeovil DSA is flying high".

#### End of Season Meal

Our End of Season meal takes place in the Alec Stock Lounge on 29 April. Your Meal order forms are enclosed along with this newsletter. Please return them by 24 April.

#### Player of the Season Award

A voting form is with this newsletter for the Bruce James Player and the Runner up of the season. Please note that players that are, or have been, on loan to YTFC can also be included. Forms should be returned to us, by no later than Saturday 06 April. The presentations will be made on the pitch, after the last home game of the Season, on 04 May, against Carlisle

#### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is to be held at Huish Park, on Monday 13 May. If you haven't been to one, why not give it a try. We are aware that some of our members cannot get to our meals and/or AGM and maybe would like to raise a question to the committee or ask them to consider a suggestion. So, please ring Chair - Sharon Swain on 07790 375250.

### Mrs Vera Sansom

Following the sad loss of Mrs Vera Sansom we would like to send our condolences to the family and friends of Vera. Vera's son Paul very kindly arranged for donations in her memory to go to Yeovil Town Football Club Disabled Supporters Association.

On behalf of the association and its members, we would like to thank Paul and friends of Vera, for the generous donation received.

Funds raised and donations given are used to enhance facilities at the stadium to benefit both home and away supporters.

### Assistance Dogs Policy

We have now got a new Assistance Dogs Policy which you can find on our website under the 'Huish Park' link.

### Another Toy & Craft Fayre

Another Toy & Craft Fayre has been arranged at Huish Park on Saturday 11 May, in the Marquee, from 10:00 to 14:00. £5 per table. Entrance £1 with children free.

### The DSA Portacabin

We are almost there. When we have the schedule for installing it, the details will be put on our website.

### Away day coach to Swindon

We are arranging a mini bus for our members to go to the away game on Saturday 06 April. Fuller details will be put on our website, shortly.

### Bingo evening at Misterton

We held a Bingo Evening at Misterton Village Hall, Crewkerne, on Monday 25 February. At the time of sending the newsletter to press, I am not aware of the amount raised. All proceeds will go into our funds.

### Bingo evening at Huish

We are holding an Easter Bingo Evening at Huish Park on Wednesday 17 April. Doors open at 18:30 with Eyes Down at 19:15. All proceeds go into our funds.



### LPF's Weeks of Action 2019

As part of Level Playing Field's "Weeks of Action", on Saturday 02 March, at Yeovil v Morecambe game, 17-22 year old students from Cambian Lufton College, for students with learning disabilities, will take part in a structured coaching session from our Community Sports Trust staff and will also take part in a penalty shoot out during the half time interval. There may also be a possibility of taking part in the coin toss at the start of the game. Why not come along and support them as I am sure they would welcome you. You could even enjoy it!!

### Verbal abuse

Following our recent bucket collection at the football ground, many of the collectors received verbal abuse from a number of home supporters. The abuse was reported to the club at the time. Subsequently, the following statement was made on our media outlets.

Quote:-

The DSA is here to support disabled supporters both home and away and work hard to provide a better match day experience for all. **ABUSE OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

Unquote.

### YTFC Visit to Lufton College

Team Manager Darren Way took his players and staff to Cambian Lufton College, Yeovil on 18 December 2018 as part of their visits at Christmas time. The college is a specialist further education college for young people with a learning disability and complex needs. A great afternoon was enjoyed with some festive cheer and lots of memories to share.

### Christmas Bingo Evening

What another great night on Wednesday 12 December, where a magnificent amount of £700 was raised for the DSA funds. It will go towards our Portacabin fund, which we hope to have sited and in place before the season ends.