

Manchester City Disabled Supporters Association Newsletter



Paul Simpson to be first guest of the season.

Paul Simpson will be our first guest of the season at our next meeting on Wednesday 11th September in the Commonwealth Suite which is accessed through the East Stand Reception of the Etihad Stadium. Doors open at 7pm with free parking available immediately outside.

His career in football began as a player at Manchester City in 1982 where he made his league debut aged 16, in a 3-2 win against Coventry City. By the mid eighties Paul was a regular first team player and went on to play 121 games,

scoring 18 goals. During his time with City, Paul won three England caps at under-18 level and five caps for the under-21 team.

In 1988 Paul was sold to Oxford United in a £200,000 deal and after four years was signed by Derby County for £500,000. He played a major part in helping the Club gain promotion to the Premier League. He was then transferred to Wolves where they lost against Arsenal in the 1998 FA Cup Semi-Final. The remainder of Paul's playing career was with Blackpool and then from 2002 to 2006 as player manager with both Rochdale and his home town team Carlisle where he retired from the playing side in 2006. During his playing time he made 673 league, cup and international appearances scoring 151 goals.

The highlight of Paul's early years in management was back to back promotions with Carlisle and being named League Two Manager of the Year, having the best managerial statistics in the country. During this period he also won three manager of the month awards. In June 2006, Paul left Carlisle United to become Manager of Preston North End where he led the Lancashire side to the top of the Championship, their highest league placing for 55 years, nurturing talent such as David Nugent along the way. In recent years Paul has managed Shrewsbury Town, Stockport County and VSI in Portugal. He is highly respected within football for his integrity and in depth knowledge of the game which has led to him working for Sky Sports, BBC Radio Lancaster and BBC Radio Manchester where he has been a regular guest this season on Blue Tuesday, Paul also works as a Technical Match Observer for the Premier League.

Paul gained his UEFA Pro License in 2004 and also holds a BSc (Hons) in Sports Science.



Save the Date....

Big Joe Corrigan has agreed to be our guest for October. We are looking to hold it on the 7th October but I have not been able to confirm a room for the meeting as yet, so hold the date in your diary and I will confirm location as soon as possible.

Big Joe started his career with City in 1966 as a youth team player going on to make 476 appearances including winning UEFA Cup Winners Cup in 1970 and the League Cup in 1970 and 1976. He was City's player of the year in 1976, 1978 and 1980. Joe left city in 1983 to join Seattle Sounders for £30,000. He then moved round Brighton, Norwich and Stoke retiring from playing in 1984.

Following his playing career he went on to be goalkeeping coach at Liverpool, Chester, Stockport, West Brom and Hull.

Joe was always a fans favourite especially with Big Helen who would sit behind his goal ringing her bell. Before every game Helen insisted on giving Joe a lucky heather which he would place in his net.



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City Digital Time Capsule.

City have launched a digital time capsule on their web site http://www.capsool.com/citystories/#!/core-discover/timeline and need your help in sharing your memories as your time as a supporter.

They want stories of your first game, your memories of the transfers that created our history, stories of cup wins, titles, games, goals, your time on the terraces, the games you could only got to watch on TV or listened to on the radio. The day you met a player or manager, anything that sticks in your mind as a fan of our great club. Your story can include images and if you are really creative can be a video that will be uploaded to the site. Please send your story to mark via email mark@mcdsa.co.uk

If you don't have internet access you can still take part by writing your story down and sending to us as MCDSA or passing to Mark at one of our meetings.



Memorabilia for Harvey

Wes Ratcliffe is looking to raise funds to launch a UK charity to help his son who has Phelan McDermid Syndrome (PMS) which is is a genetic brain disorder affecting learning and memory, most children with Pms have significant difficulty learning to speak, some never develop this ability at all. As well as this, children affected by the syndrome often have problems eating and sleeping on top of very poor muscle tone and motor control. Most children with Pms need 24 hour care and will for their entire lives. Any funds will fund a family day for the Phelan mcdermid syndrome foundation in the uk, offering families affected by Pms the invaluable chance to share stories and resources together. For further information go to: www.22q13.org

Wes is after any City Memorabilia you may have going spare that he can use in a raffle to help raise funds for this great cause. If you have anything suitable please

bring along to our meeting or send to Mark at the address on our front page.



Jamie Oliver launches new food range at the Etihad

Jamie Oliver has teamed up with American Stadium Food specialists Legends Hospitality to create a new company Fabulous Fan Fayre which will be the sole provider of food and catering at the Etihad Stadium.

All food served on match days will be freshly cooked using locally sourched produce. The range includes pies, burgers and hot dogs all served to Jamies own recipes. Even the bread is baked locally and delivered to the stadium on the morning of the match.

Mark got to meet with Jamie at the launch of the new food range and can be seen here quizzing him on what he has planned for our Christmas Meal.