



Welcome to 2022/23



Official Supporters Club
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Meet the Committee



CAROLINE MOLYNEUX

I've been watching Wigan Athletic since I was 8 and it was my Dad that turned me into a lifelong fan. After we moved to the DW I started volunteering for the WASC committee and within a few years I was asked to be Chair. I am also proud to be a Trustee of Wigan Athletic Community Trust and a Science teacher by day!



JASON TAYLOR

I have been watching Wigan Athletic since my dad took me to my first game in 1975. Season ticket holder since 76 until present day. I watch most games home and away. I was co-opted on to the committee in 2008 after helping with online and media since 2004. Would love to see Latics consolidate and finish in top the 14, but if they feel they need to overachieve like last season, then I won't argue too much.



ADAM CONROY

I've been watching Latics since I was a kid. I've been involved with the committee for 5 years and secretary for most of that time. This season I'm hoping for consolidation of our Championship place and lots more good football from Leam and the team.



JEFF TAYLOR

I have been watching Latics for over 70 years. I have been a committee member for over 20 years and owing to retired work status I can be found stewarding coaches at every away game. Hopefully we will finish top but I will settle for a realistic 15/20.



MARIE (MAZ) BROOKFIELD

I'm a latecomer to the "Believe Party" (2016/2017) but was warmly welcomed into the WAFC family and soon became a committee member helping in the supporters bar and stewarding the away coaches. As we move forward I hope to continue to assist in the decisions made by the committee.



MICK WIMSEY

I have been a season ticket holder for 42 years. This is my 40th consecutive year being involved with the supporters club I enjoy match day home and away and when a goal is scored I love to watch people who could be complete strangers male / female / boy or girl colour or creed for that split second embrace each other smile possibly even cry and whatever else they have going on in their life ,troubles, health issues anything that worry or concerns they have they are completely forgotten about for that split second, that's what I love about football and that should never be lost.

Meet the Committee



EDDIE EARLEY

I have been following the tics since 1984, I have been a season ticket holder since 1992 but my first game was season 83/84 I think Dec Wigan v Northampton 2 v 2. I joined the committee around 6 - 7 years ago. My hopes for the season are that we remain in Championship.



DEB CHAPMAN

I've been watching Latics for 41 yrs ☺ and on the committee for the past 12 months. Hopes for the season are to continue the feel-good factor between everyone connected with the club and the results on the field will follow.



NORMA UNSWORTH

I have been watching Latics for about 6 years and shortly after became part of the Supporters committee. Here's to a great season back in the Championship.



RACHAEL DAVIES

I have been following Wigan Athletic for around 20 years. I joined the committee at the start of last season. Hoping to have a good season ending within the top half of the table ☺



IAN CARTER

My name is Ian Carter. I've been watching latics since 1981. 41 years watching latics. This season I'm hoping for a mid table finish but will be happy for us to survive this first season back in the championship and hopefully have a decent cup run.



ADAM PENDLEBURY

I started supporting Wigan Athletic in 1987. Fortunately for me, it was my Latics supporting Grandad, rather than my armchair Bolton supporting Dad who introduced me to football. I have been a committee member of WASC since May 2021. I recognised the crucial role the committee played during the dark days of administration and really wanted to play a part in continuing the excellent work that WASC do. I am particularly interested in regulatory and governance issues. To that end, I am keeping a close eye on the outcomes of the Fan Led Review and how they will impact on Latics. I am always happy to talk Latics so if you see me in the Club, please come and have a chat with me.

Progress With Unity Podcast



The 2022/23 season heralds the 10th anniversary of the Progress With Unity Podcast and as always we stand excited about what the new campaign will bring. A new season, renewed optimism, fresh goals and lots for us to chat about on our twice weekly show.

In the last 10 years we have produced 525 episodes with over 1 million downloads.

Last season, coming off the back of administration and with new owners at the helm, was simply outstanding. The players embraced the ethos of the club and the supporters got behind the team with some exceptional away days. Lifting the trophy as League One Champions on the final day of the season crowned a truly memorable season.

The podcast charted each game as it came and went and as a group of die hard Latics fans we were certainly positive on each episode. There are three regular members, Adam, Barry and Paul, but we do have guest appearances, from opposition fans to both current and former Latics players, staff and even the CEO Mal Brannigan has featured twice.

Over the summer we ran a feature, 'Latics Shorts – The Games Of Our Lives', a short story around a particular game and what it means personally, individual fans recorded their story and it made for great listening. These episodes are still available and we would recommend that you check them out.

Recently Sam Swanton, you'll know him as Swanny the club shop manager, featured on the podcast, he appeared to chat about this seasons kits, his insight was excellent, did you know that next seasons kit is already at the design stage?

Sam has a major input into the design of the kit, together with Mal Brannigan, they discuss, argue, debate and finally agree on what it will look like, then a prototype of the kit is sent to Puma HQ in Germany to see if it can be made to the design specifications, if so it's all systems go, if not then some 'tweaking' will be necessary.

Those home and away strips are literally a work of art.

Our aims this coming season are not to take ourselves too seriously, hopefully keep those who listen entertained, to be a voice for Latics fans and help to spread the word of Wigan Athletic far and wide.

New episodes are released Sunday and Wednesday during the season. We will also be doing some live Podcasts in the Supporters' Club Bar in the South-Stand, the first of these being at the Burnley match on the 28th August.

All episodes of the PWU Podcast can be found at:
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/7167>

Up the tics!

PWU Latics Podcast



SCAN TO TUNE IN



Away Travel



Tuesday 16 August 2022
COVENTRY CITY
4.00pm from Stadium | £15



Saturday 20 August
BIRMINGHAM CITY
11.30am from Stadium | £13



Saturday 3 September
LUTON TOWN
9.45am from Stadium | £26



Tuesday 13 September
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
5pm from Stadium | £11

Pickup from Ashton will be 45 minutes before Stadium departure, Bryn 40 minutes, Marus Bridge/Goose Green 30 minutes.



The Supporters Project



As we enter the 2022-23 season, we also begin our second year working with the Wigan Athletic Community Trust on "The Supporters Project". The legacy of the first Crowdfunder fundraise in 2020, hundreds of people in Wigan Borough have already benefitted from investment in the three strands of the project. Ten grass roots football clubs received much needed grants of £1000 each which were then match- funded by Wigan Council. The Extra-Time project which aims to tackle social isolation in vulnerable

and older people in the town, has been funded for 2 years until September 2023. Finally, the most ambitious strand of the project aims to setup a work experience and alternative provision offer for teenagers in secondary schools across Wigan and Leigh. Now successfully piloted, 2022-23 will see the full rollout of the third strand of the Supporters Project. Look out for further news of these projects this season.



Members Draw

WASC have two season tickets in the Carling Lounge each season. Every game, one lucky member will be drawn out to take a guest for hospitality with drinks and West Stand seats included (subject to conditions).

Our first winner for 2022/23 is **Stephen Callaghan**.

Congratulations!



Dates for your Diary



**Saturday
27th August
V BURNLEY**

Live interviews pre-match
with the PWU hosts



**Thursday
27th October
WASC QUIZ
NIGHT**

7pm at the stadium



**Saturday
17th December
V SHEFFIELD
UNITED**

Members
Pie and Peas game



**WASC
WEEKENDER
2023**

To be announced

*All dates are subject to change due to possible fixture changes throughout the season



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or in person in the South Stand Bar before every home game