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THE TRUST CARRIES ON

Since Peterborough United severed links with The Posh Supporters' Trust a number of members have approached Board members to ask whether the Trust will fold. The answer is a resounding **NO!** The club's incomprehensible decision makes the Board even more determined to continue with its aims.

It is ironic that the club apparently reacted badly to reports of our members' meeting on 3 February. On that evening Phil Tooley, the Acting Managing Director of Supporters Direct, explained how Chesterfield FC (controlled by the supporters' trust) were now enjoying their highest attendances for 24 years. What a pity that none of the PUFC directors (all of whom joined the Trust two years ago) attended the members' meeting to hear for themselves how, since taking over the club three years ago, Chesterfield had carefully nurtured their fans, even in ones and twos, encouraging them to return to Saltergate over and over again.

Throughout the country football clubs and supporters' trusts are working closely together to safeguard the future of the clubs and the interests of the fans. The Posh Supporters' Trust is working in exactly the same way as those other trusts. Only in Peterborough has this co-operative process come to a halt. If The Posh Supporters' Trust had conducted a campaign of vilification against Peterborough United FC, we would not have been surprised if the club had severed connections with us.

Instead we have given free of charge 895 man-hours of work in the club shop since the beginning of the 2003/04 season, tidying and re-stocking it before every home match, undertaking regular stock-takes, manning the shop before and after matches. Time and again we have offered advice on the types of merchandise to be stocked, suggested fair prices to be charged and provided ideas on how to attract more fans into the shop. We have offered to sell club merchandise at outside events. We have suggested joint fund-raising events with the club.

We have organised the ball boys for every home match in the last two seasons. We have raised £2,000 for the refurbishment of the floodlights. We supported one of the club's sportsmen's dinners (by paying for a £250 table at *our own*, not the Trust's, expense) and donated an item that raised hundreds of pounds for the club. With the official supporters' club we jointly arranged an open day before the start of the 2003/04 season.

It is absurd, therefore, to accuse the Trust of not giving the club "a pound coin" during the last two years. We have worked our socks off for Peterborough United and are proud of what we have achieved.

TRUST PRESS RELEASE

Following the announcement by Peterborough United that it was severing all links with The Posh Supporters' Trust, the Trust issued the following press release:

"The Posh Supporters' Trust has been removed from all positions related to Peterborough United Football Club with immediate effect. The invitation to Leigh Porter to join the advisory board has been withdrawn and we will no longer be running the club shop on match days or supplying and organising the ball boys. The Trust's counter in the Family stand is being discontinued and our banner being returned to us.

All those familiar with our activities know that the Trust board and other members have given, for free, enormous amounts of time and effort to help the club, particularly in the club shop. We have also proposed many ways for the club to increase its revenue through the shop and through other activities. Nobody who knows us could be in any doubt that we have the interests of the club as our core priority, and we feel that this action by the club directors is unjustified.

Our aims are written, widely available in our literature, are the same as those of many trusts at UK football clubs and have not changed at all since our inception. We have continued to try to understand the financial structure of the club by asking questions at the club AGMs and resolve such issues as the non-registration of the lease between PUHL and PUFC. We do this as shareholders in PUFC Ltd.

The Posh Supporters' Trust will continue to vigorously promote their vision of a community orientated club which would receive support from all parts of that community, both in Peterborough and in the surrounding areas, and which promotes football amongst all sections of society particularly the young and disadvantaged. We believe that this type of approach will win back fans to the club. To this end we will look for companies, voluntary organisations, the city council and individuals to support these aims but as we have always done, not in such a way as to undermine their existing sponsorship of the club. We intend to maintain a close dialogue and working relationship with the other supporters groups.

As stated in the last and most long term of our aims, we "remain alert at all times to the possibility of gaining control of the club on behalf of all the supporters and the community as a whole", a view supported by the current club owner in past reported statements. Such clubs already exist and are run successfully at Chesterfield and Lincoln City amongst others, and are shining examples of supporter involvement, community ethos, local council support and successful financial management in difficult circumstances.

Our philosophy is one that encourages a strong voice for fans, democratic principles, an open accountable style of operation with high integrity coupled with a professional approach to all aspects of our activities. We hope that by sharing these ideals and objectives we will continue to gain support and encourage an increased membership."

The Board of The Posh Supporters' Trust.

WHAT DOES THE TRUST DO NOW?

One of the principal aims of the Trust is to be fully prepared to save the club if it goes into administration or if the present owner decides to call it a day. Thus the Trust needs to be a credible organisation in the eyes of all interested parties. We must have a comprehensive plan that can be presented to other supporters' groups, the fans, the general community, local businesses, entrepreneurs and Peterborough City Council. The Trust has been working on this for many months and will continue to do so until such time as it is required.

As shareholders in Peterborough United FC we will also continue to press for an answer to a question raised at the club's AGM last November. We asked why the lease arrangement between Peterborough United Holdings Limited and Peterborough United Football Club had not been registered at the Land Registry, as is required by law. We were promised an answer at the AGM, but none has so far been forthcoming, despite reminders.

WHY WAS THE TRUST FORMED?

Despite what the directors of Peterborough United FC have claimed, the aims of The Posh Supporters' Trust have not changed one jot since it was formed as an Industrial and Provident Society in November 2002:

- ***To strengthen the bonds between Posh and the community and to represent the interests of the community in the running of the club.***
- ***To benefit present and future members of the community by promoting, encouraging and furthering the game of football as a recreational activity, sporting activity and focus for community involvement.***
- ***To acquire shares in Peterborough United Football Club.***
- ***To build a substantial membership.***
- ***To establish a healthy relationship with the club.***
- ***To have a representative of the Trust as a director on the club board.***
- ***To remain alert to the possibility of gaining control of the club on behalf of the local community.***

The Posh Supporters' Trust means business. If you agree with these aims, please join us now. The annual subscription for adults is only £10, but we also offer the following options: Five-Year (£40), Ten-Year (£80) and Lifetime (£150 – but £80 for pensioners). When you join, you receive a share certificate and also membership card to enable you to take advantage of the benefits provided by a wide range of local businesses.

WHO'S WHO ON THE TRUST BOARD

Chairman	Peter Lloyd
Chief Executive	Leigh Porter
Treasurer	Richard Bellamy
Membership Secretary	Dave Colbert
Junior Membership Secretary	John Henson
Business Development	Keith Jennings
Director	Paul Little
Marketing	Gill Williams
Secretary	Peter Williams

GREAT NEW WEBSITE!

We apologise for the loss of our website at the New Year. Whilst we regret the loss of this service for a few weeks, it gave us the opportunity to create a completely new website, with a new address, **www.theposhtrust.com**

We cordially invite you to visit the site, which will include a number of new features over the coming months. It also provides a link to our new on-line shopping service, buy.at/theposhtrust.

SAVE MONEY AND HELP THE TRUST!

The Trust needs to be financially strong. You can help us to build our "war chest" by using the Trust's new on-line shopping facility, **buy.at/theposhtrust**.

Great gift ideas

You can choose from tens of thousands of products from over eighty retailers. Whilst you save money, your purchases will earn commission to help with fundraising for The Posh Supporters' Trust.

Special on-line discounts

It is a great way to obtain great online bargains, find cheaper gas, electricity and telephone services and even book your summer holiday. Don't forget that everything you buy through the shop will raise money for the Trust.

Top retailers

Participating retailers include :-

Sky, Comet, Marks & Spencer, MFI, RAC, the AA, Amazon, Oddbins, Index, Blackwell's, Cotton Traders, More Th>n Credit, Cards, Norwich Union, Eurooffice, Disney Travel, Novatech, Haven Holidays etc etc etc.

So go on, top up your CD or DVD collection or, if you're making business purchases, why not make them from here. When there is a birthday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter or any other special occasion to celebrate, surprise your loved one with something from Thorntons or Teleflorist.

Don't forget to make the shop your homepage and make **buy.at/theposhtrust** the first place to look when you go on-line shopping!

SECOND HAND BOOKS FOR SALE

The Trust has a stock of second-hand football and non-football books, which are for sale at very reasonable prices. All titles are listed on our website, www.theposhtrust.com. Please keep checking the website for new stock. Unless stated otherwise, all books are in excellent condition.

If you wish to place an order, please write or e-mail us, advising if you can collect a book at a home match. If you want a book to be mailed to you, we will quote an extra price for postage and packing. Please write to us at The Posh Supporters' Trust, FREEPOST NAT22867, P O Box 587, Peterborough PE4 5BR.

POSH PROGRAMMES

The Posh Supporters' Trust has a huge stock of Posh home and away programmes from the 1960s through to 2002/03 and a large selection of other clubs' programmes not involving matches with Posh. We also have a number of cup final and England and Scotland international programmes.

Our oldest programmes are listed on the website, which is always kept up to date. There are four catalogues: (1) Non-Posh 1940s to 1960s, (2) Posh homes 1960s to early 1970s, (3) Posh aways 1960s to 1970s and (4) cup finals and semi-finals. If you cannot access our website, please write to us at The Posh Supporters' Trust, FREEPOST NAT22867, P O Box 587, Peterborough PE4 5BR.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE TRUST?

There are various ways in which **you** can help the Trust to achieve its aims:

- Become a member – (**subscription** terms on page 4 and on back page)
- Make a **donation** to the Trust
- Play the **Gold Bond Super Draw** lottery every week
- Make use of our new on-line shopping facility, **buy.at/theposhtrust**
- **Use your membership card** at the local businesses that provide excellent discounts to members (listed in this newsletter)
- If you shop at Westgate Department Stores, AHF Home Furnishing Superstores and Westgate Optical, ask for the dividend to be credited to the Trust's **share number 473432**.
- If you have any professional or other skills, e g in accountancy, the law, marketing, photography etc, **offer your services to the Trust**.

“SAVE OUR FA CUP” SAYS FANS’ GROUP

Save our FA Cup" is the urgent call from the national football supporters' group in England and Wales. The Football Supporters' Federation (FSF) believes rumours that the 2006 FA Cup Final may be moved to a Wednesday night, or replays scrapped in the later rounds, are the latest in a long line of assaults on England's oldest football competition.

The FSF has contacted the Football Association (FA) and asked that no decisions be taken before supporters are properly consulted. The FSF passed a unanimous resolution at its national council meeting at Doncaster Rovers' ground on 13 February 2005, calling for the Final to continue in its long-established slot as the last game of the domestic season and for replays to be maintained in the fifth and sixth rounds.

The FSF, which represents over 130,000 individual and affiliated members supporting clubs and national teams at all levels throughout England and Wales, will be launching an on-line petition to allow supporters to register their views. It will also encourage supporters and fans' groups to protest at the lack of consultation with fans to the FA.

Commenting, FSF chairman Malcolm Clarke (a Stoke City supporter) said: "If there's one competition that unites hardcore football supporters, it's the FA Cup. From the top of the Premiership right down to the Ryman League and even lower in the pyramid the Cup is the stuff of football dreams. Yet the FA seems unable to defend its own competition. We all know the great old competition has been the subject of more than one own goal by the FA.

"The FA didn't just allow the holders Manchester United to withdraw in 1999/2000. It encouraged them. Unbelievable! We've seen the ending of replays in the semi-finals and final. We've seen the ending of unlimited replays in earlier rounds. Every decision taken by the FA. Every decision chipping away at the uniqueness of the Cup. We've heard a lot of talk over the past few years from the FA about the defending the great history and traditions of the FA Cup. Here's the FA's chance to walk the walk.

"The FA Cup Final should be the last match of the domestic season. That should be set in stone. There should be no further cutbacks in replays. There are plenty of ways of achieving this whilst still giving England players the clear month's break between the end of the English season and the World Cup. The FA mustn't cave in to pressure from self-interested Premiership clubs."

Fellow FSF national council member Graham Kelly, formerly chief executive of both the Football League and the FA, added: "The FA has demonstrated that it is totally incapable of taking care of its own competition. The Cup is dying of neglect because its guardians are cutting off its lifeblood."

The FSF's online petition can be found at the organisation's website (www.fsf.org.uk).

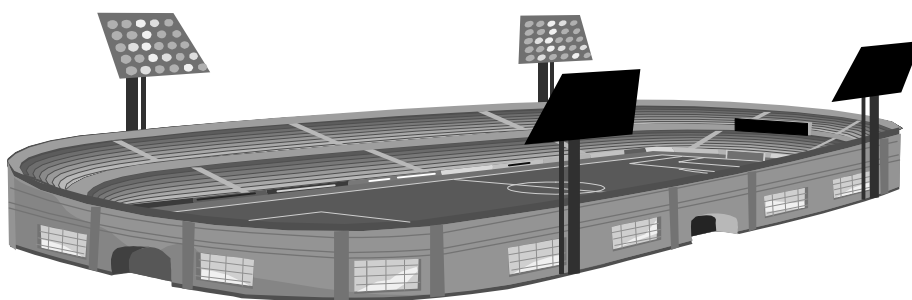
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THE NEW MAN AT THE FA

Last month the FA's new chief executive, Brian Barwick, started work. In his role he "presides over" seven million participants, plus another five million in schools; 500,000 volunteers; 37,500 clubs; 9,000 youth clubs; 2,000 competitions; 32,000 schools; 30,000 FA-qualified coaches; 27,000 FA-qualified referees; and 45,000 pitches (21,000 with facilities). Of the many messages to Mr Barwick we read, the most pertinent to us was the following from Sophie McGill, a director of the York City Supporters' Trust: "The FA needs to stop wasting time on the misdemeanours of Wenger and Ferguson – and employees – and get down to the nitty-gritty of safeguarding the game. The FA are supposed to be the guardians of the game, making sure it is successful and run properly. But when York City were having problems, we were completely let down by the FA. We need to put into place preventative measures to protect clubs like York and to stop what's now happening at Wrexham in League 1. They need to understand that there's a lot more to football than the Premier League."

We were also impressed by the following contribution from Malcolm Clarke, the chairman of the Football Supporters' Federation: "The FA needs to change its structure so that supporters are more fully involved. It should return to its traditional role of regulating the game with the active participation of all stakeholders: not just the big barons of the Premier League and the men in blazers of the county game, but the supporters as well. Mr Barwick must also tackle the problem of asset-stripping. More clubs than ever before are in financial crisis."

NEWS FROM THE TRUST WORLD



Cambridge United

As if the threat of relegation from League 2 were not bad enough already, CAMBRIDGE UNITED are now facing a very uncertain future unless CFU, their trust, can raise at least £2.5m to buy back the Abbey Stadium and provide working capital. The aim is to set up a Community Stadium Trust that will, apart from guaranteeing a home for the U's, provide facilities every day of the week for community-based activities in the fields of education, health and the arts.

Stockport County

The board of the Stockport County Supporters' Trust, including recently co-opted board member and club sponsor Mr Steve Parfett, recently attended a meeting with the board of Cheshire Sports concerning the future of Stockport County Football Club. Chaired by Mr Brian Kennedy, co-owner of Cheshire Sports, the meeting was cordial, detailed and productive. Whilst bound by a confidentiality agreement requested by Cheshire Sports, the Trust board confirmed that detailed confidential information was supplied by Cheshire Sports that would allow the Trust to formulate a detailed business plan. These negotiations excluded ownership of Edgeley Park and Sale Sharks, although it is accepted that only control by the Trust of both Stockport County and Edgeley Park will ensure the future of the club on behalf on its supporters in perpetuity. The Trust was invited to return for further discussions to prove conclusively that it would be capable of taking over the day-to-day running of Stockport County Football Club. A principal objective of the Trust was to place the ownership and destiny of the club in the hands of its moral owners, the supporters. Mr Kennedy had publicly stated and reaffirmed to the Trust board that he personally believed the future for lower division football clubs to be as community clubs. Membership of the Trust has received a massive increase since negotiations were made public. Supporters around the world have pledged support, professional expertise and financial donations. A public meeting is due to take place soon.

Manchester United

While the saga for control of Manchester United continues, reported as much in the financial pages as the sports sections of national newspapers, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has become the patron of Shareholders United, the supporters' trust vehemently opposed to the take-over bid by Malcolm Glazer. "I am honoured", he said, "I think it is important that the club remains in the right hands. I am absolutely on the supporters' side and think the club is in the right hands a it is today. I am a United fan myself and only want what is best for the club".

Lincoln City

Trust-owned Lincoln City have announced a pre-tax profit of £735,748 up to the end of June last year, an improvement of more than £500,000 compared to 2003. The chairman, Rob Bradley, said that the board still had a duty to be cautious, but that the club was in a much stronger position less than three years after going into administration. It's been a remarkable turnaround in fortunes for City, who went into administration in April 2002. It seemed that rising debts, a huge wage bill and the collapse of ITV Digital would bring to an end 118 years of history. But, after a tension-filled summer, a rescue package was accepted and the Imps were given the green light to continue as a Football League club. Keith Alexander was appointed as manager and, despite having to work to a shoestring budget, his bargain buys from non-league football defied all the odds to reach the play-offs in 2002/03 and 2003/04. This year the club is hoping to make it third time lucky. "It is remarkable how far the club has come in such a short space of time," said Bradley. "There were dark times in 2002 and I would never want to go through them again."

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Rushden & Diamonds

The emergence of Rushden & Diamonds from virtually nothing – or, to be precise, Rushden Town and Irthlingborough Diamonds – is a testament to the vision of one man, Max Griggs. Whether or not you agree with what he did, you have to admire someone who transformed a tiny football ground into a magnificent stadium with superb banqueting and hospitality facilities, while overseeing promotions from the Southern League Eastern Division through the Southern Premier, the Conference and Division 3 to Division 2. The club's fans, reared on undreamt-of success, are now coming to terms with two very indifferent seasons, and it will be a test of their resilience and nerve as the club tries to maintain its hard-won league status. The successful run ended last season when Mr Griggs decided to sell the club. Now he and his family have said that they are willing to offer the putative supporters' trust £750,000 to take it over, so that it can be owned and managed by the fans. The offer includes the club, Nene Park Stadium and 22 acres of land, but not the adjacent sports and exhibition centre. Mr Griggs is said to be offering £500,000 to keep the club afloat next season and £250,000 in the following season.

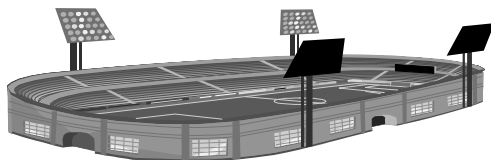
At a recent meeting of the East Midlands supporters' trusts we met supporters' representatives from Nene Park and offered our help and advice to them. Supporters Direct will be on hand to provide financial, legal and moral support to the new trust, just as it did in 2002, when The Posh Supporters' Trust was formed. At an open meeting at Nene Park a few days later 350 fans took the decision to form a trust. Since then we have met representatives of the new trust and offered our support.

Worksop Town

We understand that a trust is being formed by supporters of Conference North club Worksop Town.

Kingstonian

The Ryman Premier club's supporters' trust has welcomed the arrival of a new owner, Jimmy Cochrane, who has brought an end to the four-year reign of the Khosla family. During this period the former Conference club has slipped down the non-league pyramid and now looks certain to drop into the Ryman Division 1 at the end of this season. It also lost the ownership of Kingsmeadow Stadium to the sitting tenants, AFC Wimbledon. K's Trust chairman, Mark Murphy, was relieved when the £51,000 deal went through: "We now need to work together and get Kingstonian to re-connect with the local community."



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You can help us to build our funds, whilst also having the chance of winning Cash for yourself by joining our :-

£££££ GOLD BOND SUPER DRAW £££££

Guaranteed prizes of £2,000 every week
£5,000 every month,
£10,000 every six months
and 400 cash prizes weekly.

Hundreds of Posh fans play the Gold Bond Super Draw every week. You pay only £1 a week to buy seven numbers. Full details are available on our website. Gold Bond is an established lottery operating for the benefit of football clubs and supporters' trusts. By buying tickets you help The Posh Supporters' Trust to build its funds. Full details of winners are published every week on our website.

WANTED!!! 'Gold Bond Agents'

We are urgently seeking more agents for the Gold Bond Super Draw. Whether you are able to sell just a few or a lot you will receive 15% commission on all sales and 10% of winnings on tickets sold. You could sell them to your family, friends, work colleagues, at the pub etc. We are especially looking for agents in towns and villages outside Peterborough, such as Stamford, Oundle, Market Deeping, Wittering, Barnack, Eye, March, Chatteris, Huntingdon, Potton etc, etc. If you are interested and can help the Trust, please call our Gold Bond Super Draw Organiser, Walter Moore (01733 313121) or Richard Bellamy (07782 359032).

Play Gold Bond every week through your newsagent

Many local newsagents enable their customers to play by adding the cost of the weekly ticket to their newspaper bill. See if your newsagent provides this service:

Balfour Convenience Store (Stanground),	Barnack Post Office,
Brett's Newsagents (Eastfield),	The Chocolate Box (Fletton Avenue),
Eastfield News (Eastfield),	Elmfield News (Dogsthorpe),
Goodman's Stores (Werrington),	Nina Newsagents (Stanground),
Martin's Newsagents (Orton Malborne)	Wansford Post Office
Wistow Newsagents (Orton Wistow).	T C Stores (Farcet)
Parker's Newsagents (Whittlesey),	Stanground News (Stanground),
Odiz (Eastfield Rd),	Hitchborn's Convenience Stores (Dogsthorpe),
Glington Post Office	Werrington News (Werrington)
and News Plus Group (Gunthorpe, Werrington and Ramsey)	

DISCOUNTS FOR TRUST MEMBERS

MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP PAY FOR ITSELF AND MORE!

All members of The Posh Supporters' Trust have a membership card that entitles them (on production of the card) to benefits generously provided by a number of businesses in and around Peterborough. Members can save much more than their annual subscription every year if they use their card. We thank Charters Bar for sponsoring the membership cards.

We are pleased to announce *ANOTHER NEW BENEFIT* for members: Freemans Cash and Carry offer annual membership for £1 (instead of £5), to allow entry and purchase of perfect surplus ex-catalogue merchandise at substantial savings (up to 70%). A free card is allowed for spouses.

Please patronise all these businesses, which help the Trust to help Posh.

BUSINESS	DISCOUNTS
AJ's Pet Supplies, The Showroom, Whittlesey Road, Stanground, Peterborough	Discounts available according to product.
Arriva Willhire Centres (01733 340493)	10% off the standard published vehicle hire rates on all vehicles. Discount available through all depots, but must be arranged through the Peterborough depot.
Best Bodies, Gymnasium, Mallard Road, Bretton, Peterborough	Fully inclusive, corporate membership for £3.85 a week, paid monthly.
Blinds Direct (tel 0800 0282942)	10% off purchases.
The Brewery Tap, 80 Westgate, Peterborough	10% off food orders from Sunday to Wednesday at The Brewery Tap.
Charters Bar, Town Bridge, Peterborough PE1 1DG	Half-price entry to Charters Late Nite Live on Friday and Saturday evenings from 9.30pm. 30p off a pint of any Oakham Ale at Charters Bar in the two hours before and after any home match.
City Electrical Factors	Discounts available according to type of product.
Ed's Trade & Business Warehouse, Eastern Industry Estate, Padholme Road East, Peterborough PE1 5XL (tel 355320)	10% discount on all goods on production of Trust membership card.

Escape Health & Beauty 27 Winslow Road, Peterborough	10% off beauty treatment.
F Wade & Son Fishing Tackle 247 High Street, Fletton	10% off purchases, excluding bait.
Fitzjohn Ingle Estate Agents, 4 Fortune Buildings, Cowgate, Peterborough	20% off standard sole agency fee (with minimum charge of £1,000).
Flag Fen, Britain's Bronze Age Centre, The Droveaway, Northey Road, Peterborough	20% discount on normal day admissions (excluding special events)
Fleur Florists, 31 Queensgate Centre, Peterborough	10% off purchases (excluding Interflora).
Freemans Cash and Carry, Ivatt Way, Peterborough	Annual membership for £1 (instead of £5), to allow entry and purchase of perfect surplus ex-catalogue merchandise at substantial savings (up to 70%). Free card allowed for spouses.
Gallery Worktops Limited – specialists in granite, marble Corian and Marlan solid surface kitchen worktops. Tel: 07900 557001	10% off trade price list. James Teggerdine (Installation service available)
Golden Cod Fish Bar, Crawthorne Road, Peterborough	10% off purchases.
Golden Cod Fish Bar, Staniland Way, Werrington P'Boro	10% off purchases.
Huntingdon Steeplechases The Racecourse, Brampton, Huntingdon	£3 off admission to The Paddock Enclosure for all weekday meetings (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).
J W D'Arcy Limited, Jewellers, 7 Westgate, Peterborough	10% discount off purchases (new sales only, not repairs)
Lambe's Lawnmowers, 1440 Lincoln Road, Werrington, Peterborough (tel 01733 321940)	10% off spares and service. Possible discount off new products.
Living Well Premier Health Club, Papyrus Road, Werrington, Peterborough (tel 01733 292600)	One day free trial and reductions on Health Club membership.
Market Cobbler, Peterborough Outdoor Market	10% off shoe repairs and keycutting, including specialised car ignition keys.

Michael John, Hair Stylists, 30 Queensgate, Peterborough	10% off hair styling.
Michael John, Hair Stylists, 289 Lincoln Road, Millfield, P'Boro	10% off hair styling.
Penco Fine Art & Graphics, 65 Queensgate Centre, Peterborough	10% off purchases.
PD Kitchens & Bedrooms – made to order units (tel 01733 762039)	10% off trade price list for kitchen and bedroom cabinets
Papa Luigi Dial a Pizza, of 957 Lincoln Road, Walton, Peterborough (tel 777111)	Free french fries or garlic bread with any main meal purchase.
Peterborough Bowl, Sturrock Way, Bretton, Peterborough	20% discount on normal bowling rates and a 10% discount on food deals.
Peterborough Greyhound Stadium	Two entries for the price of one on any Tuesday or Wednesday evening OR four meals (including admission) for the price of three in the Raceview Restaurant on any Tuesday or Wednesday evening (pre-booking only).
Peterborough United FC	10% off replica shirts. Priority ticketing arrangements (after season ticket holders).
Plough Inn, Ramsey Road, Farcet Fen (tel 01733 844307)	10% off meals.
RAC (Telephone 0800 716 976 and quote DT0120).	20% discount on Roadside, Recovery, At Home, Onward Travel and all Standard service levels except RAC Solutions. <i>The offer, which includes free Joint Membership (worth £22) for another member of the household, is unfortunately not available to existing RAC members and applies only to certain payment methods. Terms and conditions apply. Calls may be monitored and recorded.</i>
Speedy Hire Centres (Southern) Limited, 577 Lincoln Road, Peterborough	25% off equipment hire.

Terry Wright Cycles, 39 Bridge Street Deeping St James, Peterborough	12 ½ % off bicycles or accessories.
Thorney Golf Club Thorney Peterborough	25% off green fees on the Lakes and Fen courses.
Woodston MoT Centre, Wharf Road Industrial Estate, Woodston (tel 01733 315268)	£5 off any MoT test.

The Trust thanks all these companies for their support. If you own or are involved with a business that would benefit from joining our discount scheme, please contact us at The Posh Supporters' Trust, P O Box 587, Peterborough PE4 5XL.

Steve Cooper Memorial Fund

Over a hundred Posh fans gathered at Ebenezer's Social Club on 16th February on the 1st anniversary of the untimely death of the Posh legend Steve Cooper. Steve died on 15 February 2004 at the age of 39, from a blood clot on the brain 2 days after playing in a football match in Birmingham.

During the emotional evening of pride, fun and sorrow, Posh fans watched the highlights of both legs of the 1992 division 3 play-off semi-final between Posh and Huddersfield, in which Steve's fantastic flying header secured a win for the Posh that sent them to the final at Wembley, where Posh won 2-1 against Stockport to gain promotion into the new Division 1.

Several members of Steve's family including his widow Hayley, his father and two brothers travelled from Birmingham to attend the evening. Former manager Chris Turner also attended with Marcus Ebdon and Lee Howarth who played alongside Steve in that momentous game back in 1992.

A statement from Hayley Cooper was read out which said: "We were only here for a few months but Steve left a lasting impression on your football club. Steve would have been overwhelmed by what your club and supporters are doing for the Memorial Fund. Thankyou."

The Memorial fund for Steve was started by members of PISA who enlisted the help of the Trust, the OSC and many other Posh fans, and after a few money raising initiatives the amount raised prior to this social evening was a staggering £5,236. An additional £1,200 was raised on the night itself.

Future events include a golf day at Elton, and the Trust's membership secretary Dave Colbert is looking for sponsors as he runs a half marathon for the fund.

The Final and biggest event 'A Day of Family Fun' that will be held at London Road on Sunday 1st May. Lots of activity is planned for the day, which is to celebrate the life of Steve Cooper. Most of the 1992 Wembley Squad will be there to show their respects and entertain us as they play a team of well-known Celebrities.

More details will be issued soon about the 'Day of Family Fun', in the meantime make sure you put that date in your diary and join us at London Road on 1st May.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms [Please delete as applicable]

Surname.....First Names.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Home Phone No.....

E-mail Address.....

I wish to become a **Member** of The Posh Supporters' Trust in accordance with its Rules and enclose a Membership Subscription of **£.....**
(Members must be aged 16 or over) *Please select your subscription from:-
£10 for 12 months / £40 for 5 years / £80 for 10 years / £150 for lifetime
(£80 for over-60s).*

Signed.....Date.....

Please Enrol the following **Children** (0 to 16 years old) as Members of The Junior Posh Supporters Trust. I enclose **£1** joining fee for each child.

Full Name.....Date of Birth.....

Full Name.....Date of Birth.....

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I wish to **make an additional voluntary donation** of **£.....** to The Posh Supporters' Trust in accordance with the objects (as contained within the rules).

Signed.....

TOTAL ENCLOSED **£.....**

Please make cheques payable to The Posh Supporters' Trust

**Please send to:- The Posh Supporters' Trust,
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