

# The Posh Supporters Trust

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## **Notification of Annual General Meeting and Board Member Nominations.**



## **Posh Legend Tommy Robson becomes Patron of the Posh Supporters Trust**



## **Safe Standing Campaign. Roadshow to Exhibit at London Road on 17 Sept. Try out a Safe Standing rail-seat**



## **Pete Lane on Testimonials in the Magical Years of the Midland Years**



## **'FREE' Trust Membership! when you join the 'Gold Bond' Scheme.**

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# THE POSH SUPPORTERS' TRUST

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*Directors :*        **Ray Cole, Paul Froggitt, Tony Griffin, Keith Jennings, Paul Little,**  
                         **Walter Moore.**        *Patron* **Tommy Robson**        *Consultant* **Peter Lloyd.**

**The Posh Supporters' Trust**, is a democratic not-for-profit organisation of supporters, committed to strengthening the voice of supporters in the decision-making process at Peterborough United Football Club. We seek to improve the links between the club and the community it serves, and help the club to grow to the highest level.

## **OUR AIMS**

- ❖ To bring Peterborough United Football Club, Posh fans and the local community closer together.
- ❖ To help disadvantaged and deserving fans to go to a match for free under the "Smile Ticket" scheme.
- ❖ To help the football club by increasing the Posh fan base through our "New Posh Fans Initiative."
- ❖ To support football related activities locally through sponsorship and donations whenever possible.
- ❖ To have a substantial membership in order to represent the views of fans at meetings with the football club and to promote their interests.
- ❖ To have a Supporters' Trust representative on the board of the football club representing the interests of all fans.
- ❖ To build up funds to support our activities and create a reserve to help the club in the longer term in the event of a crisis.

## **Help Us to Help You!**

- ❖ Become a member – **subscription** details on the back pages.
- ❖ Make a **donation** to the **Trust**. (pay-pal facility on website [www.theposhtrust.co.uk](http://www.theposhtrust.co.uk))
- ❖ Join the **Gold Bond Weekly Draw!** And receive your Membership for FREE!
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- ❖ Offer your services to the Trust, if you have any professional or other skills, e g in fund-raising, accountancy, business management, the law etc.
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**We thank all those who continue to support the Trust, however they do it.**

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# *Acting* Chairman's Message From Barry Bennett

Welcome to our latest Newsletter, which contain some important dates for your Diary.

Firstly, We are thrilled and delighted to announce that Posh Legend **Tommy Robson** has accepted our invitation to become Patron of the Trust. Tommy who played on the wing for Posh for 13 years (1968 / 1981) made a club record 514 appearances scoring 128 goals.

We are saddened to report that three valued members of the current Board have tendered their resignations as they no longer have sufficient time to dedicate to the Trust activities. Our Chairman, **Ady Woolley**, regrets he can no longer dedicate the time necessary to fulfil the role. Since opening a new clinic, Ady has found himself working 14 hours a day as his business grows. As Chairman Ady brought a freshness and passion to the Trust. His positive 'can do' approach has helped to reinvigorate the Board, and his ideas were underpinned by the values of the trust movement. We thank Ady for his service for the previous 2 years, and wish him every success in the future.

**Richard Bellamy** has been a valued board member since the Posh Trust was created in November 2002. His input to the initiatives and projects that we have undertaken throughout the last 8 years has been invaluable and we will miss his practicable help and creative ideas. We would like to say a huge thank you to Richard for all his excellent work and efforts and we would welcome him back onto the board at any time. Finally, **James Wapples**, who joined us at the last AGM, has also found himself working many hours as his Marketing Consultancy business grows. James was very active in preparing an advertising campaign to promote the Trust values, but regrets he finds it difficult to allocate the time to the Trust, with his excessive business work load.

I will now stand in as acting Chairman and will stand as Chairman at our AGM.

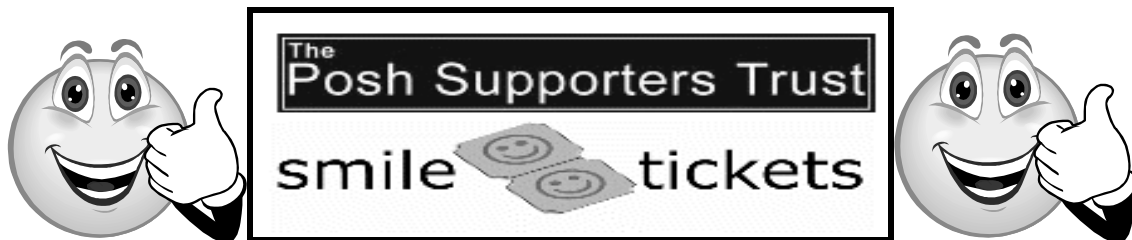
As we now have several seats on the board available, I would urge Members to get involved and help us to achieve our tasks for the benefit of both Posh Supporters and the Football club. It is imperative that we have some younger supporters to represent the ambitions and views of the younger generation, and maybe a couple of Ladies to represent the views of our female supporters. (*see AGM feature inside this issue*)

Our AGM will take place at The Cherry Tree, on Tuesday 8th November and we hope you will join us on the night. Our patron Tommy Robson, will be in attendance, and Bob Symns will be present to tell us about the latest developments at London Road and to answer questions on anything Posh. Finally, the evening will conclude with a traditional Posh Quiz from Mick Robinson.

The Trust will be attending the Beer Festival from Tues 23 August to Fri 26 August with our Stall set up for your perusal. You can renew your membership, join as a new member or simply "**Talk POSH**" so come along and introduce yourself, buy me a *pint* or just simply say *Hello!* The Posh shop will join us on the stall at the Beer Festival and they will bring a selection of merchandise available for you to browse and purchase if required.

Hope to see you at the Beer Festival and Our AGM.

*Up The POSH!* Barry



We are now inviting nominations to give deserving fans a “**Smile Ticket Treat**” The Trust will purchase tickets for the deserving fans to watch Posh play at London Road in the current championship season as our guests.

- Local community groups and disadvantaged fans can apply for **Posh Smile Tickets** so they can enjoy watching a game of football which perhaps they would otherwise be unable to enjoy.
- Fans can also nominate individuals or groups for a special “**Posh Smile Ticket Treat**” as a means of acknowledging hard work, selfless acts and a commitment to their local community - this could be anything from cleaning up litter to helping an elderly person, or indeed a treat for someone who is seriously ill and their carer.

Our scheme helps increase income and gates for the club and at the same time give access to London Road to people who otherwise would not be able to attend a game. Smile Tickets raises money for the football club and at the same time gives something back to the community that supports the club.

The number of tickets available for each match is limited only by the money in the Posh Smile Tickets fund, and we call upon all supporters of the club, including local businesses to make donations to this very worthy cause which ultimately helps the club through increased ticket sales.

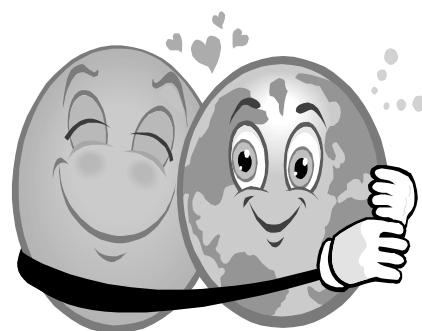
### ***You must know someone who deserves a Smile Ticket Treat?***

We have money available and are looking for nominees for this season. If you would like to nominate an individual or organisation, then please get in touch soon.

For a nomination form

Email [theposhtrust@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:theposhtrust@yahoo.co.uk)

Or call Barry on 01733 761652



*Up The POSH!*

# **Notification of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 8th Annual General Meeting of 'The Posh Supporters' Trust' will take place at **The Cherry Tree, Oundle Road Peterborough** **on Tuesday 8th November 2011, starting at 7-30pm**

## **NOMINATIONS for TRUST BOARD MEMBERS**

Under the Rules of The Posh Supporters' Trust the following members of the Board must resign from office by rotation, and will be seeking re-election at the AGM.

**Barry Bennett John Henson Geoff Callen Ray Cole Paul Froggitt an Paul Little.** As Richard Bellamy, Adrian Wooley and James Wapples have recently left the Board, there are 9 seats available for nominations.

The Posh Supporters' Trust has established a very healthy working relationship with the football club. We have, and will continue to implement various initiatives to introduce 'New' fans and disadvantaged fans to London Rd, thereby helping the club progress and increase attendances.

It is important for the football club, that we keep the Trust moving in the right direction and remain active with new initiatives. We have regular meetings with them to discuss any issues that affect the supporters and to seek to further improve the match-day experience for all fans.

Finally, the Trust has accumulated a substantial bank balance to ensure that future support to the club is available should we need to help in the event of a crisis.

**With 9 positions on the Board available, we need new people to come forward and bring fresh Ideas and skills to the Board. In particular we would like to see younger members, male and female join your Board, to ensure that the ambitions, and views of all generations and genders are considered at all times.**

To be eligible to serve on the Trust Board, you must be a member of the Trust and your application should be supported by at least two other Trust members.

To apply, he/she should obtain an Election Nomination Form from the Trust and return the completed form to be received by the Secretary by Friday **23rd September 2011** at the latest. *(For a Nomination Form or to find out more about joining the committee, contact Barry on 01733 761652 or 07710 283676)*

Should there be more candidates than the number of seats available; the Secretary will arrange an election. The Secretary will issue postal ballot papers and copies of the candidates' election addresses to all members by Friday, **14 October 2011**, in order that voting can take place prior to the AGM.

Members can vote by post or in person at the meeting.

Our Patron **Tommy Robson** and Posh chief executive **Bob Symns** will be at the AGM for open discussion about the football club and stadium development. Finally to test your memory, **Mick Robinson** will host his traditional Posh Quiz.

**Please make a note on your Calendar / Diary.**

**TRUST AGM 7-30pm on Tuesday 8th November 2011**

Members and New Members are welcome, refreshments will be provided

# SAFE STANDING at LONDON ROAD

Since I last wrote about Safe Standing, for the April newsletter, the campaign has continued to gather pace both nationally and locally.

Nationally several conferences have taken place with the authorities that need convincing of the practicality of the idea. At one of these meetings Professor Steve Frosdick, founder member of the UK Football Safety Officers' Association and noted expert in crowd safety, has backed the FSF's campaign for rail seating to be allowed as a safe standing alternative to all-seater stadia in the top two divisions.

Professor Frosdick, speaking at the FSF's open meeting on safe standing held in Liverpool on Thursday 23rd June, said: "I think they've got an irrefutable case to allow clubs and fans the choice of having rail seating. I have spent the whole of my professional life working to make football grounds safer places for football fans to enjoy their sport, and I would never associate myself with anything that would be to the detriment of the safety and welfare of football supporters."

Even the Football Licensing Authority who have, and still are, opposed to standing no longer dispute that properly designed and installed rail-seat areas are safer than the present situation of fans standing in seated areas. Their opposition is still founded upon the unrealistic proposition that fans can be forced to sit when they don't want to.

Locally PUFc have continued to repeat that they are strongly in favour of Safe Standing and would like to see it incorporated into the new London Road end stand. Their positivism is important as one of the arguments that has been used against the Safe Standing idea is that such areas are not financially viable for clubs (i.e. a seat can be sold at a higher price than a standing seat space).

Fans are overwhelmingly in favour as it should always be remembered that Safe Standing areas are a positive benefit to those who wish to sit - without having their view obscured by standing fans - as well as those who wish to stand.

The new stands are being built by the City Council and so it is necessary for them also to support the concept and to incorporate Safe Standing areas into LRE stand design. When approached on the subject PCC say that they will consider the incorporation of Safe Standing areas in the new LRE stand. However, to change their 'consideration' into positive commitment is somewhat harder to achieve. PCC's latest statement was that they would welcome holding discussions with the Supporters' Trust in the future to explore Safe Standing.' The Supporters' Trust immediately responded to that statement suggesting that a meeting was arranged and discussions commence. As I write this, a month after the Trust made that suggestion; no response has been received from the Council. Avoidance of the involvement of fans in any discussions involving the redevelopment of the stadium seems to be, from experience, a PCC's objective - at least until a point is reached where we are told it is 'too late' to influence matters!

Perhaps attitudes can be changed for, on 17th September, the Football Supporters' Federation Safe Standing Roadshow will be at London Road. Jon Darch (FSF) will be presenting the show which has already visited Liverpool, Wolves, Bristol and Oxford. The Posh Supporters' Trust (in co-operation with PISA and ForeverPosh) are helping with the local organization.

The Trust will be inviting all City Councilors as well as other influential bodies such as the Police, Health & Safety, Fire & Ambulance services and the like.

The show will be on 10.00am to 1500pm in the Venue (*the ForeverPosh clubhouse*) and I hope that Trust members come along – even at the sacrifice at one pre-match pint!

*Paul Froggitt*

# **SAFE STANDING ROADSHOW**

**At The Venue, London Road Stadium**

**Saturday 17th September 2011**

**10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Prior to Kick Off v's Burnley**



**Your chance to find out the facts, read the experts' comments and ask questions. View Safe Standing areas as used at major European Stadia**

**Try out a Safe Standing rail-seat – in Seated or Standing mode**

**Give us your support and let's see Safe Standing at London Road**

**Presented by – The Football Supporters' Federation**

**Hosted by – Peterborough United Football Club**

**Promoted by – The Posh Supporters' Trust; ForeverPosh;**

**The Posh Independent Supporters' Association**

## **Congratulations to the Swansea Trust! and AFC Wimbledon!**

The Posh Trust would like to congratulate the **Swansea Trust** for their promotion to the Premier League. The Trust owns 20% of Swansea City football Club. This was achieved through two £50,000 donations several years ago. *Shows significance of Trusts – even at Premiership level.*

However they still have a way to go to catch up with FC Barcelona which is totally owned by the Supporters.

Our congratulation also go to **AFC Wimbledon** for their promotion to the football league just 9 years after the 'Dons' fans created a new club.

*mmmmmm watch our Barcelona!*

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## **Who said fan owned clubs can't be successful?**

*article from Supporters Direct Newsletter*

Whilst there are no guarantees of success when players run out on the pitch, no matter who owns the club, as a supporters movement it is always satisfying to deflect the often levelled criticism that supporter owned clubs can't succeed. Of course we would argue that given a level financial playing field and with firmer regulation the benefits of supporter owned clubs would shine through much stronger

Congratulations to AFC Wimbledon who have had a staggering rise from the bottom of the pile into the Football League in just 9 years. AFC Telford United who have returned to the level they were at before their financial difficulties. Congratulations also to Merthyr Town and Chester on their promotions - the latter quite a nail biter by all accounts.

Special mentions also to fan owned Exeter City who finished just one point out of the play offs in League 1 in the equal most successful season ever. Chesham United one place off the play offs in their first season as majority owners. Enfield Town who also missed out by one place, and FC United who narrowly missed out on promotion losing in the play off final.

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## **Is your Car due for Service, MOT or Repair?**

*Contact Crightons of Werrington and get 20% Discount with your TRUST Membership Card!*

# Walter's BIG contribution to the Trust

The Trust's primary fund-raising is from the Gold Bond Weekly Draw. This scheme was introduced to us by **Walter Moore** in 2004, when Walter offered to promote it on behalf of the Trust to all Posh Fans.

Since 2004 Walter has been working at least two days per week setting up agents, collecting subscriptions and also recruiting subscribers direct via standing orders.

We are overwhelmed to report that Walter has now generated over **£100,000 commission** from the scheme which is securely invested in the Trusts Bank account.

The Trust cannot thank Walter enough for his tireless endeavour to make it happen.



That smile says it all  
Well Done Walter!

There are 315 prizes won every week in the **Gold Bond Draw**  
Prizes from **£2,000.00 to £5.00** See page 14 for details

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## Arrivals and Departures from London Road

### *Arrivals*

**Paul Jones**, signs a 1 year deal on a free transfer from Exeter City. Paul, who spent time on loan at Posh last year proved his worth with excellent displays against MK Dons and Huddersfield in last years memorable play off finals.

**Ryan Tunnicliffe** is a 19year old highly rated midfielder, has signed a 6 month loan deal from Manchester Utd.

**Nicky Ajose** a young striker from Manchester Utd has penned a 4 year contract. Nicky spent time on loan at Bury last season scoring lots of goals for the league 2 club.

**Craig Alcock** a defender that plays right back but can play comfortably anywhere in the back 4. Craig signed from Yeovil, has penned a 3 year contract

**Scott Wooton** signed a 6 month loan deal also from Manchester Utd. Scott plays at centre back and is also comfortable in midfield.

**Josh Thompson**, (*our latest signing at the time of writing*) is on a season long loan deal from Celtic. The 20 year old centre back has featured in the England U19 team, and made 12 appearances for Rochdale on loan last season.

### *Departures*

**Craig Mackail-Smith** to Brighton ( Thanks for the Memories Craig! )

**Charlie Lee** to Gillingham ( Mr versatile and a clear fans favourite )

**Chris Whelpdale** to Gillingham ( One of the best crossers of the ball )

**James Wesolowski** and **Arron Davies** who both left by mutual consent.

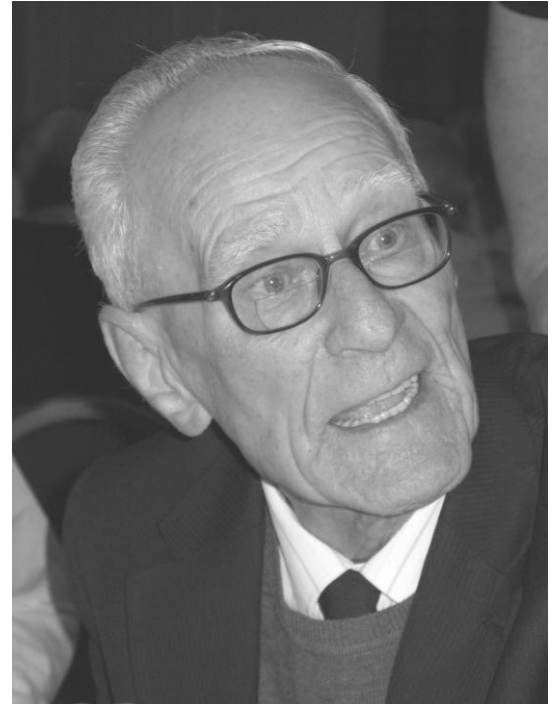
*We wish all the departing players the very best for the future.*

## In Memory of ex Posh Player Cliff Woods

Barry Bennett and Walter Moore recently attended the funeral of Cliff, who sadly passed away in July.

The Trust were honoured to have Cliff as our guest at PISA's 'Posh 75th Anniversary' party at the Holiday Inn in 2010. And it was a real pleasure to chat with him about his time at Peterborough Utd. Cliff played for the Posh from 1943 to 1952 as a left-half, before leaving to join Spalding in 1952. *allegedly for more Money.*

Cliff who worked for Newall engineering at the time, was also an accomplished Cricketer in the City. He was a left handed opening batsman playing for Orton Park and Sportonians after he finished playing football. Cliff held the club record at Sportonians, scoring 126 not out.



*Cliff pictured in 2010 at the Posh 75th Anniversary*

*CLIFF WOODS R.I.P.*

### *A Tribute to Cliff Woods 30.10.25 - 20.07.11* from Pete Lane



*Cliff Woods pictured in 1938 / 39*

I was sad to learn of the recent passing of Cliff Woods who died on the 20th July 2011, aged 85 years. Cliff of course played for Posh at left half from 1943 until 1952; he played about 195 first team games and being very loyal and popular with the fans he was rewarded with a Benefit Match [see following article].

Attending his funeral was Cyril Parrott whom of course was one of Cliff's fellow team mates during that time. I was honoured to meet Cyril for the first time and like Cliff was another old Posh favourite Cyril shared that Benefit Match with Cliff.

This brings me to report about some of those Benefit and Testimonial matches during those magical years of the Midland League.

# *Benefit and Testimonial Matches During those Midland League days*

As a 'reward' for their loyalty to the Club, players were given a Benefit or Testimonial game against either a Football League Club or an 'All Star XI'. In those days unlike today, players tended to stay much longer with their Clubs. Although the earliest of these games I find recorded was against fellow non-League side Wisbech Town in September 1948. This was played for long-serving players **Fred Warnes** and **Eric Brookbanks**. Warnes joined Posh in season 1938/39 with Brookbanks joining the previous season. Both players received £118 each plus a further £50 each from the Supporters Club. The match finished in a 5-5 draw.

The next game to be played was on 23 April 1951, against Second Division Hull City managed by England's Raich Carter. This match was for three 'local' players, **Bernie William Bryan, Cyril Stanley Parrott and Cliff Hubert Woods** with a record attendance of 10,380 up to that time. All three players joined Posh in 1943, Bryan joined as an amateur and became Captain playing at right back. Parrott played as a left back and Woods played left half.

Included in the Hull side were Ex-England Internationals Neil Franklin and Manager Raich Carter, and future England International Don Revie, the score was 4-3 to Hull. Incidentally, Hull City Reserves were lying second from bottom in our own Midland League. Posh were joint 3<sup>rd</sup> from top. [Note the one-off unusual orange cover souvenir programme]. The Posh Team was Moulson, Bryan, Parrott, Walker, Machin, Woods, Dowson, Bee, Robinson, Martin and Houghton.

The next benefit game was shared by popular inside right **Freddy Martin and Ben Poole**. This time the opposition was provided by Wrexham on 30 April 1954. Freddie joined Posh from Notts. Forest in August 1949 signed by Manager Jack Blood and quickly established himself as a regular and popular player in the side. I remember the little sandy haired player with a cannon-ball shot on him scoring many goals. Ben was now in his seventh season with Posh after signing from Bedford Town. He played mainly in the Reserves and Colts with a few first team appearances, but mainly remembered as the Groundsman.

Guesting for Posh was Andy Donaldson who had not long ago left the Club to join Exeter City only to return to Posh at the commencement of the 1955/67 season.

Posh lost the game 3-2 with Freddie scoring 1 and Georgie Hair the other. Mr Bruce Buckle, the Referee, was from Peterborough (obviously not biased!). A collection was taken at half-time and a grand sum of £109 was raised for the two players, the largest sum ever taken at the ground! Posh Team was Swindin, Moody, Hall, Butler, Rigby, Sloan, Woodgate, Martin, Taft, Donaldson, Hair.

A very attractive All Stars XI provided the opposition on 9 April 1956, this time for the popular foursome of **Captain Norman Rigby, George Hair, George Stafford and Ken Moody**. Manager Bob Gurney signed Norman from Notts. County in 1951 as full back but soon made his mark at centre-half. Wee winger Georgie Hair was also signed by Gurney at the same time as Norman. George was signed from Grimsby Town after starting for 1st Div. Newcastle United. George Stafford (brother of popular Ellis) was signed from Lincoln City as a right back. Ken (Tank) Moody at this time was no longer on United's books but because he had given 4 years of sterling service the Club decided he deserved to be rewarded. Like Hair he too was signed from Grimsby; Moody had previously played for Arsenal.

The game itself attracted no less than **18,000** people to London Road, the main attraction was the appearance of England and Blackpool star Stanley Mathews, but the rest of the side consisted of the cream of ex Internationals, Refereeing this famous occasion was International, Arthur Ellis. Sir Stanley Rous. Secretary of the Football Association graced us with his presence together with Len Shipman also an F.A. member; both were very impressed by the standards of our Club.

It was a joy to watch this game with both teams displaying a fine exhibition of football. During the game Bill Shankly (then coach at Huddersfield Town) sustained a badly cut forehead after a clash of heads with Peterborough's centre-forward Andy Donaldson and had to leave the field – the first time he had to go off in his long footballing career. Posh lost this exciting game 3-1 with future Posh Manager Jimmy Hagan, Sheffield United scoring 2 goals. After the game both teams enjoyed a dinner at the Town Hall. Posh Team: Dickson, Stafford G, Killin, Shaw, Rigby, Stafford E, Emery, Martin, Donaldson, Gibson, Hair. McNamee replacing Hair in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. All Star XI: Swindin, Barnes [ex Arsenal/Wales], Ward, Mercer [ex Arsenal/England], Boot [Huddersfield], Shankly [ex Preston/Scotland], Broom [Huddersfield], Hagan [ex Sheffield Utd./England], Logie [Arsenal], Matthews [Blackpool/England].

Just over 2 weeks after the All Star game, another match was played for the same four players, but this time billed against a Select XI on the 24 April 1956. Again the team was littered with famous names from the 1<sup>st</sup> Div. This time Ken Moody (who then played for Skegness Town) was a guest for Posh. For both matches a souvenir programme was issued. Posh also lost this game narrowly 3-2. Posh had however just won their first Midland League Championship completing 30 consecutive matches without defeat! Following this game both teams enjoyed a celebratory meal at the Town Hall. Posh Team: Dickson, Moody, Barr, Shaw, Rigby, Stafford E, Emery, Longworth, Donaldson, Gibson, Hair. Select XI: Hardwick [Doncaster Rovers], Scott [ex Arsenal], Barnes [ex Arsenal/Wales], Batty [Newcastle], Fotheringham [Arsenal], Froggatt [Leic.City/Ex England], Davies [Newcastle/Wales], Baily [Port Vale/England], Roper [Arsenal], Flewin, Mitchell [Newcastle/Scotland]

The All Star XI visited London Road again on Monday 8 April 1957, with a 5.45 p.m. kick off (no floodlights yet!) and hardly giving time for fans leaving off work! This match was a Testimonial for **Johnny Anderson**. Johnny signed for Posh in July 1952 from Notts. Forest by then Manager, Jack Fairbrother. In 1948 Johnny won a Cup Final Medal with Man. Utd defeating Blackpool scoring one of the goals. After his playing days Johnny became our Trainer for many years. Posh won the game 3-1. Again a very exciting match with a great display from both teams. However, a poor attendance to this match was due to the very bad weather conditions. Well known BBC TV commentator David Coleman was amongst the guests and again were all invited to the annual Dinner and Dance afterwards. Posh Team: Walls, Jacobs, Barr, Shaw, Rigby ©, Stafford E, Hails, Emery, Donaldson, Smith, Hogg. Posh scorers: Donaldson, Smith, Emery. All Star XI: Forgan, Suart [ex Blackpool], Barnes [ex Arsenal/Wales], Harvey [ex Newcastle], Boot, Powell [ex Aston Villa/Wales], Broom [ex Aston Villa/England], Hagan [Sheffield Utd/England], Pye [Wolves/England], Watson [ex Sunderland/England], Rowley A.[ex England].

Posh had just won their 4th Midland League title when on the 4 May 1959 the famous 'Magpies' – Newcastle Utd. played Posh in a Testimonial for three 'Legends' of their day; **Ellis Stafford, Andy Donaldson and the great Dennis Emery**. Ellis was signed from Scarborough previously playing with Lincoln City for one season with brother George. He was a utility player but spent most of his Posh days as a full-back. Ellis went on to League Football with Posh until his release to Corby in 1964.

Andy was possibly the best header of a ball I have ever witnessed. Heading it harder than some players could kick it! (remember these balls were also heavy and laced!). It was appropriate that Newcastle would provide the opposition for this Testimonial because this was the Club where he first made his name as a centre-forward. Andy signed for Posh in 1951 but left to join Exeter City, but returned shortly after. It was 1958 that Andy sadly retired from the game due to illness. He was granted this Testimonial like the others because of his service to the Club.

Last but certainly not least, 'Golden Boy' Dennis Emery – the greatest player to ever play for Posh! (in my opinion and many others too). Signed from Eynesbury Rovers by Manager, George Swindin in 1954. In 1957/58 he set up a new Club record by heading the list of Midland League goalscorers with a total 51 lge goals plus 2 in the FA Cup. In his Midland League days Dennis scored almost 200 league and cup goals for Posh.

Posh lost the match by 5-3 in another exciting tussle. A pre-match collection was made and a sum of £85 was raised to help the swell the fund. Posh Team: Walls, Stafford E, Walker, Banham, Rigby, Chadwick, Hails, Emery, Rayner, Smith, McNamee. Newcastle Utd: Harvey, Keith, McMichael, Franks, Scoular, Mitchell, Taylor, Allchurch, Curry, Eastham, McGuigan.

The last of these Testimonials was actually the very last game Posh played as a non-League side. For this was to be played on the 5 May 1960 after Posh had just won their 5<sup>th</sup> successive Championship and were then duly elected to the Football League proper. This game against 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. Sunderland was to honour more favourites of Posh in the shape of wingmen, **Billy Hails and Peter McNamee, plus local boy, half back, Cliff Sansby.**

An outside right, Billy had joined the Club from Lincoln City in 1955 by Manager George Swindin. During this time he had scored about 81 Lge. & FA Cup goals. A great achievement for a winger. Billy of course went on to play for Posh in the Football League

Peter was also signed in 1955 by Swindin who recognised even in those early days, the clever skills Peter demonstrated as an outside left. He too, like Billy, knew how to find the net as well as making the goals and also represented Posh in the Football League.

Cliff, a local lad, came to the Club in 1952 and graduated as a half back from the Reserves to a place in the first team, Cliff just made 1 appearance for Posh in the Football League in 1960.

Sunderland won this game 1-0, strangely 3 goalkeepers actually appeared for Posh because first choice goalie Jack Walls had to leave the field due to injury, then full-back Ellis Stafford took over for a short time before Reserve team keeper Tom Daley was asked to get changed to take over from Ellis.

Included in the Sunderland line up was little Ernie Taylor who had appeared in 3 Cup Finals – with Newcastle, Blackpool and Man. Utd. Also appearing was England's star winger Colin Grainger.

Posh Team: Walls, Stafford, Walker, Sansby, Rigby, Miles, Hails, Dunne, Rayner, McNamee, Sheavills. Sunderland: Wakeham, Irwin, Ashurst, Anderson, Hurley, McNab, Fogarty, Taylor, Lawther, O'Neil, Grainger.

In conclusion all of these Posh players thoroughly deserved their 'Testimonial Matches' for they served their Club with pride...

*Up The POSH! Pete Lane*

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