



# Forever Bury News



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## The Forever Bury Newsletter is Back!

Welcome to the Forever Bury Newsletter. We would like to apologise for the absence of a Newsletter in recent months. Whilst we have been sending out monthly updates via email we do appreciate that not everyone has access to email hence the requirement to produce a regular Newsletter. We hope that going forward we will be able to publish a bi annual newsletter that will be sent out to all our members either by email or post.

As I write these notes our beloved Bury FC are struggling at the foot of League One, Let's hope the remaining fixtures can bring about a change in fortune and the Shakers can live up to their nickname shake a few up and climb up the league table.

Following the Forever Bury AGM held last September the FB board has two new members. Mike Brooks and Kel Rogers have come forward to offer their services and we welcome their input.

Mike who some of you may know is one of the gang of four who have set up and worked so hard on the annual beer festival in recent years. He has been spending a lot of time down at the FB cabin in recent weeks sorting out and cataloguing our extensive collection of football programmes (there is more about that below). He has also taken on the role of author of the Forever Bury notes page in the Bury FC matchday programmes and is the Author / Editor of this Newsletter.

Kel, who also provided some much needed help at last year's beer festival has offered to help improve our social media profile and has already made a start looking into our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

If you have received this newsletter by post but you could receive it electronically please let us have your email address as postage is expensive! (Contact details are listed below.)

## Forever Bury Programme Collection



Did you know Bury played Arsenal on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1959 in the third round of the FA Cup, or that Manchester City played Leicester City on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1957 in the First Division or even that Cheltenham Town played Bishops Stortford on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1986 in the third round for the FA Trophy? We know because we have the match day programme for the above games.

Forever Bury holds a collection of football programmes that have been donated to us over the years currently numbering some 3500. They cover games from all over the country and beyond and not just games involving Bury FC. We have some Scottish, some Non League and even some from overseas. The earliest date from the late 1950's, right up to last season.

Mike Brooks has spent many hours cataloguing our programmes and we will very soon be in a position to advertise what we have and be able to help football fans complete any gaps they may have in their collections. A listing will appear on the Forever Bury website and be available from the Forever Bury Cabin. So if you are a collector or know someone who is, keep an eye out as more information will soon be available. If you have any programmes you would like to donate please get in touch.

## 2018 Beer Festival



The 2018 Beer and Cider Festival will soon be upon us. The three day event is scheduled to take place in the Bury FC Social Club from 10<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> May (11.00am – 11pm daily). Once again our chosen charity will be the Joshua Wilson Brain Tumour Charity.

There will be another fine selection of around 75 cask ales and ciders from all over the country and these will be on sale for the amazing price of just £2.50 per pint. Added to this is the legendary Continental Bottle Bar and this time we are hoping a new feature will be the Clubs own Wine, Prosecco and Gin Bar.

The Saturday afternoon session will be a "Wear your shirt with Pride day as we ask as many people as possible to come along in their clubs colours to celebrate their season and we will also have a crèche with face painting, fun and games for any youngsters.

We are now actively seeking any companies, individuals or groups of individuals who would be interested in getting involved as a sponsor and we are looking for anyone who could donate prizes for the Super Josh raffles.

We have a wide range of sponsorship packages available, starting at just £100 to sponsor a beer which includes beer tokens and entry tickets as well as coverage in the festival programme and the festival room in return. Please visit the festival website or contact Dave Giffard either by post of email or call at Forever Bury cabin for more information.

We are also on the lookout for any beer related posters or banners that we can use to add to the extensive collection we currently use to decorate the main festival room and add to the atmosphere.

[www.fb-beerfestivals.co.uk](http://www.fb-beerfestivals.co.uk)

If you want to get involved with this years festival, either as a sponsor or helper please contact Dave at [davegiffard@talktalk.net](mailto:davegiffard@talktalk.net)



### Monies raised to date by the Forever Bury Beer Festival

Totals	
2005 -	£10,292
2006 -	£8,414
2007 -	£7,220
2008 -	£10,758
2009 -	£11,182
2010 -	£17,547
2011 -	£11,750
2012 -	£12,329
2013 -	£13,909
2015 -	£13,729
2016 -	£13,874
2017 -	£15,900

## The Forever Bury Cabin

We have had some inclement weather over the last few weeks and during the night of 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January the strong winds caused considerable damage to the roof of the Forever Bury cabin sited on the Gigg Lane car park. All but one of the metal corrugated roof panels were ripped off the roof by the winds that night and deposited all over the Bury FC car park, along with the PVC edging and front panels. We were fortunate that although a considerable amount of water came through the ceiling into the cabin we did not lose any of our stock of merchandise or incur any damage to any equipment.

Dave Giffard and Mike Brooks ably assisted by Viv Webb spent a very cold and wet Saturday and following Monday mopping up and making temporary repairs. However it is obvious that the underlying roof structure is in a very poor condition and a new roof will be needed.

Dave has spent some time emailing companies for help and pleasingly **Firth Steels of Brighouse** have come to our aid and have donated 11 x 5 metre lengths of steel cladding for the roof and an anonymous sponsor has also come forward to cover any further costs of repair.

## Liaison with Bury FC CEO

Forever Bury meet regularly with Bury FC Chief Executive Officer Karl Evans to try to maintain our relationship with the club for the benefit of both parties and to ask any questions raised by our membership.

If you have any questions you would like us to raise with Karl please get in touch either by email or post. Please ensure you give your name and membership number along with your question (s).

## Membership Cards

Many of our members indicate that will collect their new or renewed membership cards at the Forever Bury Cabin. We have amassed quite a pile of cards awaiting collection, so if you have renewed or joined over the last several months please check your card is current and if not please call in at the cabin to collect.

## Memorabilia

Forever Bury has various items of memorabilia available from the cabin. We stock a range of items including hats, scarves, badges, car stickers, mouse mats, key rings, bottle openers, fridge magnets, pencil cases, pencil tins, car flags and books including the excellent 'The Forgotten Fifteen' by James Bentley. Why not call in the cabin and take a look?



Dave putting the finishing touches to the temporary roof repairs.



## Forever Bury invests £10,000

At the Bradford City home game on 14<sup>th</sup> October Forever Bury presented the club with a cheque for £10,000 in return for shares in Bury FC. This takes Forever Bury shareholding to over 503,000 shares. We requested that the money be used to support youth football and the club informed Forever Bury that the money was used to furnish and equip a classroom with IT equipment for use by the youth department at Carrington.



Derek Boulton (FB treasurer) hands over the cheque to Karl Evans Bury FC CEO



The Classroom at Carrington

## FA Youth Cup

Forever Bury would like to congratulate the Youth Team on reaching the 5<sup>th</sup> round of the FA Youth Cup, a feat not achieved by Bury since 1966. There are some very good young players in the squad and they play a brand of football that is a joy to watch. Well done to all involved. The 5<sup>th</sup> round tie versus Birmingham City is due to take place at Gigg Lane on 16<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm kick off.

## Car Boot Sales

We will once again planning to run our Car Boot events on the Gigg Lane car park this coming spring and summer.

The dates are indicated below and as usual they are all Sundays and run from 7.00am to 12.00.

1<sup>st</sup> April  
6<sup>th</sup> May  
3<sup>rd</sup> June  
1<sup>st</sup> July  
5<sup>th</sup> August  
3<sup>rd</sup> September  
7<sup>th</sup> October

Site fees will remain unchanged at £12 for cars and £15 for vans

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