

THE DUNCAN EDWARDS PEACE FIELD FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

2023



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in association with
the Stourbridge & District
Youth Football League



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SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023

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Activities commence at 10.30am

'Duncan Edwards Peace Field Trophy' final kick off - Girls 1.00pm. Boys 2.45pm

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WELCOME

Today we welcome over 100 hundred young football players and two new clubs who will be taking part in the Duncan Edwards Peace Field Football Festival for the first time.

The Benson Community Project in Smethwick represents Sir Stanley Matthews and the Abraham Moss Warriors from Manchester will be representing the Denis Law Legacy Trust.

Both organisations support diversity programmes and welcome young people from all nationalities and social profiles to focus on reducing youth anti-social behaviour and removing barriers to accessing sport for young people from disadvantaged communities.

Our teams today represent the grass roots of football but they will also be paying tribute to some of the legends of our great game as they play on the Duncan Edwards Peace Field Pitch that was also used by the Italian National football Team for training prior to the game against England at Molineux in June 2022

The Duncan Edwards Peace Field is part of an initiative by the Children's Football Alliance who now have 63 peace pitches established across five continents in countries including the USA, Argentina, Ghana, Israel and Australia.

The winners of today's tournament will receive a specially commissioned Duncan Edwards Trophy and every player, coach and official will receive a Duncan Edwards Medal.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who has made today's event possible, including Dudley MBC, Stourbridge & District Youth Football League, The Children's Football Alliance, and everyone at the Dell Stadium.

*Jim Cadman, Chairman,
Duncan Edwards United*



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STOURBRIDGE & DISTRICT YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE



We are very proud to be working with the Stourbridge & District Youth Football League, who have 7,000 registered players with 104 clubs, nearly 640 teams, 70 of which are girls.

The SDYFL covers the entire Black Country and beyond with teams representing communities

in Dudley, Stourbridge, Worcester, Kinver, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Gornal, Halesowen, Sedgley, Netherton.

The league was formed in 1974 with only six under 14 teams. The girls league was started in 2005.

SDYFL is run by a committee of 23 with a total service of nearly 300 years.

The teams participating will be in the under 16 age group.

The Stourbridge & District Youth Football League is the epitome of all that is good about grass roots football and providing sporting opportunities to young people from a broad social demographic.

This has been recognised by the number of awards won in recent years including The Queen's Award for Voluntary Services, The Golden Jubilee Award, Charter League of the Year, Respect League of the Year and Youth Referee of the Year (Chad Roberts).

The players representing the Duncan Edwards Peace Field Tournament this year will be selected by coaches in the Stourbridge & District Youth Football League.



Boys and Girls players from SDYFL who will be amongst the teams representing the Duncan Edwards Peace Field Project



Girls' training session at The Dell Stadium



Boys' training session at The Dell Stadium



WBA Girls



SDYFL training at The Dell Stadium with a special visit from Aston Villa legend Dennis Mortimer

SDYFL Boys Squad

Charlie Gibson, Marli Bowen, Reece Jones, Jake Griffiths, Jacob Bennett, Isaiah Simpson, Michael Thompson, Vladimir Ramirez Gonzalez, Jaeger Sansoy, Haydon Ryder, Todd Potter, William Clay, Miles Davies, Sanjay Dhillon, Charlie Hawkes, Alfie Roberts, Calum Powell, Shawn Roepnarain.

Boys Coaches-Adrian Simmonds, Simon Roberts and Matt Potter

Referees and Assistants - Boys

Mason Hall, Andrew Nicol, Sam Byng, Jamie Parker, Martin Wright, Daniel Martin

SDYFL Girls Squad

Dora Rushton, Lola Footman, Lily May Breckell, Emily Turner, Anna Davies, Charlie Wells, Caitlin Basterfield, Daisy Marshall, Alana Thomas, Darcy Moore, Megan Young, Daisy Bennett, Freya Owen, Olivia Nicholls, Lacey Braden, Izzy-Leigh Bailey, Gracie Hirons-Branningan, Caitlin Osman.

Girls Coaches-Gail Nicholls and Wayne Nightingale

Referees and Assistants - Girls

Emma Wilkinson, Sian Doleman, Charlotte Turner

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THE TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

10.00am

BOYS TEAMS ARRIVE

10.30am

OFFICIAL WELCOME, SEMI FINAL PAIRINGS
AND PITCHES TO BE PLAYED ON

11.00am

Boys First SEMI-FINAL
On the G3 all-weather pitch

11.15am

Boys Second SEMI-FINAL
On the grass pitch

12.15pm

GIRLS TEAMS ARRIVE

1.00pm

GIRLS

DUNCAN EDWARDS
PEACE FIELD FOOTBALL FESTIVAL FINAL 2023
On the G3 all-weather pitch

2.20pm

GIRLS

PRESENTATION OF TROPHY AND MEDALS

2.30pm

Boys Play-off for 3rd and 4th Place
On the grass pitch

2.45pm

BOYS

DUNCAN EDWARDS
PEACE FIELD FOOTBALL FESTIVAL FINAL 2023
On the G3 all-weather pitch

4.00pm

BOYS

PRESENTATION OF TROPHY AND MEDALS

*All matches will be of 30 minutes each way.
If matches are tied at full time, it goes to penalties (no extra time).*

BANBURY IRISH HONOUR GEORGE BEST

Cregagh Green, locally known as ‘The Georgie Best’, was George Best’s home turf and first kick-about area.

As a boy, George played games of football on the open playing fields at the centre of Cregagh Estate, with his friends and team mates in Cregagh Boys’ Club.

The Cregagh Green open space is protected “in perpetuity” through a legal deed of dedication between Belfast City Council and the Fields in Trust Organisation. It is a grass green surrounding a community football pitch, situated in the heart of Cregagh Estate. In recent years a mural has been erected on the gable wall of a residential terrace overlooking the green. Cregagh community centre and primary school serves a community space for the many school and community activities for the local people.

It is the first pitch in Northern Ireland to twin with Flanders Peace Field.

The team representing ‘The Georgie Best’ Cregagh Green Field In Trust is Banbury

Irish AFC. A local community club set up in Banbury over 25 years ago by Mick O’Driscoll and Frank Marron. They have boys and girls teams from U6 to U18.

2022/2023 season was a fantastic year for Banbury Irish AFC. Winning the Witney & District Youth Football League U16 title, and the league KO Cup. Finishing the league with a total of 52 points from 20 games.

The club prides itself in its community spirit and regularly helps the local community with other charity work and donations.

The club likes to bring all of the age groups and families together so that they feel that they are all part of something very special. It is multi-cultural and it is really important that everyone helps each other and are all proud to be part of the club. They enjoy family days for all of the players and parents plus presentation nights, quiz nights and a Banbury Irish Ball.

The ethos of the club is *“This is your club and not ours so we are all in this together.”*



Representing the Cregagh Green Field In Trust is **Banbury Irish AFC.**

Manager and Head Coach - Carl Ashford

Banbury Irish AFC Squad Players

Jacob Humphries, Kallum Vaughan, Oliver Corney, Mick Antwi, Kristzian Balla, Tomaso Dariol, Arthur Lyons, Nathan Whyman, Thomas Gaskell, Thomas Hassall, Harry Hinton, Noah Mollard, Jacob Hayes, Kuba Tomczyk, Archie Hamblin, Lewis Middleton, Alfie Ashford, Jack Poxon, Archie Lannigan, Jesse Tsotovor, William Manvell and Pablo Marti Castello.

SIR STANLEY MATTHEWS PEACE FIELD PROJECT



Although the Sir Stanley Matthews Peace Field Project in Blackpool is still in its infancy, they will be represented at the Duncan Edwards Peace Field Football Festival by an under 16 team from the Benson Community Project.

The project was founded in 2013 and has become embedded within the Smethwick area of Sandwell as a Local Trusted Volunteer Organisation with an open door policy approach to delivery where it does not matter “who you are” or “where you are from” even “what you have done” you are welcome to enjoy in the activities provided

Young people can enjoy the local community activities provided in a positive and safe environment away from the streets and poor life-style choices.

Running six football sessions a week young people can learn to play and be encouraged to develop skills that will provide them with the opportunity to move onto other football ball teams and even semi and professional football academies.

Jean Gough – the daughter of Sir Stanley Matthews - said *“My father would be proud to know that his name was being linked not only with his friend Duncan Edwards, but with the Benson Community Project that operates at the very heart of grass roots football”.*



Representing the Sir Stanley Matthews Peace Field Project is **Benson Community Project** from Smethwick.

Management team - Paul Landucci, Errol Mason, Camiela Lennox, Laura Gloster and Mervyn Gloster.

Benson Community Project Squad Players

Mendi Mende, Zohaib Siddiai, Charanpreet Sing, Maxwell Albert, Abdulay Kieta, Andy Kayumbi, Meriah Palmer, Musa Sabally, Andy Kayumbi, Richardo Cristea, Sanjo Sila, Neekal Decordance, Leo Cavalho, Kasper Bukowsri and Shane Billiot.

ABRAHAM MOSS WARRIORS HONOUR DENIS LAW

Denis Law Legacy Trust is a registered children's charity that operates and delivers a number of free to access programmes and positive destination activities for young people in Aberdeen.



Primarily through its flagship programme Streetsport, which is ran in partnership with Robert Gordon University, the children's charity aims to reduce instances of youth crime and anti-social behaviour; improve health and wellbeing; and encourage

inclusivity through sport, physical activity and creative endeavour in targeted areas of the city.

Current activities engage over 17,300 annual participations across a range of age groups and include a variety of opportunities and programmes, such as Stronger Families Inside Out and Granite City Speaks, a youth forum launched by Denis Law Legacy Trust to implement a youth voice at the heart of all of its operations.

Denis Law Legacy Trust has introduced two free to access, floodlit Cruyff Courts to Aberdeen and is working closely with partners to deliver a third. Since 2019, Cruyff Court Neale Cooper has reduced youth related anti-social behaviour by 50% in the area where it operates. Last year saw long-time Streetsport volunteer, Dave Thompson nominated for BBC Sports Personality of the Year: Unsung hero in large part due to the voluntary work he does on the court.

Cruyff Court Denis Law was the first of its kind in Scotland and in 2021 twinned with Peace Field, Flanders in a ceremony which included Denis Law, the charity's patron and Scottish football icon, alongside ambassadors from each of the charity's involved.



Arial shot of Cruyff Court Neale Cooper

Abraham Moss Warriors from Cheetham Hill in North Manchester will represent the Denis Law Legacy at the Duncan Edwards Peace Field Festival in Dudley on Sunday 21 May 2023.



They will join three other three other teams at the Festival teams representing football legends – George Best, Sir Stanley Matthews and Duncan Edwards. Abraham Moss Warriors began as a club 23 years ago with the objective of keeping children away from gangs, drugs and antisocial behaviour.

The club caters for young people who cannot afford membership of a traditional football club as more than 90% of members live below the poverty line – but the players join as strangers but leave as friends.

Abraham Moss Warriors have won numerous local and national awards for the difference the club has made in the community and in 2012 became the first club in the country to win the National Respect Club of the Year Award

Head Coach and founder June Kelly was awarded an MBE and Pride of Britain Award for her work with this multicultural club which now has members from 49 countries.

No trials are held at the Club because everyone is welcome.

In addition to football, the club runs free academic sessions in Maths, English and Science as well as multi-sports sessions and holiday activity projects in school holidays.

The club does not hold trials because everyone is welcome and although players join as strangers they leave as friends.

Mark Williams, Chief Operating Officer at Denis Law Legacy Trust said "We are delighted to have Abraham Moss Warriors representing us at this year's Duncan Edwards tournament. From tackling youth anti-social behaviour to reducing barriers to accessing sport for young people from disadvantaged communities, their positive work ties into the key aims and objectives of Denis Law Legacy Trust. We wish them and all of the participating teams the very best in the Duncan Edwards Peace Field Festival".



Representing the Denis Law Legacy Trust is Abraham Moss Warriors from Cheetham Hill, North Manchester.

DUNCAN EDWARDS PEACE FIELD PROJECT

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Ron Atkinson
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Steve Bull
Nicky Butt
Bernie Smith
Betty Cooksey
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Wayne Etheridge
Stuart Fleming
Colin Gibson
John Homer
Jamie Marler
Kath Mason
Peter Mason



Stephen Melgie
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David Partridge
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Tom Roe
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Gordon Smith
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Alex Stepney
Paul Trevillion
Brian Woodall



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CHILDREN'S
FOOTBALL ALLIANCE

The Children's Football Alliance charity have sixty-three Peace pitches across five continents twinned with the Flanders Peace pitch in Messines, Belgium.

The Duncan Edwards Peace Pitch has a special place in our hearts and when we talk to prospective peace pitches throughout the globe, they always want to hear about the Duncan Edwards pitch as it has a moving story attached.

The Busby Babes are known throughout the world, a special, one in a million team of exceptionally talented young players and at the centre of the team was Duncan.

The Munich Air disaster robbed us of some extraordinary talent and Duncan Edwards is not only celebrated at his Peace Pitch in Dudley but there is a part of him and what he stood for in the other sixty two other pitches around the world.

Paul Cooper, Director, Children's Football Alliance

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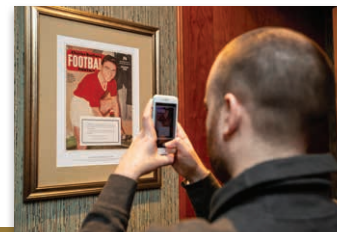
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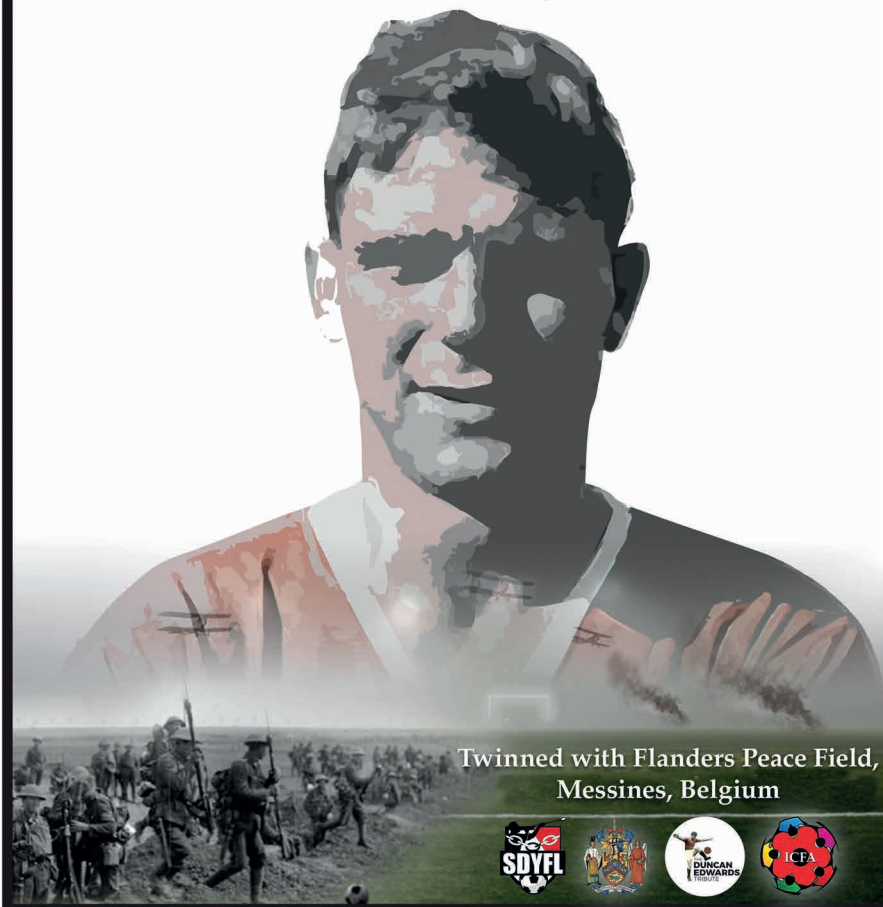
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