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Programme Notes – AFC Bournemouth, Tuesday 29th August 2023 – Dave Dalton writes:

Welcome back to the .com Stadium for the second round of the Carabao Cup, this time against Premier League opposition AFC Bournemouth. Like the previous round against Northampton Town this will be another ideal opportunity to allow more valuable game time for Michael Duff to learn more about his new squad of players that have seen many incomings as well as a few outgoings.

On that note with the closure of the summer transfer window now just a few days away - a welcome relief to many I'm sure – can we take this opportunity to wish Joel Piroe, our top scorer over the past 2 seasons, every success in his recent £10m+ move to Leeds Utd. Many supporters will I'm sure be disappointed to see Joel leave but as he was into the final year of his contract this deal was probably in the best interests of all concerned.

Next week the Trust Board will be convening again where we will be inviting Club Chairman Andy Coleman along to update us all on his first few weeks of living and working in Swansea. Part of this will allow us to ask questions that you have been emailing in to us at supporters@swanstrust.co.uk as well as a range of other issues we are aware of such as stadium catering and other match day related concerns.

On a really positive note though, we were delighted at how well the return of last week's open training and family day went at the stadium. This is something we have been encouraging the club to lay on again for a couple of seasons so to see it all come to fruition so successfully was a testament to the hard work of everyone at the club and also to head coach Michael Duff for allowing his players to engage so fully with the hundreds of families who attended.

Another piece of news I'm sure you will be pleased to hear is that the work we have been planning to refurbish the former players and officials' entrance at the old Vetch Field is starting this week and we are hugely grateful to both Travis Perkins and local building contractors Edmunds Webster Ltd for their help and support. The work is expected to take a few weeks to be completed and once done we hope it will be somewhere that supporters can visit and remind themselves of some of their fondest memories at our former home. If you'd like to learn a little more about the project or make a small donation, please go to the story on our website here: <https://www.swanstrust.co.uk/news/vetch-field-former-players-entrance/>

Something else we have been working closely with the club on over the past few weeks is finalising the next Global Jacks event in Swansea and I'm delighted to confirm this will now take place between the dates of 1st – 3rd March 2024. More details have already gone out to all our known Supporter Group contacts and those already on our Global Jacks database. If you'd like to learn more or be added to our mailing list please send us an email to globaljacks@swanstrust.co.uk

Can I personally thank everyone who has already renewed or joined the Trust this season and also to all those who signed up at the open training day last week. The new digitalised method we now use has made the renewal process much more efficient and we are now in the process of reconciling our records for all members who kindly pay us by standing order.

Members and supporters can still renew or join by post or by visiting the Trust Pod on match days and we will still accept payments by cash, card and cheque. We are an inclusive society and every member of the Jack Army is both very welcome and encouraged to join the Supporters' Trust.

By doing so you could have a voice in the running of our club and be involved in some of the exciting initiatives that are lined up for the rest of the Trust calendar. Again, look out for updates throughout the season or come and have a chat with us at the Pod on a match day to find out more.

I hope you enjoy this evenings' game.

Dave