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Programme Notes – Bristol City, Saturday 21st February 2026 – Paul Thomas writes:

As we enter the final stretch of the season, the Championship is proving once again why it's one of the most unpredictable leagues in world football. With 32 games of the season now gone, it feels extraordinary that just a couple of wins can catapult us into the play-off picture. A month or so ago, talk of making the play-offs would have felt fanciful, but with results picking up, the idea no longer feels completely out of the question, even if it remains an outside chance.

Vítor Matos has certainly made a strong impression since stepping into the hot seat. His energy, clarity and attacking intent have created a new sense of belief in the squad – and the fanbase, for that matter. That said, today's match against Bristol City will be a tough one. Their form has been mixed of late, but they are a side capable of causing problems for anyone in the division. A positive result today is vital given that three of our next five matches come against teams currently in the top half, including a mouth-watering all-Welsh clash with Wrexham. In a league this tight, every point matters.

Away from the pitch, we were delighted with the turnout, both in person and online, for the Trust's latest Annual General Meeting. The AGM gave us the chance to update members on the Trust's work over the past year, including an overview of our new five-year strategy, our finances, the progress of our heritage initiatives to preserve the history and identity of Swansea City AFC and our ongoing investment in local grassroots football. We also formally announced our continuing charity partnership with [Faith in Families](#) as well as now supporting the [Swansea Veterans Hub](#) throughout 2026. All these areas of work remain central to our mission and the support of our members allows us to continue delivering meaningful projects in the community.

We were also very pleased to welcome Swansea City CEO Tom Gorringer, who joined us after the AGM to speak to those in attendance. Tom shared some encouraging insights into the promising commercial opportunities the club is exploring, including the significant impact both Snoop Dogg – who will be making his first visit to the Swansea.com on Tuesday – and Luka Modric are having on off-field activities.

Perhaps most excitingly, though, Tom discussed the club's ambition to regain Category One status for the youth academy. This would be transformative for the club, helping us not only to attract top-tier talent but also to provide the facilities and development pathways needed to give local youngsters the best opportunity to fulfil their potential. For a club with a proud tradition of producing top-class players, this commitment to nurturing the next generation is hugely encouraging.

This coming Thursday evening, the Trust is proud to be hosting what will probably be our final public screening of *Ivor Allchurch – Golden Days* before we release it on streaming platforms around Easter. We commissioned this new documentary to honour the greatest player in Swansea City's history. The film features in-depth interviews with Ivor's wife, Esme, and their sons, John and David, offering the deeply personal story of the humble and gifted man behind the legend. With never-before-seen photographs from the family archive & intimate reflections on his life & achievements, the documentary provides a unique & moving portrait of a footballer whose legacy still resonates generations later.

Created by filmmakers David Brayley and Max Webborn, two of the team behind the acclaimed *Wonderland – The Alice Street Story*, the documentary has already received a fantastic response. With the support of the Swansea Jack and Swansea City AFC, we are delighted to confirm that the latest screening will take place at 7pm on Thursday 26th February at the Swansea Jack, Little Wind Street, Swansea and you can book your free places online [HERE](#).

Members of the Allchurch family and some former Swans legends will be joining us on the night, and we are thrilled that Mal Pope will help us host the evening, which will include a Q&A session after the film concludes.

We are all looking forward to what promises to be a memorable evening celebrating a true Swansea City & Wales icon.

In the meantime, here's hoping for three points against Bristol City today.

Paul

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