

Saturday 8th October 2016
Dulwich Hamlet vs
Bognor Regis Town FC
Ryman League Premier
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PRESS RELEASE

Trade Union Day in support of the International Brigade Memorial Trust: Dulwich Hamlet vs Bognor Regis Town FC, 8 October 2016

Dulwich Hamlet Football Club and Dulwich Hamlet Supporters' Trust are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Trade Union Day, which will be raising funds for the International Brigades Memorial Trust to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War and the Battle of Cable Street.

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the start of the [Spanish Civil War](#) and the [Battle of Cable Street](#), Dulwich Hamlet in conjunction with the Supporters' Trust will be putting on a Trade Union day on Saturday 8th October 2016. This will coincide with the Ryman League Premier Division game versus Bognor Regis Town FC.

Funds will be raised for the [International Brigade Memorial Trust](#), set up to remember all those who lost their lives fighting fascism in Spain. As part of the day:

- Anyone producing a Trade Union card on the gates will get in for our concession rate of £4;
- The match will be sponsored by [ASLEF](#) and [HOPE not Hate](#);
- Local trade union branches will be encouraged to bring their banners and they will be displayed pitchside;
- The International Brigade Memorial Trust will have a display showcasing their work and will be holding a bucket collection; and
- The guest beer will be [Brigadista Ale](#), a special edition beer brewed by [Black Hill Brewery](#) in County Durham for this year's commemorations.

We would like to invite all supporters to come to the game and remember the bravery of those who travelled over land and sea to fight fascism.

The day is being supported by the Dulwich Hamlet Supporters' Trust. Its Chair, Duncan Hart said "Over the past few seasons, we have helped put on numerous community initiatives from Rainbow Laces day to support the fight against homophobia in football to fundraising for those in need of humanitarian support in Calais and Dunkirk. We are more than happy to commemorate the actions of these brave individuals and raise money for the International Brigade Memorial Trust."

David Rogers, Trust Board member for Community Development commented, "The Football Club has always made sure that we welcome everyone to our games, and the club has always taken a strong stance against discrimination in all forms. We are delighted to be partnering up with ASLEF, Hope not Hate and the IBMT in order to commemorate these brave people."

"We would like to invite members of all Unions to the commemoration event and we would be more than happy to display your banners around the ground and the pitch."

Liam Hickey, Football Club Chair, enthused, "Dulwich Hamlet Football Club is delighted to hold its first Trade Union Day and we hope to welcome lots of people who want to experience the club for the first time."

"I would like to thank ASLEF, Hope Not Hate, our own Supporters' Trust & our committee member for Community Development, Mishi Morath, for their work in setting this up."

"This is another example of the various parts of club working as one to engage with all sections of our community and celebrate the achievements, both past and present, that make up the fabric of society today."

Whilst Mishi Morath added, "This event shows wonderful unity between the Football Committee and Trust Board working together to stage a focused day. It is so much more than a 'token gesture'. All those Decades ago many of our fans would have supported the international fight against the rise of fascism in Europe, with dozens of them undoubtedly, paying the ultimate price in the Second World War, which came after the Spanish Civil War. This day is for them as well."

Notes for editors

1. Dulwich Hamlet FC is Football Club in the Ryman League Premier Division (3 divisions below the Football League). Attendances have increased from an average of 215 in 2010/11 to 1343 in 2015/16 (over 600% increase in five years) . More and more fans are being attracted to non-league football as a result of being priced out of league football. New fans to Dulwich Hamlet FC have been amazed by the standard of football on offer from manager Gavin Rose at Champion Hill. Dulwich Hamlet FC has become known in non-league for circles for playing passing and attacking football. More info can be found here - <http://www.dulwichhamletfc.co.uk/>.
2. Hadley Property Group are the owners of Champion Hill and the surrounding land. Alongside the development funders Meadow Partners, they are also responsible for the management and running of Dulwich Hamlet FC. Hadley's priority for the Football Club is to ensure it has a sustainable future in the immediate surrounding vicinity.
3. Fans have also been flowing through the gates attracted by the vibrant colour and noise created by the "Rabble" behind the goal. The "Rabble" welcomes ALL to Champion Hill, and has a firm self-policed stance against any sexist, homophobic or racist abuse. The fans have also been involved in community activism in recent years, for example the recent collections [and fundraising for the camps in Dunkirk and Calais](#). More information can be found on the independent fan run website - <http://www.dulwichhamlet.org/>.
4. The Dulwich Hamlet Supporters' Trust is an independent, democratic, not for profit organisation that is aiming for Dulwich Hamlet Football Club to be a leading example of a financially sustainable football club that is fully owned by its supporters and has a secure long-term home in East Dulwich. More information can be found on the Trust at - <http://www.dhst.org.uk>.
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