

## **Remembering Bluebirds**

### **Matchday Remembrance**

Every passing of a Bluebird deserves to be respected and as a club we will endeavour to do this in the most thoughtful and fair way possible.

A short tribute may be read out by the stadium announcer during half time at a chosen home game. You can contact Chris Altree, [slo@barrowafc.com](mailto:slo@barrowafc.com) who will pass the information to the club. Only in very exceptional circumstances, a minutes silence or applause for a supporter will be offered prior to a match.

We also have a silence as an Act of Remembrance at a home match as near to the 11<sup>th</sup> of November as possible to remember our service personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice. In addition, we follow E.F.L requests for moments of silence and respect for national and international events, sometimes with reference to the wider football world.

### **Scattering of Ashes**

The procedure starts when you contact the club chaplain, Johnny Harrison. He will arrange a time with the club for you, and up to 20 others\*to come to Holker Street for a special Ceremony of Remembrance. It may happen any weekday between 9.30am – 4.30pm, subject to the availability of the stadium and of the chaplain.

When the day arrives, you bring about a coffee-jar's worth of the ashes to Club Reception on Wilkie Road where you will be welcomed by the chaplain. You will be taken to the players' dressing room where you can look around and take photographs. The chaplain will lead you round to the goalposts at the Holker End, where he will get you to lay the ashes on a small tray in the vicinity of the goal line, which he will have prepared.

Over the next few minutes, if you wish, he will encourage you and any others to recall together one or two stories and memories. They may be linked to your loved one's keenness for Barrow AFC. This can be followed by a couple of short prayers, ending with a moment's quiet. You then return to the tunnel, stopping for photographs in the dugout, then through to Reception where the chaplain will say goodbye.

Once you have left, the chaplain will gather the open tray of ashes and look after them until the pitch is dug up and re-seeded at the end of the season – in late May. They are scattered carefully and respectfully, together with other ashes which have been looked after during the season. Again, please note that we can only accept about a coffee-jar's worth of the ashes. There is no charge made by the club or chaplain for this service.

The club chaplain's details are:

Jonny Harrison

Pastor and Barrow AFC Chaplain

Spring Mount Church

Salthouse Pavillion

Barrow in Furness

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If you wish for a non-religious tribute, we can provide this on request to the Supporters' Liason Officer [slo@barrowafc.com](mailto:slo@barrowafc.com) or ring the club on 01229 666010.

### **Memorial Plaques**

At present the ground is in a transitional phase so we are currently unable to offer permanent tributes. However, this is something that both the Bluebirds Trust and Barrow AFC are currently looking at to support the development of areas of the ground that reflect our BAFC community.

*\*Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, we may not be able to offer all of these services at this time.*