

Tales *of the* Gladiator

The Play



When Jayne Murray told me about plans to celebrate the history of The Gladiator Pub in Druids Heath I was immediately on board. I knew that a play would be a really great way to breathe life back into the long, lost Gladdy.

We had great sessions at “The Outpost“ on Pound Road with community members who brought their memories of nights out and the long line of staff and characters who kept the show on the road.

I then wrote a short play with room for original music as well as recorded songs and live music that the brilliant community cast rehearsed over three weeks.

The cast have been really wonderful. They are talented, hardworking and have really stepped up with good humour & generosity of spirit to every challenge presented to them.

We hope you enjoy this new piece of theatre funded by The Barry Jackson Trust which supports new theatre being written in the West Midlands area.

After the play do stay for the discussion. Where you can:

- share any memories you have of The Gladdy
- talk about the importance of pubs and other local public hubs for community wellbeing
- talk about the importance of participatory arts opportunities generally and Theatre in particular.

**Thanks so much for coming.
Have a great night out at the Local x**

Janice connolly

Cast

Josh Bentley

Jack Goodall

Alicia Dyke

Lucy-Summer Hoban

Mark Allen

James Anthony Briggs

Michelle Lisa Gayle

Conleth Ryan

Oliver Ryan

Dermot Walker

Laurence Inman

Lily-Rose Hudson-McCall

Jonah Batesman

TALES OF THE GLADIATOR

A PLAY



WRITTEN BY JANICE CONNOLLY &

STARRING A COMMUNITY CAST

EVENING PERFORMANCE
SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
7.30 - 9PM

(ARRIVAL NO LATER THAN 7.15)

AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER
2 - 3.30 PM

(ARRIVAL NO LATER THAN 1.45)

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Quotes

Katie Howard

I have lived on the estate for the last 8 years. My fiance Con Ryan, was a regular of the Gladiator Pub during the 80s and 90s.

Oliver Ryan

I'm Oliver, I go to the Bells Farm Primary School. I love art. I have lived on the estate all my life with my mum and dad.

Mark Allen

My name is Mark Allen and I have been living on the estate since 1967. Since my retirement, I have been doing voluntary work in and around Druids Heath. PLanting fruit trees and shrubs, and also litter picking in and around the Dell, with the 'Dell Angels'.

Laurence Inman

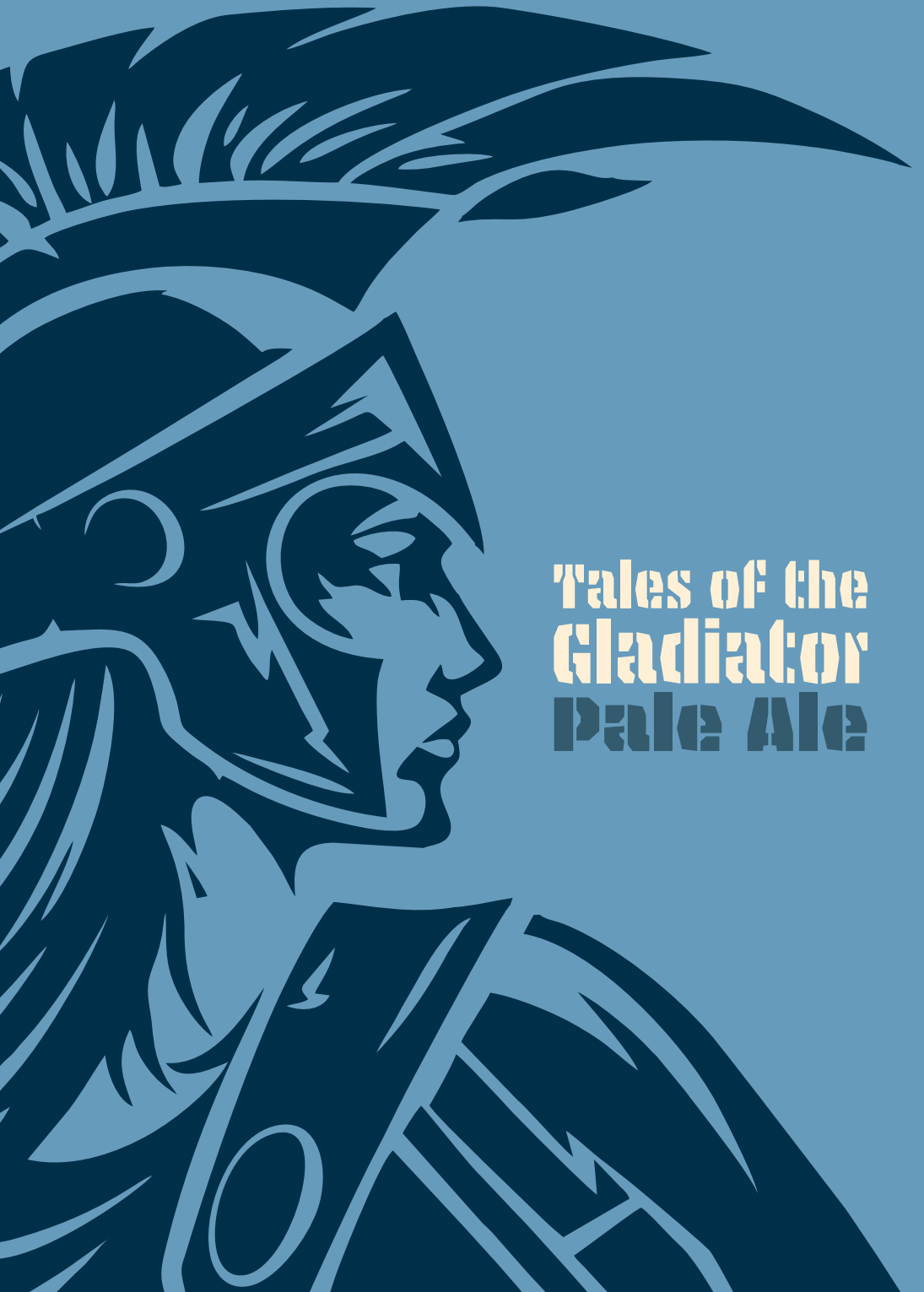
Has done many things, none of them all that well. His three children, however, are brilliant.

Jim Briggs

I like to be active in the local community and I am a keen biker. I believe in your children are our future.

Jack Goodall

Jack is a songwriter and musician. He grew up in Bromsgrove and has travelled around doing shows solo and with a band. He loves comedy and acting but hasn't yet done much of it.



**Tales of the
Gladiator
Pale Ale**

TALES OF THE GLADIATOR

A POP UP PUB

SELLING
A COMMEMORATIVE BOTTLED
GLADIATOR BEER

WITH MUSIC
& GLADIATOR EXHIBITION

OPENING HOURS

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 6 -8 PM
SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 4 - 7 PM
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 4 - 7 PM

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**October
15 22**

**November
5 12 19 26**

**December
3 10 17**

**January
7 14 21 28**

**Feb
4 11**

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and their parents/carers
at
The Outpost
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(next door to Dixy)**

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with refreshments**

**Term time
Wednesdays
3.30 - 5**

**November
6 13 20 27**

**December
4 11 18**

**January
8 15 22 29**

**Feb
5 12**

— Thank You —

Tales of the Gladiator is part of the Pound Road Pound, a Cultural Action Area for Druids Heath.

Pound Road Pound Consortium members are Flatpack Cinema, Birmingham Music Archive, Infinity Brewing, Place Prospectors CIC, BCU School of Jewellery & Maypole Youth Centre. The consortium are working to create projects that generate economic growth through culture with the community.

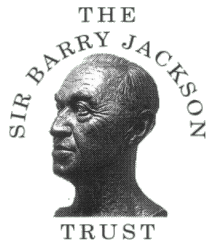
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This is the first tale of many and we look forward to the project continuing.



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