



## VALERIE CELEBRATES REINTRODUCTION OF 639 ROUTE



Photo by Alan Williams

On Wednesday 27th July, Valerie and local campaigners celebrated the launch of the new 38 bus service from Kings Hill in Darlaston to the Manor Hospital and Walsall town centre.

The 639 bus was withdrawn in January 2009. Local residents and campaigners, Julie Bosley and Doreen Laban, visited Valerie at her surgery with a petition from residents to ask for her support to reinstate the route. Valerie pursued this by writing to Centro, National Express West Midlands and each of the local bus operators. Valerie also presented the petition to Parliament.

Valerie said: "I am delighted that National Express West Midlands have listened to the views of local people. People had to take three buses to reach the hospital. This was particularly difficult for senior citizens and women with children. The new 38 route will have a real impact on people's quality of life."

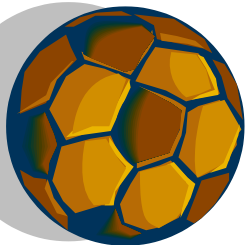
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### VALERIE VISITS WALSALL FC



Valerie visited Walsall FC following local concern about the sale of Banks' Stadium. Valerie met with the club's Chairman, Jeff Bonser and Chief Executive, Stefan Gamble.

Valerie said; "Walsall FC is important in bringing the town together and raising the national profile of the town. It is very important that the Club's long term future is assured."

### VALERIE WELCOMES NEWS THAT COUNCIL WILL LOOK AT 30 MINUTE PARKING AMNESTY ON ABLEWELL STREET

Valerie has welcomed Walsall Borough Council's decision to look at introducing a 30-minute parking amnesty on Ablewell Street. Since the introduction of charges on 7th March 2011, businesses have seen a decline in trade of up to 50%.

Valerie raised the issue in the House of Commons in a Pre-Recess Adjournment Debate on 24th May 2011 after which she presented a 700-name petition to Parliament. Walsall Borough Council subsequently announced that they will be looking in to the possibility of introducing 30-minute parking amnesties on Ablewell Street and Lichfield Street.

Valerie said: "The Ablewell street traders have made it clear that they need a 30-minute amnesty to restore trade. The Federation of Small Businesses also contacted me about the local traders' concerns."

"I have also heard from the traders on Bridge Street who have had difficulty in receiving deliveries due to parking restrictions and I will continue to work to address this issue."

### Valerie Discusses Epilepsy Bill with the Prime Minister



At Prime Minister's Questions on 22nd June 2011, Valerie asked the Prime Minister to meet with her to discuss her ten minute rule bill on Epilepsy and Related Conditions.

Valerie said: "I wanted to raise this matter directly with the Prime Minister. There are almost 1000 deaths from epilepsy related causes each year and 400 of these are potentially avoidable. What is required is immediate referral to a tertiary specialist and assessments in schools to identify young people's needs."

"The Prime Minister agreed to meet with me and the epilepsy experts and I am hopeful that we can make real progress on this matter."

### Surgeries

Valerie holds regular surgeries. To arrange an appointment, please call the Constituency Office on 01922 635835