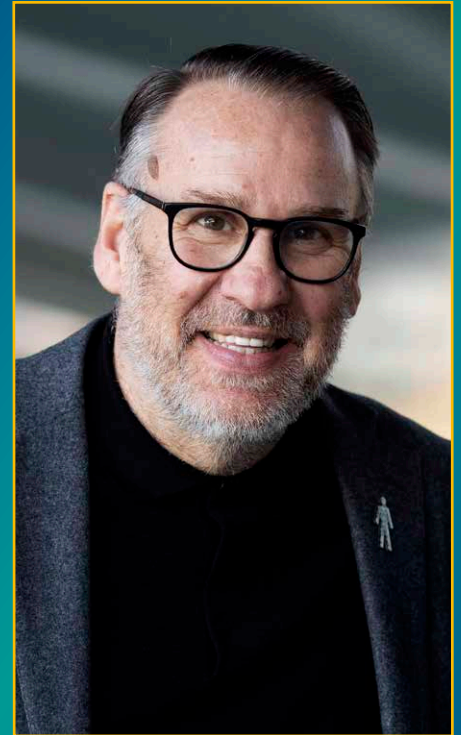
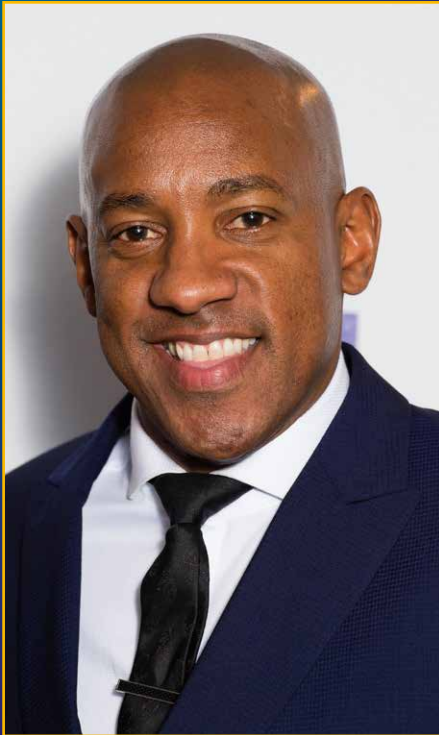


an evening with the

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS



With Special Guests

**DION DUBLIN, CLINTON MORRISON
& PAUL MERSON**

Date: **THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2026**

Venue: **EDGBASTON STADIUM, BIRMINGHAM**

Hosted by: **PETE GRAVES (SKY SPORTS)**



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EVENT & SPEAKERS

Our annual sporting dinner in the Banqueting Suite at Edgbaston returns this year with An Evening with the Football Characters, taking place on Thursday 26th November. This event features a stellar line-up of special guests, with Dion Dublin, Clinton Morrison and Paul Merson, three of football's biggest personalities, known for their honesty, humour and unforgettable stories from the game. Whether it's dressing room secrets, hot topics or hilarious behind-the-scenes moments, nothing is off-limits for our star speakers. Guests will enjoy a superb three-course meal in Edgbaston's Banqueting Suite as Sky Sports host Pete Graves guides the conversation and brings the best out of this lively panel. Expect big laughs, great stories and an unforgettable night of football entertainment – it promises to be a truly special evening.



DION DUBLIN: A dynamic forward and defender with an 18-year professional career, Dion Dublin scored over 200 goals in 700 appearances, going on from his early days at Cambridge City to achieving success at the very highest level of English football. He won the Premier League title with Manchester United in 1992-93 and went on to become Premier League Golden Boot joint-winner in 1997-98, scoring a prolific 18 goals for Coventry City, and being rewarded with four England caps. After successful spells with Aston Villa, where he scored 59 times in 192 appearances, and other clubs, Dion transitioned into television presenting and football punditry, where his affable personality and deep understanding of the game have made him a respected voice both on and off the pitch.



CLINTON MORRISON: Clinton built a reputation as a hardworking and clinical striker during a long and successful career spanning almost 20 years, yielding 175 goals in 722 appearances in all competitions. Renowned for his time at Crystal Palace, where he scored over 100 goals across two spells, he also featured in the Premier League with Birmingham City, playing 97 times and scoring 16 goals, and numerous other clubs including Coventry City and Sheffield Wednesday, becoming a fan favourite wherever he played. On the international stage, he earned 36 caps and scored 9 goals for the Republic of Ireland and was in the squad for the 2002 World Cup. Since retiring, Clinton has become a respected football pundit, recognised for his honest opinions, sense of humour and razor sharp insights.



PAUL MERSON: An extravagantly gifted winger and forward, "Merse" is widely regarded as one of the most creative players of his generation. A key figure in Arsenal's success in the late 1980s and early 1990s, he helped the club secure two top flight titles (1988-89, 1990-91), an FA Cup triumph (1992-93) and a European Cup Winners' Cup (1993-94). Paul also earned 21 caps for England, scoring 3 goals, featuring in major international competitions and offering creativity and goals from out wide. His 749 appearances in all competitions yielded 154 goals, with many more assists, including some truly memorable strikes! Following his playing career, he became one of football's most recognisable pundits, admired for his passionate commentary and in-depth insight into the game.



PETE GRAVES: Pete Graves is an award-winning TV Presenter, Events Host, Podcaster and Author. He is best known as a presenter on Sky Sports News and is also the face of Darts on ITV. Pete built a name for himself in Newcastle on local TV and Radio before being headhunted by Sky Sports in 2009. At Sky he has presented live football, rugby and hockey and is also the much loved host of 'Good Morning Sports Fans'. His podcast Transfer Talk was voted 'Best Sports Podcast' in 2023 and his book titled "Here To Compete", about the rise of his beloved Newcastle United, has sold more than 30,000 copies. In 2025 he was also named the lead presenter for Darts on ITV. Pete's energy, enthusiasm and sports knowledge makes him the perfect host for this event.

EDGBASTON STADIUM: We are delighted to be holding our event in the Banqueting Suite at Edgbaston Stadium, which is a fantastic large facility, perfectly suited to the occasion. This is the stadium's premium pitch-facing facility, enjoying magnificent views over the middle, and plenty of natural light. Our guests will enjoy quality dining and service for which Edgbaston is rightly renowned, with ample complimentary parking for all attendees.



PACKAGES & ITINERARY

SILVER PACKAGE

- Reserved places within The Banqueting Suite
- Three course dinner
- Entertaining interview with Dion Dublin, Clinton Morrison & Paul Merson
- Event hosted by Pete Graves (Sky Sports)
- Auction
- Raffle
- Pay bar facilities

£1,800.00 + vat (based on 1 table of 10 guests)
Minimum booking is 1 table

SPEAKER SPONSOR PACKAGE

- Same package elements as our Gold package
- One of our special guests to sit on your table
- Opportunity to display branding in the event room
- Opportunity to put a piece of marketing literature on every attendee's chair

£2,795.00 + vat Table of ten plus your guest speaker.
Minimum booking is 1 table



GOLD PACKAGE

- Same package elements as our Silver package
- Access to the VIP reception with pay bar facility
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Group photo opportunity with Dion Dublin, Clinton Morrison & Paul Merson
- Logo on our event menu cards (Tables only)
- Premium positioned table

£2,200.00 + vat (based on 1 table of 10 guests)
Minimum booking is 1 table



EVENT ITINERARY

- **From 6.30pm:** Arrival
- **7.20pm:** Sit down
- **7.30pm:** Introduction: Pete Graves (Sky Sports)
- **7.35pm:** Three course dinner is served
- **9.05pm:** Auction
- **9.35pm:** Interview with our special guests
- **10.35pm:** Raffle is drawn
- **10.45pm:** Dinner concludes. Bar remains open!
- **Midnight:** Venue closes

Please note that timings are provisional and are subject to change.



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