



Boxing clever: Tom Chaney and new sponsor Iain McCallister.

Picture: Mark Jones.

## £3k boost is a big hit with club

By Ian Johnson

**BADLY** needed help is at hand.

Hall Green Amateur Boxing Club this week received a massive financial boost for the development of a brighter future.

They are planning to raise £10,000 to purchase a new mini-bus and have been given a terrific start with a gift of £3,000 from Solihull businessman Iain McAllister of MAN Commercial Protection.

Coach Tom Chaney was clearly thrilled. He told me: "Iain has come on board and will be helping to run the club in all sorts of ways. He will not be just a sponsor.

"Our first target is to get some decent transport. At the moment the only vehicle we have is my little four seater.

"With Iain's help we hope to raise the rest of the money from a special promotion at the Paragon Hotel on Friday, November 13, when John H Stracey will be the special guest."

McAllister's company deal with – among other things – all of the ringside security for Frank Warren Promotions.

The managing director told me: "Frankie Gavin is part of the Warren stable and we have met many times. It is a pleasure to help out at his former club.

"I have always had an interest in the sport and boxed at the Small Heath and Sheldon clubs – mainly for pleasure and not success.

"I have also sparred over the years with Robert McCracken, Roy Skeldon and Al Malcolm. It is good to be involved again."

■ For ticket information contact Chaney on 07811277262 or McAllister on 07774105973.