

Dover Athletic Supporters' Club Newsletter - February 2017

Welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter of the Dover Athletic Supporters' Club (DASC). With over half the season now gone it is great to see us sat high in the league table for the second season in a row and our manager Chris Kinnear deserves a lot of credit for maintaining our play-off ambitions after the loss of a number of influential players at the end of last season. The recent news about our star striker Ricky Miller staying with us following our Chairman's rejection of a number of bids for him in the recent transfer window has given everyone a boost and we are all appreciative of his continuing financial support. Let's all hope that the team pushes on and gets into one of the play-off spots at the end of the season. We, the supporters can continue to play our part by coming through the turnstiles, giving the team our vocal support and whenever possible bringing along a friend to boost the attendance.

The supporters' club committee has seen several personnel changes in the past nine months and it now numbers twelve very committed members plus the direct involvement of D AFC Director, Matthew Jaenicke. The current committee was formally elected at the AGM on 26 December 2016: **Chairman - Vicky Chambers; Vice Chairman - Bob Hill; Treasurer - John Burton; Vice Treasurer - Simon Harris; Secretary - Brian Taylor; Membership Secretary - Sue Taylor; Coaches co-ordinator - Andy Fisher; Community co-ordinator - Jason Cloke; Gez Noble; Roger Osborn; Bob Duck; Gus Blackman; D AFC Director - Matthew Jaenicke.** During this recent period:

1. We have ensured that all historical accounts have been updated and registered with the FCA and that the financial standing of the supporters' club is in a positive position;
2. We have created a brand new dedicated supporters' club website which receives regular updates. This is www.dasc.co.uk;
3. We have registered a new email address which allows all members to ask questions and/or communicate with the supporters club 24/7. This is sc.dafc@gmail.com;
4. We have helped in the prior promotion and running on the day of the Stand Opening Community Day on 19 November 2016;
5. We have introduced a free monthly draw of either £25 cash or a signed replica shirt for all registered members of DASC;
6. We have committed to running a supporters coach to every one of this season's away fixtures and offer an entry in a free draw for all coach passengers to win a reduction of £10 on a future coach;
7. We have held a successful Quiz Night in the Centre Spot at which the Kelly Turner fund received nearly £700 and the football club benefited from a hire charge and bar takings;

Events planned for the remainder of the season:

- The January free members draw will take place on 11 February prior to the game against Wrexham.
- The February free members draw will take place on 4 March prior to the game against Solihull.
- The March free members draw will be on 1 April prior to the game against Gateshead.
- The next Quiz Night will be held in the Centre Spot on 21 April and will be in aid of the RNLI;
- We are taking names of interested members for a 'coach plus ticket' offer to attend the Non-League Finals day at Wembley on Sunday 21 May 2017;

Future coaches - Saturday 18 February - to North Ferriby United. Coach leaves Crabble at 07:30 and is £30 to supporters' club members; £45 to non-members and £10 for accompanied u16 AND **Tuesday 28 February - to Woking.** Coach leaves Crabble at 16:30 and is £15 to members, £30 to non-members and £5 for accompanied U16s. With effect from the North Ferriby coach, all seats booked will now need to be paid for in advance either by cash/cheque at home games, or by bank transfer if preferred (see below for details).

Membership - If you would like to join the ever growing number of Supporters' Club members then an application form is overleaf or you can download one from our website or collect a copy from the Centre Spot bar or the Club Shop. Current membership rates are on the form.

Contact numbers: For coach bookings: Ring/text Andy Fisher on 07930 300335 or email dascocoaches@gmail.com; DASC Website: www.dasc.co.uk DASC Email: sc.dafc@gmail.com Bank details for coach travel payments: Sort Code 30-93-34, Account number 00022485.

If anyone has any events or ideas that they would like to suggest improving the supporters club experience then please contact us via email sc.dafc@gmail.com or in person to one of the committee members.

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