

# Dover Athletic Supporters' Club Newsletter - March 2017

## Welcome to EDITION TWO of the Newsletter of the Dover Athletic Supporters' Club (DASC).

With just a dozen or so games to go at the time of writing, the team is still in with a great shout for one of the Play-Off places in the National League. The return of Nicky Deverdics for a month's loan and the improving appearances of Joe Healy have really given us supporters more of a midfield to appreciate which supplements the season long goalscoring attributes of our front three. Also, **a very warm welcome** to our recent recruits James Hurst, James Caton and George Essuman, two of which helped Dover reach the Kent Senior Cup Final against either Welling or Charlton. Let's all hope that the squad collectively pushes on and achieves one of the play-off places on offer although pressure is clearly building from the likes of Aldershot, Gateshead and Macclesfield so it'll be a tight run-in.

All of us can continue to play an important part by coming through the turnstiles, by giving the team our vocal support which has increased noticeably over the past few games and whenever possible by bringing along a friend to boost the attendances which have steadily increased with eight of the past nine 1<sup>st</sup> team games seeing 1000+ gates.

### **Since the last Newsletter, your committee has:**

1. Held another successful Quiz Night with the proceeds of £260 being presented to the All Stars Disability Football Team on Sunday 26 February;
2. Held a 'Meet the Supporters Club' open meeting on 30 January at which ideas and suggestions from members were discussed;
3. Have made continuing improvements to its dedicated website [www.dasc.co.uk](http://www.dasc.co.uk);
4. Organised supporters coaches to North Ferriby and Woking for important league matches, the latter coach was full;
5. 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;
6. Have made the free members monthly draws for January and February; Congratulations to January's winner Gez Noble and to Kevin Harris for winning February's draw;

### **Events planned for the remainder of the season:**

- The **March free members draw** will take place in the Centre Spot 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. Up to 8 per team at £3.00 a head and you can book your table by contacting Bob Duck on 07572 868407 or by emailing the supporters club on [sc.dafc@gmail.com](mailto:sc.dafc@gmail.com);
- The committee 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 - **See overleaf for details.**

**Future coaches** - **Tuesday 14 March - to Boreham Wood.** Coach leaves Crabble at 16:15 and is £15 to supporters' club members; £30 to non-members and £5 for accompanied u16s.

**AS A RESULT OF INCREDIBLE CONTINUING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FELLOW SUPPORTER NICK CUNNINGHAM, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE THE COACH PRICES CONSIDERABLY FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO COACHES!!** - **Saturday 25 March - to Guiseley.** Coach leaves Crabble at 07:00 and is £15 to members, £30 to non-members and £10 for accompanied U16s and **Tuesday 28 March - to Tranmere Rovers.** Coach leaves Crabble 12:15 and again is £15 to members, £30 to non-members and £10 for accompanied u16s. All seats booked on the above three coaches will now need to be paid for in advance either by cash/cheque at home games, or by bank transfer. Bank details for coach travel payments: Sort Code 30-93-34, Account number 00022485.

**Membership** - If you would like to join the ever growing number of Supporters' Club members then an application form can be downloaded from our website or collected 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](mailto:dascocoaches@gmail.com); DASC Website: [www.dasc.co.uk](http://www.dasc.co.uk) DASC Email: [sc.dafc@gmail.com](mailto:sc.dafc@gmail.com)

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](mailto:sc.dafc@gmail.com) or in person to one of the committee members. Your supporters' club committee is Chairman - Vicky Chambers; Vice Chairman - Bob Hill; Treasurer - John Burton; Vice Treasurer - Simon Harris; Secretary - Brian Taylor; Membership Secretary - Sue Taylor; Community co-ordinator - Jason Cloke; Coaches co-ordinator - Andy Fisher; Gez Noble; Roger Osborn; Bob Duck; Gus Blackman and Matthew Jaenicke (DAFC).

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**Dover Athletic Supporters Club trip to Wembley!**

## **Non-League Finals Day**

### **FA Vase Final PLUS FA Trophy Final**

**Sunday 21st May 2017, coach and ticket £25pp**

**(Times to be advised)**

**Non-League Finals Day returns for 2017 offering fans the unique opportunity to watch two cup finals for the price of one! The Wembley double header kicks off with The Buildbase FA Vase final, followed by The Buildbase FA Trophy final.**

**Wembley Stadium hosted the first ever Non-League Finals Day in 2016 with over 46,000 fans in attendance for two shock results. FA VASE favourites Hereford FC were beaten 4-1 by Morpeth Town and FC Halifax Town beat National League play-off winners, Grimsby Town 1-0 to win the FA Trophy.**

**This season the semi-finalists in the Vase are Bromsgrove Sporting, Cleethorpes Town, Coleshill Town and South Shields.**

**In the Trophy the semi-finalists are Lincoln City, York City, Tranmere Rovers and Macclesfield.**

**Email us at [sc.dafc@gmail.com](mailto:sc.dafc@gmail.com) to book your place or see any DASC committee member to confirm interest AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.**

**Numbers are limited.**