

**WELCOME TO THE
LATEST DOVER
ATHLETIC
SUPPORTERS'
CLUB
NEWSLETTER -
MAY 2017**

Another positive season for us all to enjoy, just missed out on the play-offs by 3 points finishing 6th, second top goalscorers in the league, the National League Player of the Season in Ricky Miller and a Trophy for the whites in the Kent Senior Cup after many years of trying.

We'll all no doubt have our own personal highlights (and lowlights) of the season just gone and there is a separate thread on the forum aimed at just that - the wins against Forest Green Rovers and

Braintree may be up there along with the obvious disasters against Boreham Wood!

CONGRATULATIONS to Ricky Miller on sweeping the board to win the 'Supporters Player of the Year', the 'Player's Player of the Year' and the 'Golden Boot' award for his incredible season with us. We all wish him every success in League 1 with his hometown club Peterborough United.

YOUR Dover Athletic Supporters' Club (DASC) has had a very productive and busy year. We have increased membership numbers up to a high number and have also forged and improved our links with the Club and its fans.

We currently have a very active committee and are proud of our recent achievements in striving to improve our support for the football club as well as developing our links with the local community which ultimately provides our fanbase.

We hope this will continue during Season 2017/18.

During the season just finished:

1. *We ran three successful Quiz Nights for:
 - a. *The Kelly Turner Fund;*
 - b. *The All Stars Disability Football Team and*
 - c. *The RNLI.**
2. *We purchased specialist seed at the request of DAFC for the Crabble pitch, with huge thanks to those donating to Sponsor the Pitch!;*
3. *We purchased a new sprinkler system at the request of DAFC;*
4. *We donated money to DAFC via various initiatives;*
5. *We set up a pitch square sale so supporters could buy a square for £5;*
6. *We paid for advertising in the Match Day programme and funded a pitch side board;*
7. *We ran a monthly free draw for members to win either £25 cash or a signed replica shirt;*
8. *We ran a free members draw to win Jamie Grimes's shirt from season 2015/16;*
9. *We increased DASC membership to a record 224 (as at 14 May 2017);*
10. *We purchased the sweets, DASC pens etc. for the goody bags for the new Family Stand opening day on 19 November 2016;*
11. *We supplied the labour to ensure posters and flyers were distributed and put up in and around the Dover area to cover the event;*
12. *We provided volunteers to help with the preparation and distribution of the goody bags, flags and balloons prior to and on the day itself;*
13. *We overhauled the membership database which now has over 65% contactable email addresses;*
14. *We carried 1,040 passengers on 29 coaches to 27 grounds during the season which was the first time a coach had run to every single away ground during a season;*
15. *We purchased a quantity of brand new DASC Scratchcards for sale to you all to win big money! These cards will go on sale at the beginning of the new season with over 4000 cash prizes to be won including £1,000.*
16. *We ran a Travel Club scheme providing assurance to members that if a match was called off whilst travelling then the coach fare would be refunded.*

Future activities

Ideas Needed

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. All ideas will be considered.

Quiz Nights

We will be arranging FOUR Quiz Nights over the coming season and these will be advertised once the fixtures are known and the dates selected. We are looking for nominations for suitable charities to benefit from the above Quiz Nights so let us know if you have a good cause to nominate.

Proposed Sportsman's Evening

Plans are being considered to hold a 'Q&A Sportsman's Evening' in the early part of the new season at which old DAFC players will be invited along to reminisce their past experiences playing for Dover Athletic and answer questions from the floor. This will be priced competitively to allow as many fans to attend as possible. Watch this space!

Coach Travel Club

For just a one-off payment of £20 (juniors £10), if you are travelling to a game called off after the coach has left Crabble then you receive a full refund of your coach cost to that game. If there are no cancellations

then you can claim a full refund at the end of the season. This is available to DASC members only and has to be paid for by 30 September 2017 at the latest.

Members' Monthly Draws

We have agreed to continue running the free monthly draws for members to win either £25 cash or a signed replica shirt with the player of your choice.

Sponsored shirt Draw

We will run a free members draw at the beginning of next season to win Aswad Thomas's shirt from season 2016/17;

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.

Coach bookings: Ring/text Andy Fisher on 07930 300335 or email dasccoaches@gmail.com;

DASC Website: www.dasc.co.uk

DASC Email: sc.dafc@gmail.com

Please also check our noticeboard by the Club Shop at Crabble.

Your supporters' club committee:

Vicky Chambers - Chairman;
Bob Hill - Vice Chairman;
John Burton - Treasurer;
Simon Harris - Vice Treasurer;
Brian Taylor - Secretary;
Sue Taylor - Membership Secretary;
Jason Cloke - Community Co-ordinator;
Andy Fisher - Coaches Co-ordinator;
Gez Noble;
Roger Osborn;
Bob Duck;
Gus Blackman;
Matthew Jaenicke (DAFC Director)