

DOVER ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS' CLUB

NEWSLETTER - JULY 2017

Hello and a warm welcome from your Supporters' Club to our fourth season in the Vanarama National League.

The mass exodus of the playing squad following last season's end was a surprise to many of us but we're sure you would join us in thanking all the outgoing players for their efforts and wishing them all the best of luck in their future playing careers (unless they're playing against us!).

As a result, the management team has had to build a new squad so we welcome all the new arrivals to date and hope their stay at DAFC is a long and successful one.

The pre-season friendlies are now upon us and are listed below:

11 July - Deal away- won 3-0 with goals from George Essuman, A. Trialist and Ryan Bird

15 July - Gillingham home k/o 3pm

18 July - Charlton Athletic home k/o 7.45pm

22 July - Folkestone Invicta away k/o 3pm

25 July - Welling United home k/o 7.45

29 July - Margate home k/o 2pm

As a committee we had a very productive and busy year last season and we will strive to continue to provide benefits to its membership for the coming season. The current membership numbers are healthy but we would encourage any Dover Athletic supporter who is currently not a member to join and help us make a difference.

The cost is £10 per adult, £5 for over 60's and £5 for juniors and membership lasts a full 12 months from the date of joining. Current benefits include subsidised coach travel to away games, a free entry in a monthly draw to win either £25 cash or a replica shirt signed by your favourite player, a 10% discount on Bayliss Executive Coaches Day Trips and preferential access to other promotions throughout the season.

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

Your supporters' club committee:

Vicky Chambers - Chairman;

Bob Duck - 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;

Gus Blackman;

Matthew Jaenicke (DAFC Director)

Future activities

Coaches for August 2017

The following coaches have been arranged for the first two away league games:

5 August Hartlepool, leaving Crabble at 6.45am £40 DASC member, £55 non-members, u16 accompanied £15

15 August Halifax, leaving Crabble at 12.30pm £30 DASC member, £45 non-members; u16 accompanied £20

Give Andy a Call or Text on **07934 300335** or email: dascocoaches@gmail.com or see him in the Centre Spot before or after every home game.

Coach Travel Club

For just a one-off payment of £20 (juniors £10), if you are travelling to a game called off after the official DASC 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.

Quiz Nights

There will be four quiz nights during the coming season so please make a note of these dates in your diary:

Friday 29 September 2017; Friday 10 November 2017; Friday 9 February 2018 and Friday 6 April 2018.

They will all be 7.30 for 8pm starts and the venues will be confirmed nearer the time. In the past, we have helped many charities such as Kelly Turner Fund, RNLI, All Stars Disability Football team, Brain Tumour Charity, Harmony Therapy Trust and Pegasus Play Scheme. **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.**

Scratchcards

DASC has bought a quantity of scratchcards for sale to raise funds for future ventures. They are priced at £1 and there's a chance of winning £1000 as well as thousands of other cash prizes. **We are looking for volunteers, pubs, clubs, shops etc. to help sell these cards on our behalf so if you could help out or know of anyone who would be willing to help then please email sc.dafc@gmail.com for further information. Alternatively please contact a committee member.**

Pitch Squares

There are a few pitch squares left at £5 each, the proceeds of which are going directly to help pay for the large quantity of grass seed bought by DASC in the close season for the Crabble pitch. See any committee member if you would like to buy one of the remaining squares.

Ideas Needed

If anyone has any events or ideas that they would like to suggest which would improve 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.

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!

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. The draws will take place prior to kick-off on the following home games: August draw on 12 September 2017 (Boreham Wood); September draw on 21 October 2017 (Maidenhead); October draw on 11 November 2017 (Eastleigh); November draw 9 December 2017 (Hartlepool); December draw on 6 January 2018 (Aldershot); January draw on 10 February 2018 (Sutton); February draw on 3 March 2018 (Leyton Orient); March draw on 7 April 2018 (Torquay)

Sponsored shirt Draw

We will run a free members draw at the beginning of this 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.

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

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