

DOVER ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS' CLUB

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

Hello and a festive welcome from your Supporters' Club Committee to our 5th Newsletter of the Season. We would like to wish every one of our members and their families a great Christmas 2017 and a prosperous New Year 2018.

At the time of writing, the team is sitting just three points off the summit of the National League at the halfway stage; it has a very important FA Trophy match against Eastbourne Borough coming up, along with a 'six-pointer' away at Wrexham two days before Christmas.

Then there are the two massive Derby games against Maidstone over the Christmas and New Year period along with a home match versus AFC Halifax sandwiched in between so a lot of points to play for in a very short space of time.

Chris Kinnear's young squad has really gelled together in the 23 league games they've played so far which has got to be far quicker than even the most diehard fan would have thought possible.

An absolutely brilliant position given the total squad upheaval in the closed season and with a bit of luck on the injury and suspension fronts over the coming months who would bet against us to win this league or at the very least gain a creditable play-off spot!

Add the prospect of a potential decent run in the FA Trophy and who knows we could be gracing the Wembley turf once, maybe twice! - We can but dream, can't we?

We need to get more fans through the Crabble turnstiles so please encourage any floating fans out there that we've got a decent football team that needs our collective support. Whilst the first two Family & Community days have been successful in getting additional fans through the gates, with the next one planned for the game vs. Guiseley on 27 January, we all need to try and get our friends or relatives to come to Crabble if possible.

DASC COACH INFORMATION

COACH TO WREXHAM - SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER leaves Crabble at 7.30am and costs £30 for Members, £45 for Non-Members with Accompanied U16s £15.

COACH TO MAIDSTONE - MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2018 leaves Crabble at 12.30pm and costs £12 for Members, £25 for non-members with Accompanied U16s £6.

Match Tickets for this game (Adults £15, Concessions £12, Youth (11-16) £7 & Under 11 £2) are now on sale from the Club Reception Office at Crabble. Office hours are 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB SURVEY

A large number have already been completed and returned and we thank everyone who has taken the time to get involved. Your views are invaluable to the committee in order to maximise your enjoyment at Crabble and also give us ideas for future events so please complete and return one if you've not already done so. THANK YOU.

AWAY PLAYER OF THE SEASON AWARD

After 12 games, MITCH PINNOCK leads with FOUR awards (at Guiseley, Gateshead, Leyton Orient and a tie with Mitch Walker at Tranmere). The latest two matches saw MITCH WALKER (Dagenham) and MITCH BRUNDLE (Bromley) gain an award each so they now have three each with Kadell Daniel, Josh Passley and Connor Essam all having one. A presentation will be made to the winning player at the end of the season along with a donation from the Supporters' Club to the winner's chosen charity.

DASC SCRATCHCARDS – WIN £1000!

There are over 4000 cash prizes to be won. They are priced at £1 and each card gives you six chances to win a prize. They can currently be purchased from any committee member, the Breakwater Brewery & Tap Room in Lorne Road, Dover or the Old Buttermarket Pub in Canterbury. If you know of any other venue which may be interested in selling these cards then please let us know via email or via a committee member.

MEMBERS' MONTHLY DRAWS

Our latest FREE draw was won by CRAIG WEBSTER and our congratulations go to him. The next draw will be held prior to the home game against Aldershot on 6 January 2018. Good Luck to all our members!

PITCH SQUARES

There are just a few pitch squares left. If you're stuck for that last minute Christmas present, why don't you spend £5 and get their name in all the remaining Matchday programmes and help the Club at the same time. See any committee member to sponsor a square.

CURRENT COMMITTEE

The committee meets on the third Monday of every month during the Season so if you have anything you wish to raise please let one of the committee know or send us an email.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

***CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS** - The next planned Quiz Night is due to be held on Friday 9 February 2018 and all proceeds will go to the local Porchlight Homeless Charity. Posters will be displayed in the New Year. Please consider coming along for a fun night in support of a worthwhile cause.*