

DOVER ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS' CLUB

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

At the time of writing, the team has reached the 3rd Round of the FA Trophy and is looking forward to a last 16 tie at home to Leyton Orient. 10 goals in the last two ties suggest there may be more goals in this game but we need to get more fans through the Crabble turnstiles. 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 we all need to try and get our friends or relatives to come to Crabble on a regular basis if possible.

NEXT CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Our next Quiz Night is being held on THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY in the BREAKWATER BREWERY & TAPROOM in Lorne Road, Dover CT16 2AA. Teams of up to 8 at £3 per head and all proceeds from the evening will go directly to PORCHLIGHT, a leading charity that supports homeless and vulnerable people. The quizmaster will be DEBS HARRISON.

ADVANCE BOOKINGS are essential so either email the supporters club on sc.dafc@gmail.com or ring Bob Duck on 07572 868407 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to guarantee a table.

DASC COACH INFORMATION

COACH TO BOREHAM WOOD - SATURDAY 20 JANUARY leaves Crabble at 11.15am and costs £15 for Members, £30 for Non-Members with Accompanied U16s £15.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AWAY GAME VS. CHESTER ON SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY HAS BEEN REPLACED BY OUR EXCITING 3RD ROUND FA TROPHY HOME TIE AGAINST LEYTON ORIENT.

Please check the social media sites in the event of a draw and subsequent replay for details of any coach arrangements to Leyton and also details of the re-arranged trip to Chester.

COACH TO SOLIHULL MOORS - SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY leaves Crabble at 9.15am and costs £25 for Members, £40 for non-members with Accompanied U16s £10.

Contact ANDY on 07934 300335 or email dasccoaches@gmail.com.

3rd COMMUNITY/FAMILY DAY 27 JANUARY

The Club's 3rd Community/Family Day is on 27 January when we host Guiseley in a National League fixture.

The Supporters' Club will again be funding and handing out goodie bags, along with balloons and flags from the Football Club to all our young fans, new and old. Come along and enjoy the fun!

SUPPORTERS' CLUB SURVEY

We would like to thank everyone who took part in this survey. The responses have been collated and several good ideas have been received. These are being reviewed and the committee will be pursuing a number of options. 92% of the survey forms came from DASC members and it gave us renewed enthusiasm to continue trying to improve the members' experience. For various reasons, not all the suggestions are likely to be achievable.

NON-LEAGUE FINALS DAY 63% of you said you would be interested in attending the Non-League Finals Day at Wembley on SUNDAY 20 MAY 2018.

Of course, at this point in time Dover Athletic could be there competing in the final which would be a dream come true for all of us but if we fail to get to Wembley there is still a chance to go and witness the FA Vase and Trophy finals for the bargain price of £25 a person to include luxury coach travel and admission to the Stadium.

We therefore need to know who wants to go as soon as possible so we can make arrangements and nearer the time take full payments. Let any committee member know or email the supporters' club on sc.dafc@gmail.com.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB PIN BADGES 75% said they'd buy a DASC pin badge if available. The cost of this depends on the number ordered but would be between £3 and £4. For this to be achievable, fans will need to pre-pay and order their die struck enamel DASC badge before we commit to a bulk order. Again, please let any committee member know or email sc.dafc@gmail.com.

AWAY PLAYER OF THE SEASON AWARD

FEMI ILESAMNI gained his first award of the season at Maidstone in style with half the votes cast and joins KADELL DANIEL, JOSH PASSLEY, CONNOR ESSAM and GIANCARLO GALLIFUOCO on one award each. After 14 games, MITCH PINNOCK continues to lead with FOUR awards (including a tie with Mitch Walker at Tranmere). MITCH WALKER and MITCH BRUNDLE are close behind with three each. A presentation will be made to the winning player at the end of the season along with a donation to the winner's chosen charity.

DASC SCRATCHCARDS – WIN £1000! There are still over 3000 cash prizes left to be won. They are priced at £1 and you get six chances to win a prize. See any committee member, or buy at 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.

MEMBERS' MONTHLY DRAWS Our latest FREE draw for DECEMBER 2017 was won by ALLAN BROWN and our congratulations go to him. The next draw will be held prior to the home game against SUTTON on 10 February 2018. Good Luck to all our members!

PITCH SQUARES There are just a few pitch squares left at £5 each. See any committee member to buy a square or email sc.dafc@gmail.com.

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)