DOVER ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS' CLUB

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NEWSLETTER - 2018/2019 SEASON

A very warm welcome to all our Supporters' Club members old and new. A brand-new season is upon us and with a number of new signings brought in to replace the likes of Mitchell Pinnock, Manny Parry, Femi Ilesamni, Ryan Bird and Giancarlo Gallifuoco means we all live in hope that the new squad will quickly gel and hit the league running!

We wish all the outgoing players all the very best from the Supporters' Club and welcome our new players to the Dover Athletic Experience!

Pre-season friendlies have been a mix of results and performances but as Chris Kinnear consistently says the results are not important and it's a means of getting the squad fitter and gelling as a team on our very nice new Crabble pitch.

Pitch Squares Initiative

Your committee is again looking to sell pitch squares for £5 a square and these are available to book via Andy Fisher in the Centre Spot on matchdays and on the away travel coaches. All proceeds will be passed on to the Football Club in the form of a donation and all names will appear in the MatchDay programmes throughout the season.

Coaches to away fixtures

Tuesday 7 August to BROMLEY leaves Crabble at 5pm_and is priced at £15 for adult Supporters' Club members, £30 for non-members and £10 for U18s.

Saturday 11 August to GATESHEAD leaves Crabble at 6.15am and is £40 adult members, £55 non-members and £25 U18s.

Please note you must have been a Supporters' Club paid up member for a minimum of 30 days prior to travelling at the members' reduced rate and that all payments must be received at least 48 hours before the coach departure time.

Contact Andy Fisher in the Centre Spot before or after each home game, or ring/text him on 07934 300335 or email dasccoaches@gmail.com. Payment by bank transfer is the preferred method – our bank details are Sort Code 30-93-34 and the account number is 00022485. Please confirm your name/and or membership number along with the destination. Cheques can be made payable to Dover Athletic Supporters' Club.

Supporters' Club Pin Badges

A number of you are already in possession of our brand new distinctive pin badge. These are on sale at £3 each and are available from Brian Taylor (Supporters' Club Secretary) at any home or away game. They have been well received so far and numbers are limited so if you would like one then please don't delay. There are eight fans who have pre-ordered badges but not yet claimed them so please contact Brian at any game.

<u>Fixture Cards</u>

Your Supporters' Club have produced a limited number of National League Fixture Cards for fans. Nearly 300 have been distributed over the past two home friendlies and if you would like one then please check the Centre Spot bar display or Club Shop. A small number of spares are available via Brian Taylor but once these have been issued then that will be it.

Bayliss Executive Coaches Offer

We are pleased to confirm that as part of our partnership with Bayliss, they have offered all Supporters' Club members a full 10% discount on any advertised Day Trip in their current 2018/19 brochure. If you are interested then please let any committee member know and a flyer and brochure can be passed on.

Forthcoming Quiz Nights

Bob Duck will be arranging a number of quizzes during the coming season on Friday nights prior to home league fixtures. Please keep an eye on the social media sites, our website www.dasc.co.uk, the Supporters' Club noticeboard by the Club Shop and these regular newsletters.

Murder Mystery Evening - Friday 14 September 2018

Dover Athletic Football Club have arranged a Murder Mystery Evening of entertainment and a 3 course meal. Test your skills of deduction to work out who committed the 1928 murder at Gaddabout Manor. Tickets are available from the Club on 01304 822373 - individual tickets £35 and a table of 8 for £260.

Crabble Stadium Tours

Have you a wish to view the new dressing rooms and offices under the Family Stand and take a look around the new VIP Lounge above the main stand? Well, now's your chance as your committee are taking names of Supporters' Club members who would like to be involved. Just let us know and we'll liaise with the Club to make it happen!

Results from November 2018 Supporters' Club Survey

The previous item was as a result of the November survey replies we received. A separate summary of all the Football Club's responses is available via any committee member.

<u>Supporters' Club Membership</u>

If you're aware of any current non-member who is thinking about supporting the club via its Supporters' Club then membership forms are widely available from the Centre Spot, the Club Shop, download from the website or via any committee member. Costs for a full twelve months membership are £10 for Adults (or £80 for 10 years); £5 for over 60s (£40 for 10y) and £5 for U18s.

Donation to the Football Club

This week your Supporters' Club has made a donation of £2500 as an ongoing commitment to assist the Football Club as well as sponsoring the Manager for the season. Further donations during the season will be made subject to funds being available.

Your Committee

Vicky Chambers - Chair, Bob Duck - Vice Chairman, Brian Taylor - Secretary, Sue Taylor - Membership Secretary, Simon Harris - Vice Treasurer, Roger Osborn, Jason Cloke - Community co-ordinator, Andy Fisher - Coach co-ordinator, John Burton - Treasurer, Gez Noble, Gus Blackman & Matthew Jaenicke - DAFC Director.