

DOVER ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS' CLUB

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NEWSLETTER 9 – APRIL 2019

Welcome from your Supporters' Club Committee to our last Newsletter for this season 2018/19.

Well, what a rollercoaster of a ride we've all endured this season!

At the time of writing, we're now nine points clear of the relegation places with four games to play and the recent run of five games unbeaten has pulled us clear from our closest rival Havant & Waterlooville.

With two home games against fellow strugglers Aldershot and play-off chasing Sutton United along with the long haul up to the Lake District to play Barrow and then the final away game against our old adversaries up the A2 will hopefully see the team gain sufficient points to make H&W's attempt to overtake us unachievable.

The Supporters' Club has had to work very hard this season to maintain its membership base given the inconsistent results on the pitch in the first three months of the season and indifferent responses from the football club on certain initiatives we have put forward. However, the membership numbers have held firm and indeed have recently increased through our promotions to attract new members, particularly the younger element which has to be the long-term lifeblood of any ongoing support for Dover Athletic.

This particular initiative is still open to any DAFC supporter under the age of 14 as we are offering a free one-year membership who will each receive an action photo of their favourite player along with a Supporters' Club pin badge. Just fill in one of the Flyers available at Crabble home games, contact a committee member or email the Supporters' Club with the child's details, i.e his or her name, a contact address to send the membership pack to along with their date of birth and their favourite DAFC player and we'll do the rest.

DASC AWAY TRAVEL COACH INFORMATION

Unfortunately, due to lack of sufficient numbers, we have been unable to run a coach to Barrow.

However, the coach for our final away game at Ebbsfleet is definitely running and is filling up fast. It leaves Crabble at 1pm on Easter Monday 22 April and costs members £15, non-members £30, £5 for youth members and accompanied U16s and £10 for youth non-members.

See ANDY in the bar or contact him via email dasccoaches@gmail.com or on 07934 300335. Remember all seats have to be paid for at the time of booking, ideally via bank transfer (Bank details are sort code 30-93-34, a/c 00022485) and you must have been a SC paid up member for a minimum of 30 days prior to travel to gain the reduced price.

NEXT QUIZ NIGHT – THURSDAY 18 APRIL (EASTER QUIZ)

This will be held in the Centre Spot on Thursday 18 April (7.30 for prompt 8pm start). It is advisable to pre-book a table for the evening as a number of tables have already been booked. Please contact Bob Duck on 07572 868407 or email us. Tables are for up to 8 per team at £3 per head. Come along and have a fun evening!

PLAYER END OF SEASON AWARD PRESENTATIONS – FRIDAY 19 APRIL

The awards for SUPPORTERS' PLAYER OF THE SEASON, the PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE SEASON and the SUPPORTERS' AWAY PLAYER OF THE SEASON will be presented by the Supporters' Club to the winners in the Centre Spot after the game against Aldershot on Good Friday 19 April. It will take place as soon as the players have changed and made their way along from the dressing rooms. The Away Player award will also see a £250 donation being made to the winning player's chosen charity or cause.

Everyone is welcome so please come along and support the players and find out who you chose following the vote held at the Chesterfield game.

The Golden Boot for top goalscorer will be presented on the pitch at the end of the Sutton game on 27 April.

PITCH SQUARES

We are pleased to announce that the squares initiative for next season will be continued and supporters are now invited to select and pay for specific squares for next season's grid by either emailing the Supporters' Club or contacting any committee member. A newly introduced certificate will be issued recognising your financial support which will ultimately help the football club via a donation from the Supporters' Club.

2019 SUPPORTERS' CLUB AGM

This year's AGM was held in the Centre Spot after the Chesterfield game on Saturday 6th April. Any member who was unable to attend and would like a set of documents from the meeting then please contact us via email.

DASC BEER MATS

We have recently purchased a quantity of promotional beer mats. If any member would like to pass on some of these to their local pub or club to help us promote the Supporters' Club, or can suggest locations where we can deliver some to then please let us know.

LINK WITH DOVER ATHLETIC COMMUNITY TRUST

The committee is building a working relationship with the recently formed Community Trust and will soon be sponsoring a quantity of promotional leaflets around Dover and the surrounding areas. We are excited by this development and want to help wherever we can for the community's benefit and ultimately get more people through the Crabble turnstiles. Watch this space for further developments.

YOUR CURRENT COMMITTEE

This has changed recently with Pete Meiners taking over the role of Treasurer from the longstanding John Burton who the committee would like to put on record and thank John for all the hard work he has put in over the years. Derek Stroud has also been co-opted onto the committee.

Chair – Vicky Chambers; Deputy Chair – Bob Duck; Secretary – Brian Taylor; Treasurer – Pete Meiners; Deputy Treasurer – Simon Harris; Membership Secretary – Sue Taylor; Community Co-ordinator – Jason Cloke; Coach Co-ordinator – Andy Fisher; Other committee members – Roger Osborn, Gus Blackman, Gez Noble & Derek Stroud.