



Winter Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest Trust newsletter. The Trust Board wishes you a belated happy New Year and hope recent improvements on the pitch continue. If you have any comments on the items raised here or other matters, please pass these on to a Board member.

St. Albans City Steering Group

This Group has been formed by the Club and meets quarterly. It is chaired by the Club, Secretary Leigh Page and Ian Allinson attends in his role as leading on commercial matters. Representatives from the Trust, Stand By Your Saints (SBYS) and other volunteers attend. A wide range of items are discussed, centring on match day operations, increasing funding and community involvement. Certain recommendations from the Group are put to the owners.

Some of the main matters discussed at the last meeting on 4 December:

- Update of kitchen facilities
- Possible launch of lottery scheme
- Saints Networking Club meeting with local businesses
- Plans for evening with Ray Parlour on 5 March
- Plans for Golf Day on 20 March
- Progress on new kit deal for 2020/21 season
- Need for volunteers for specific roles such as dedicated first aiders on match days
- Plans for a Community Day
- Recruitment to Young Saints

The next meeting is scheduled for late February and an update will be provided.

Working With Stand By Your Saints

At the Trust's AGM in October 2019 Members discussed and agreed that we should seek to work more closely with SBYS. This reflected the shared aims and some confusion about the need for 2 organisations with some supporters. As a result, discussions have been taking place leading to joint working and events such as the Quiz. This will continue.

Quiz 28 February 2020

A general knowledge quiz is taking place in the Clubhouse on Friday 28 February. It is being jointly hosted by the Trust and Stand By Your Saints. Start time is 7:30pm and the cost is £5.00 per person including a buffet. If you are interested in entering a team, please contact Ian Rogers on 07714 145862 or ian0868@yahoo.co.uk.

Community Day 19 April 2020

The Club is planning a Community Day on Sunday 19 April. This will be open to all and it is hoped to utilise the whole ground and pitch with a whole range of activities. Further details to follow.

Player Of The Month

Each month a number of fans are asked to vote for their man of the match in each game home and away. All votes are added up and the player with the most nominations for the month is presented with a trophy and bottle of bubbly at the next convenient home game by the sponsor. The sponsor gets free admission and a mention in the programme, website and the local press. Sponsors are sought for February, March and April and it only costs £50 so if you know a local business or an individual who might be interested please contact Barry Hilliard in person or via <http://www.saintscitytrust.org.uk/contact-us>

Prediction League Update

The predictions league run by the Trust was updated as at the 18 January. The top 4 are as follows:

Sarah Hilliard 30 points
David Northcott 29 points
Richard Palmer 29 points
Nick Scott 29 points

Clearly, it is very close and when the cup points are included there will be plenty changes before the end of the season.

Installation Of Defibrillator

Following the tragic accident to Clive Churchhouse a collection was organised. Clive's family wanted this to be used on some form of legacy for the benefit of the Club's fans. The Trust passed over the £436.00 raised to the Club and with their additional contribution a defibrillator has been fitted in the tunnel for use in an emergency. There are qualified people in the ground on match days trained in its use.

Travel To Chippenham Town 29 February 2020

It is hoped that a coach will be run to the Chippenham Town away game on Saturday 29 February. It is likely that there will be engineering works on the train route. Plans are in an early stage but we have to try to ensure that the coach breaks even. If you might be interested, could you let Duncan McLeod know to help us to work out the size of the coach needed and price in person or via <http://www.saintscitytrust.org.uk/contact-us>

Parking In York Road

We know supporters have been adversely impacted on match days by parking restrictions on Saturdays in York Road. We have been making representations, both directly and indirectly, to the Council to make changes to bring controls in line with neighbouring streets, when parking is not restricted to 2 hours on Saturday. This will not change this season but it seems the Council is listening and changes may be made as part of an overall review of the whole scheme. We will keep you updated.

Ian Oakley
Interim Chair
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