



Spring Newsletter 2017

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I spoke with Lawrence Levy recently regarding the proposal to move to a new ground. He told me lawyers engaged by the football club are in negotiations with those from a local landowner over the purchase of green belt land. Lawrence said that his vision for the new ground is similar in layout to that of AFC Fylde, for those of you using the internet a picture can be found here <http://www.afcfylde.co.uk/mill-farm/>.

I also understand that a forthcoming meeting with the local council will take place to review this proposal.

Portable Floodlights

In 2012 the Trust donated £3k to the club for a set of portable floodlights for use in training sessions at Oaklands College. The lights were not used as the manager at the time said they were unusable and sessions reverted back to Clarence Park. We are currently in discussion with Tom Norman regarding the location of the lights and the possibility of selling them to raise funds for use by the football club.

Donation to Club

Over the whole of last season the Trust raised funds through the ground raffle, golden goal, away golden goal, quiz nights and Player of the Month sponsorship. This totalled £4000.00 and a cheque was presented to the club at the End of Season Awards evening event on 30 April at Aldwickbury Golf Club, with the money to go towards the reinstatement of the pitch during the summer. My special thanks go to Clive Churchhouse, Peter Knock, Michael Hill, Sarah Hilliard, Mick Holland, Davy McLean, Duncan McLeod, Justin O'Reilly, Donna Pennells, Julie Scott, Jacquie Taylor, Lee Wood and John Worby in respect of this sum raised over the season.



Trust members Dave Church and John Sylvester present the cheque to Lawrence Levy.

Saints City Trust Prediction League

The top 6 positions in the Saints City Trust Prediction League, as at 19 March, are as follows -

27 Peter Knock 38
06 Richard Stanwell 34
25 Jørn Olkvam 30
29 John Feneley 29
28 David Hames 28
26 James Knock 28

End of Season Awards 2016/17

The Harpenden Construction Ltd Supporters' Player of the Season 2016/17 – Tom Bender.

Players' Player of the Season 2016/17 – Tom Bender.

The 'David Wray Memorial Trophy' for the Junior Saints' Player of the Season 2016/17 – David Noble.

Young Player of the Season 2016/17 – Sam Merson.

Most assists 2016/17 – Ben Herd.

Top scorer (in squad) 2016/17 – Sam Merson.

The 'John Wangford Memorial Trophy' Goal of the Season 2016/17 – Junior Morias (1st goal v Carlisle Utd)

The Wagstaffe Simmons Award for Clubman of the Season 2016/17 – Leigh Page.



Junior Morias travelled back from Peterborough Utd's away match at Bolton Wanderers earlier in the day to attend the event and collect the award for the Goal of the Season – his wonderful strike in the opening minutes of the Emirates FA Cup 1st Round match against Carlisle United. Junior is pictured here receiving his award and photo from Club President, Malcolm MacMillan,

Breaking News

The following Pre Season Friendlies for the 2017/18 season have just been announced by the Club -

Peterborough Utd (H) Sat 8 July 3:00pm

Billericay Town (H) Sat 15 July 3:00pm

Luton Town (H) Tue 18 July 7:45pm

Further Pre Season friendlies will be announced shortly - for details see <https://www.stalbanscityfc.com>

Thanks to Volunteers

Every football club at this level relies on volunteers to keep the club running and St Albans City is fortunate to have a dedicated group of people who do just that. I am not going to add a list of those here (in case I might miss anyone!) but huge thanks from me to all of them for staffing the turnstiles, selling programmes, raffle tickets, golden goal tickets, arranging sponsorship and many other routine tasks without which the club would not function.

Ian Rogers
Chairman
Saints City Trust