



## **Volunteers**

As the season approaches, the need for volunteers is ever more critical, particularly on non match days. In a recent conversation with Lawrence Levy and Tom Norman, both asked for help with day to day work at the ground. I have asked Tom to provide a comprehensive list of the work to be done, the days/times and what benefits may be attached to volunteers. Once I have the information, it will be publicised broadly to all supporters.

Here is the experience of one Trust regarding volunteers –

As part of the recent National Volunteers Week, Exeter City F.C. Supporters' Trust took a look at some of the work carried out by volunteers at the club. When you're trying to run a football league club with no multi-millionaire to back you up, having enough paid staff to do all the jobs necessary isn't an option. So how do you cope? In our case, we rely on the generosity of our supporters in giving their time and expertise as volunteers. Here is what one of the kit team had to say "Football kit is, of course, crucial to the team so we asked Sue, part of the Kit Team to give us an insight into an average match-day weekend."

"What do you do on a Sunday morning after a long away trip to Hartlepool or Carlisle?"

"Up to 18 machine loads and 10 hours' worth of wet, muddy washing, that's what! Anyone who's had to wash football kit will know all about mud and grass stains and endless hand scrubbing. Behind the scenes, she has a team of 3 volunteers, who come in after matches to do the washing. Sally and Dave, mostly on a Saturday evening after the home fixtures and myself on a Sunday after the away fixtures, plus Wednesdays after weekday matches.

So 11 sets of kit - not much is it? Ah, but travel and train away - training kit and towels, warm up kit, match kit plus half time changes, subs bench tops and bottoms, coaching staff kit, Physio couch covers and pillow cases, wet coats, oh and more towels!

This is one of the roles our club needs assistance in. Not the most glamorous of jobs but an essential one.

## **New Furniture For The Saints Bar**

As part of the excellent work carried out by our fellow organisation Stand By Your Saints in refurbishing the bar, Tom Norman and I paid a visit to JPA Furniture, a local company based in Campfield Road. We met with project manager Amelia Cooper and told her who we were, that we had no money and we needed 70 chairs and 16 tables for the bar. Within hours of the meeting, she had provided details of both and even better than that, it would not cost anything, except for a small delivery charge. As it turned out, thanks to Saints supporter, Dan Beswick, who steam cleaned all the current chairs, we didn't need to replace them but we are taking delivery of the new tables in September.

## **Season Tickets For Community Use**

Thanks to ex City legend Allan Cockram, the Trust have obtained 2 season tickets, which will be used by local charities, allowing people from the community, who may not be able to afford to pay for attending matches to do so. Allan had won the tickets at the Club's recent end of season function and was happy to donate them to the Trust for this purpose.

## **Boost The Budget**

Our colleagues from SBYS have asked us to include details of this scheme in our letter.

The Boost The Budget scheme importantly delivers funds that are ring fenced with the sole purpose of giving the first team manager, Ian Allinson, additional funds to maximise the potential of the club's playing staff.

Last season, Boost the Budget raised more than £6,000. This money helped the club to bring in players such as Scott Thomas, as well as paying towards loan signings and retaining important team players, such as Tom Bender, all of whom contributed significantly to the Saints ultimately winning their fight against relegation. You can donate by going to the following link -

<https://standbyoursaints.com/fundraising-schemes/>

or, alternatively, speak to Lee Wood in the club shop on match days.

## **New Flooring For Dressing Rooms**

The Trust board have agreed to fund work to replace the flooring for this, using funds from the raffle and golden goal from last season.

## **Trust Annual General Meeting**

The provisional date for the Trust AGM is Monday 26th September (subject to fixtures). More information will be issued soon. We are also looking for members to serve on the Trust Board. Further details of how to apply are attached to this newsletter.

## **Season Tickets**

2016/17 Season tickets can be [purchased online](#) or by contacting the club on 01727 848914

## **Player of the Month and Sponsorship**

We are again running the POM this season, with funds raised going to the football club. The sponsorship cost for this is not prohibitive so if you would like to sponsor the scheme for one month or know of a local business, that would like to do so, please do not hesitate to contact us. The sponsor will also get to present the award on the pitch prior to the start of the first home game after the end of the relevant month.

## **Prediction League Competition 2016/17**

The ever popular prediction league will be running again this year. The entry fee is again only £5 and forms to enter will be available from Barry Hilliard or Duncan McLeod from 6 August and at the subsequent home matches. One is also included with this Newsletter. Congratulations go to Duncan McLeod, the winner of last season's competition.

## **Trust Membership 2016/2017**

Membership renewal is due shortly for the Trust at a cost of -

Adult single membership – price £5.00 per annum

Aged 17 & under/senior citizen single membership – price £3 per annum

Membership forms are available at all home matches from Barry Hilliard and they are available to download from the Trust website. One is also included with this Newsletter. There is also a space to include a donation on the form, if you wish to do so.

Like all of you, I am looking forward to a successful season. See you at the matches

Ian Rogers  
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