



## Summer Newsletter 2019

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### Major Issues For The Trust To Address

The Trust is always keen to take up issues relating to the Football Club that members feel are important to them. This can be directly with the Club or other organisations and individuals. The Trust Board currently feels that the 2 major areas of concern are ticket prices and car parking on match days.

The Board has been clear that it opposes the increase in admission prices while recognising that the current losses are not sustainable. A group of supporters, including the Trust, met with the owners before the season began and managed to persuade them to slightly moderate their planned increase. However, we believe that the revenue raised on match days will not increase as a result of the rises. This remains to be proved but we would like your views and how the changes might impact on your attendance and supporting the Club.

Changes to the parking arrangements around the ground, including restrictions in York Road on Saturdays, have meant many fans have found it difficult to park legally on match days within a reasonable walking distance of the ground. The Club and the Trust have made representations to St. Albans District Council on behalf of the fans and other park users. There is currently a review being undertaken including a public consultation. Again we would like to hear your experiences of the problems. Also this is an issue worth raising with your local councillor as the more pressure the better.

We are seeking your views. Do talk to Board members or email Barry Hilliard on [barry.hilliard@ntlworld.com](mailto:barry.hilliard@ntlworld.com)

### Election Of Additional Board Members

The Membership Policy of St. Albans City Supporters' Society Limited allows for a maximum of 7 elected Board members. There are currently 5 elected members and 2 co-opted members. The Board is therefore seeking to fill the vacant 2 places for elected members.

Candidates are invited to submit a nomination to the Trust secretary shown below.

Further information on the process and the relatively straightforward requirements of being a Board member can be obtained from me or any other Board members.

The provisional date for the AGM is Monday 7 October 2019 and the closing date for applications is Friday 23 August 2019.

Duncan McLeod  
Secretary

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## **Fans' Forum**

A Fans' Forum was held in the Saints Bar on Thursday, 1 August 2019 chaired by Co-owner Lawrence Levy and also attended by Team Manager and Head of Commercial Development, Ian Allinson. A summary of the Fans' Forum is included with this Newsletter.

## **Player Of The Month And Sponsorship**

We will again be 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 2019/20**

We are running again this year our Prediction League competition for the 2019/20 season. The top prize will be £100.00 and the runner up prize £25.00. The entry fee is again only £5.00 and forms to enter will be available from Barry Hilliard or Duncan McLeod from 18 August and at the subsequent home matches. One is also included with this Newsletter. Congratulations go to Tom McLeod, the winner of last season's competition.

## **Trust Membership 2019/20**

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 £3.00 per annum

Membership forms will also be 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, if you have not already renewed. There is also a space to include a donation on the form, if you wish to do so.

## **Volunteers**

The Trust are still actively looking for any supporters and volunteers who are able to help out on both weekdays and match days at the ground. If you are able to help out in any way at all, it will be greatly appreciated. You can contact either the Club via <https://www.stalbanscityfc.com> or 01727 848914 or, alternatively, the Trust via either of the two email addresses above.

## **Ian Rogers, Chairman Of The Trust**

At the time of writing, Ian is in hospital. I am sure that you will all join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Barry Hilliard  
Membership Secretary  
Saints City Trust

