



## Winter Newsletter 2014

Season Greetings to all our members

### New Trust Website

We are now back on line with a new web site which can be found at <http://www.saintscitytrust.org.uk/> The site includes an Easy Fundraising section which will allow us to raise funds, rather than use Google or other search engines when shopping on line. If you use the link provided on our site it will give you access to a number of High Street retailers and raise funds for the Trust. You shop directly with the retailer, as you would normally but if you sign up for free by clicking on the banner on the site and use the links on the easyfundraising site at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to take you to the retailer then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself.

### How much can you raise?

Spend £100 with M & S online or Amazon and you raise £2.50 for us. £100 with W. H. Smith puts £2.00 in our pocket and so on. There are over 2,000 retailers on their site and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

### Fans' Forum

We have asked the club to arrange a Fans' Forum early in the New Year to discuss a number of items including the increase in entrance prices (including the Herts Senior Cup) and any developments on a new ground. A date will notified as soon as we are informed.

### Music Quiz Night

Our next quiz night will be held in the Saints Bar on Friday 27 February and will feature music from the last 6 decades. Teams can be booked with me at a cost of just £3 per person.

### St. Saviours Christmas Tree Festival

The Trust have an Xmas tree at the festival being held between 18 - 24 December at St. Saviours church in Sandpit Lane. The tree is called "The City At War" and is based on the book produced by David Tavener and Peter Taylor. Our thanks go to them, for their assistance.

## **2014/15 Predictions League Update**

The leading positions in the Predictions League as at 16 December are as follows: -

Willie Wilson 35 pts  
John Sylvester 30 pts  
Dave Church 29 pts  
Barry Hilliard 29pts

All participants in the competition will be sent full update details, very shortly.

## **Player of the Month Sponsorship**

This fundraising scheme is organised and run by the Trust. We have sponsors for most of the remaining months but if you would like to be a sponsor or know someone who would like to be a sponsor, please talk to me on a match day or email the Trust via the new website.

## **Trust Membership 2014/15**

The take up for 2014/15 has been good. For anyone who has not yet joined for the current season, I include a membership application form. Please note that, in light of the increased match day admission to games for this season, subscriptions have been reduced from £10.00 to £5.00 and concessions from £5.00 to £3.00. Membership application forms are available on the Documents section of our website <http://www.saintscitytrust.org.uk/documents>

## **Expert Working Group**

One of the main recommendations from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Select Committee Football Governance Inquiry was to set up an Expert Working Group (EWG). The purpose of the EWG is to identify solutions to current barriers preventing greater collective supporter share ownership of football clubs and explore the greater facilitation of supporter engagement and involvement in the governance and running of football clubs. The EWG includes representatives from Supporters Direct. The initial recommendations are due in March 2015 and the Trust Board will review these and will seek to discuss them with the Club as they reflect a number of the main aims of the Trust.

Ian Rogers

Chairman