



**the cards trust**  
woking fc supporters working for their club



## Cards Trust Newsletter Issue 09 - February 2015

### Message from the Chair

#### **A belated Happy New Year and welcome to this latest edition of the Cards Trust Newsletter!**

At our AGM in November we welcomed both Rupert Phillips and Phil Batts onto the Board. Martin Oakley has now left the Board – congratulations to him on the birth of his new baby!

Trust members will have seen Rupert around Kingfield - usually with a Boost the Budget collection bucket or distributing leaflets advertising future Trust events. He will take over responsibility for our Boost the Budget campaign and also help with other fundraising initiatives.

Phil Batts has been co-opted onto the Board to help with our links with the Media and our communications with Trust members through this newsletter, our programme page and website. I know Phil will be looking to extend both the ways in which we link with members and also to improve the quality of these communications. Phil already plays a significant part as a Woking FC volunteer – co-ordinating and editing match reports for the Club website and writing reports for the matchday programme.

In the Newsletter you will find further details of "The Big Push". The Trust Board has decided to commit a further £10,000 on top of the £30,000 already promised to Garry Hill's playing budget for this season and to play our part in helping to "push" the team towards the play-offs. Thanks to one-off contributions and some very successful bucket collections, we are already well on the way to meeting that target. If you can help in any way – not least by joining "Boost the Budget" if you're not already a contributor, that would really be appreciated. Thanks as always to those of you who already contribute either through a direct debit, one-off contribution or by making donations via the bucket collections.

Remember you can find details of all Trust activities and contact details on our website ([www.cardstrust.co.uk](http://www.cardstrust.co.uk)). Enjoy the rest of the season!

- Peter Holdsworth

### The Big Push – Woking fans come up trumps!

#### **The Cards Trust wants to say a big thank you to all the Woking fans who contributed to the Big Push over Christmas and New Year.**

The 2 bucket collections raised £1100, there has been an £80 a month increase in regular donations and a generous supporter donated £1500. With a couple more collections to come and also a fundraising event in March, the Cards Trust are pleased to confirm that we will be contributing an additional £10,000 to the club before the end of the season! All the sums contributed will be exchanged for shares in the club and the Trust remains Woking FC's second biggest shareholder.

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This sum will be in addition to the £30,000 committed to Boost the Budget and £40,000 in total is a terrific effort.

Thanks are due in particular to all the fans who faithfully contribute to Boost the Budget. If you are able to start contributing monthly or perhaps even increase your contribution a little it will be put to very good use.

As there appears to a little confusion amongst some supporters, we would like to make it absolutely clear that all money raised by BtB goes directly to Garry's playing budget and is not used in other areas.

### Supporters' Coaches

The Cards Trust will definitely be running a coach to all remaining league games this season, with the possible exception of Chester on 28th March. A decision will be made on that particular match nearer the time and will be based on supporter interest.

The Trust would welcome any feedback on the coach service provided to away matches and any comments should be directed to Alan Barnes.

### Fundraising Events



#### The return of our popular Race Night.

Following the success of the last Race Night held on October 17th, there will be a 'rerun' on Friday, March 6th. Like last time, the venue will be the Clubhouse and entry will cost £6 per person, which will include a bite to eat. The Cardinals' Bar will also be open for the event.

For more information or to request tickets, please keep an eye out for publicity posters around Kingfield, speak with any of your Cards Trust board members or email [martin.oakley@cardstrust.co.uk](mailto:martin.oakley@cardstrust.co.uk).

### The Trust Meets The Club Board

Following the mutually beneficial inaugural meeting last year between the Woking Football Club Board and members of the Cards Trust Board, it is hoped that a second meeting will be arranged before the start of the new season. This forum provides an excellent opportunity for the Trust to update the club on its current initiatives and also to discuss with the Club Board how best the Trust can continue to support the club in its development both on and off the pitch.

### Fans' Forum

The Trust plan to organise another Fans' Forum before the end of the season. This will depend, of course, on the availability of Garry and Steve to attend but watch this space for further details.

### Junior Cards

Consideration is currently being given to setting up a Junior Cards Trust section. Many of you may remember that a junior group existed within the Supporters Club until a few years ago and it is felt that now might be an opportune time to reintroduce the scheme. Anyone interested in helping to set up and run this new section should contact Phil Batts at [p.batts@sky.com](mailto:p.batts@sky.com).