



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



## Cards Trust Newsletter Issue 11 - December 2015

### Message from the Chair

#### Welcome to this latest edition of The Cards Trust Newsletter.

I would like to thank the outgoing chair Peter Holdsworth for his guidance of the Trust Board over the past two years. I would also like to thank Darren Garner, who has stepped down as treasurer after four years in the post and extend a warm welcome to his successor Alex Lovejoy, who assumed the role following the AGM on November 3rd.

During the summer, the Trust Board wrote to all Boost The Budget contributors asking them to consider increasing their already generous support. A number of individuals kindly agreed to do so and, on behalf of the Trust and Woking FC, I should like to thank both them, for their continuing commitment to the club, and also the other fans who made cash donations. All the monies raised go towards Garry Hill's playing budget. Should anyone else be in a position to increase their contribution, or become a member, forms are available in the club shops at the ground and at Wolsey Place in Woking town centre.

We actively encourage Trust members to come forward with useful and innovative ideas. One suggestion at last year's AGM was a match day pricing scheme for 16-18 year olds, to which the WFC Board readily agreed and introduced at the start of this season.

Another important initiative will see the launch of the Cards Trust 400 Club in January. Masterminded by newly co-opted Trust Board member John Hooker, the scheme will seek to provide additional funds for Garry Hill's player budget. See below for further details.

The New Year Prize Draw is now in full swing. Books of tickets have been distributed to all trust members and I would ask you to make a real effort to sell the 25 tickets (£1 per ticket) and return all ticket stubs and money to the Club Shop by 31st December at the latest. The first prize of £1,000 is well worth winning and the lucky ticket, along with many other prizes, will be drawn at the Aldershot game on 2nd January. All proceeds from the draw will go towards offsetting the very large medical bills which the club has incurred following the horrendous injuries suffered by some of our key players earlier in the season.

The Trust Board would be keen to hear from any members able to provide help with the bucket collections, which take place periodically throughout the season at home matches. All monies raised go towards the playing budget and the collections are an important element in our efforts to meet our stated target of £30,000 per season. If you are able to assist, please contact one of the Trust Board members, details of whom can be found on the Cards Trust section on the club website.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year and to thank you for your continued support of Woking Football Club.

*- Rupert Phillips*

## The Cards Trust '400' Club

This exciting new fund raising initiative, organised by recently co-opted Trust Board member John Hooker, will be launched on 2nd January.

For just a minimum of £12 per year, 400 Club members (which can include family and friends) will be entered into a quarterly draw for big money prizes. Each Christmas, commencing in 2016, assuming that there is a full take-up of the 400 £1 units, there will also be a bumper prize of £500.

Join up now, and help support WFC!

# 400 CLUB

## Junior Cards Update

Two exciting events took place for Junior Cards members at, and after, the home game against Lincoln City on 5th December.

First up was a penalty shoot-out at half-time. A group of twenty youngsters gave goalkeeper KC Kat a torrid time in the Kingfield Road End goal as the Woking mascot spent much of the time picking the ball out of the back of the net following a string of superb strikes from the enthusiastic group. Next up came the Christmas Party and disco after the match in the Cardinals' Bar. The evening included plenty of food, drink and games and was deemed a great success by both parents and children alike.



Organised by Cards Trust Board members Phil Batts, Nick Shaw and Liz Siviers, there are now 82 Junior Cards members and a number of further events are planned for the new year. These will include another penalty shoot-out, an organised coach trip for a tour of Wembley Stadium and an end of season party.

Why not sign up your child as a Junior Card this Christmas and help us break through the magic 100 members barrier? Membership costs just £10 per annum (and only £5 extra for additional siblings) and includes a great welcome pack along with other enticing benefits!

Visit [www.juniorcards.co.uk](http://www.juniorcards.co.uk) for more information and to download a membership form.

## Boost the Budget - Members Prize Draw

The draw was made at the Cards Trust monthly board meeting on 2nd December. The lucky winner was staunch Woking fan John Whyburn. Congratulations to him!

## Potential Share Transfer at Woking Football Club

There has been much speculation around the club about a possible significant share transfer from Club Director Peter Jordan to a consortium headed by Ashley Read. We understand that nothing has been agreed between the two parties but the Trust Board has agreed to a meeting with Mr Read to listen to his proposals. The Trust Board will report back to its members once this meeting has taken place.

## Away Coach Travel

We are currently showing a profit on away coach travel so far this season and the Trust Board have looked at the best way to use the profit for the benefit of its members who use this travel facility. For Woking's match away to Wrexham on Saturday 9th January, leaving at 8am, there will be a £6 discount for Trust members, meaning the cost is now £22 for adults and £11 for under 16s. The coach still needs a minimum number to run so book your seat now!

Our policy of not running trips to the matches which have operated at a high loss in the past has proved successful, and we propose to continue along these lines.

In the immediate future, we are currently taking bookings for the supporters' coach to Aldershot Town on Saturday 26th December, leaving at 1pm and costing £10 for members, £15 for non-members, and £5/£8 for under 16s.

To book your place on any of these coaches please contact the Club Shop on [shop@wokingfc.co.uk](mailto:shop@wokingfc.co.uk) or 01483 772470.

## Get to know your Trust Board Members

To give Trust members a little more background information, we have decided to provide brief pen pictures about the current board members.

First up is Ian Nicholson.

Ian has been following Woking FC for nearly 50 years and is now in his 8th season as Club Chaplain. In addition to church leadership, Ian helped start several successful community charities and is now the European leader for 24-7 Prayer, a youth movement. Ian also supports the growing number of football chaplains in lower league football and has built a strong relationship with the National League to promote chaplaincy.

On the Cards Trust Board Ian helped to set up the Boost the Budget scheme and is now the Trust's elected representative on the Club Board. In this role, he helps to build a strong relationship of trust between fans and the club and to represent fans' interests in the governance of Woking FC.

