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## Cards Trust Newsletter Issue 10 - June 2015

### Message from the Chair

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

As loyal supporters we all look forward to the start of a new season, announcements about Garry's squad and the arrival of new players. The Trust's Boost the Budget initiative is an important tool in helping to support the playing budget and to secure the resources that will enable Garry and Thommo to challenge yet again at the top of The National League (*the new name for the Conference*). You'll find more information about the scheme and the progress we are making in this edition of the Newsletter.

The Cards Trust was set up to provide a voice for its members and, as part of that responsibility, the Trust Board met with Mike Smith and the Football Club Board shortly after the end of the season. It was a very useful discussion and again showed how the Club is very happy to work closely with the Trust and to seek our advice and help. One important initiative that was discussed at the meeting was the Trust's plans to re-establish a Junior Cards section. Again you will find more details about this in the Newsletter. Suffice to say that both Boards are very keen to do what we can to realise this venture.

We are always looking for more supporters to join the Trust – you can help by encouraging friends to sign up. We also need volunteers who are prepared to help. There is plenty that needs doing - whether it be shaking a bucket as part of the Trust's fundraising at matches, helping with one of our events, working on the Board itself or volunteering to assist with the setting up of the Junior Cards. If you would like to help make a real difference at your club please consider volunteering and let us know straight away. Our contact details are on the Trust website or you can pop in to the Trust's office on a match day.

Enjoy the new season!

- Peter Holdsworth

### Trust Membership renewals

As our membership year runs from June to May, it's time for us to ask you if you would kindly renew your membership to the Trust. You should be shortly receiving a letter with an application form for 2015/16 membership, and we would be very grateful if you could complete this and return it to us with your remittance - we are pleased to confirm that this year's membership fees are the same as last year's.

In addition, it should also be noted that the Club has agreed to a Trust Board proposal to offer all school/college students and college apprentices aged between 16-18 an opportunity to enjoy a reduced entrance fee to all league matches based on under 16 charges of £85.00 for a season ticket. Over a season of 23 games this equates to £3.69 per game. Alternatively, participants can take advantage of reduced entrance (£5) on a game-by-game basis. Membership of the Cards Trust would be required for both schemes, with savings in the Club Shop and other outlets on production of the Trust membership card. It is hoped that further details of this excellent offer will be posted on the club website shortly.

### Boost the Budget

The Trust gave a commitment at the beginning of the 2014/15 season to provide £30,000 from Boost the Budget funds to support the club in increasing the playing budget. In the event, a further £10,000 was donated to the cause. Currently, we have promised the club a minimum of £30,000 for next season (2015/16) and would welcome any new contributors to this important initiative. Full details of the scheme are contained in a notice posted on the Woking Football Club website on May 29th.

### Bucket collections

In addition to Boost the Budget, bucket collections made at various home matches throughout the season continued to yield excellent results and underlined the impressive generosity of Cards' fans. £500 was collected at the last home game of the season, a figure matched by the Trust, to provide a further £1,000 to the playing budget.

### Cards Trust Player of the Season



Congratulations to Giuseppe Sole for winning this season's Cards Trust Player of the Season Award.

Who could forget Gez's fantastic 'televised' free kick at Halifax, along with a number of other wonder strikes, not least that great winner down the road at local rivals Aldershot.

All Cards fans will be pleased that Gez was one of the first players to commit to another season at his boyhood club.

### Junior Cards

Work is currently being undertaken to reintroduce a Junior Cards section at the club for fans aged between 0-14 years. Many parents (and children) will have fond memories of the original scheme and it is hoped that this initiative will be up and running by the start of the new season. Further details will be posted on the club website in due course.

Anyone interested in assisting the organisers should contact Phil Batts at [p.batts@sky.com](mailto:p.batts@sky.com).

### Fans' Forum

It is hoped that Garry Hill and/or Steve Thompson will once again agree to attend a Fans' Forum before the start of the season to give an insight into their hopes and aspirations for the coming year and to answer supporters' questions.

Further details will be posted when known.