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## Cards Trust Newsletter Issue 12 - January 2017

### Firstly, a word from our Chairman...

#### **Happy New Year and welcome to this latest edition of The Cards Trust Newsletter.**

My first year as Trust Chairman has been a challenge, made easier thanks to the efforts of the Trust Board members who work hard and tirelessly for the benefit of supporters and Woking FC - your efforts are much appreciated. One of my aims on becoming Chairman was for the Trust to increase its profile and to have a visible presence at all games, be they pre-season friendlies, league or cup matches and I hope that we are doing this.

The Trust has supported the Club at a number of events over the past year and through the generosity of supporters by way of monthly Boost the Budget contributions, individual donations, Goldrush ticket sales on match day and bucket collections throughout the season, the Trust donated £38,000 to Woking FC last season for the playing budget. A fantastic effort for which I offer you my sincerest thanks. We have set a similar target this season and in these difficult times on the pitch, we need to keep supporting Garry Hill & Steve Thompson to help secure our National League status for next season. If you can join BtB or increase your monthly contributions, that would be great and, to reiterate, we will pass on the proceeds direct to Garry Hill's playing budget.

The Trust AGM took place in the Cardinals' Bar on November 2nd. After the official business was concluded, those present were royally entertained for an hour by club legend Geoff Chapple, who regaled us with anecdotes compiled over his many years in the service of our football club.

Long-standing Board members Nick Doyle and Nick Shaw both stood down at the AGM. We therefore require two new Board members to help promote the Trust and its activities, particularly in the area of marketing to help increase membership and fundraising. The Trust Board meets once a month, in the club boardroom, generally on the first Wednesday of each month from 8:00 pm. Should you be interested in joining the Board, please email [rupert.phillips@cardstrust.co.uk](mailto:rupert.phillips@cardstrust.co.uk).

A very successful Volunteers' Evening took place in June, as a result of which several Trust members came forward to offer their services - my thanks to Paula & Kevin, Nicky & Dave for their support. If you can spare time, particularly before home matches, to help out with leaflet distribution, bucket collections etc please let me know.

Looking to the future, a method by which supporters and families can help the Trust raise funds for BtB is to sign up for the Surrey Half-Marathon, which will be starting and finishing at the Woking Leisure Centre on Sunday, 12th March 2017. There will be a kid's 2km race, plus a new 5km fun run for adults, in addition to the headline distance race. For details on how to sign up and run to raise funds for Woking FC through the Trust, please visit [www.surreyhalfmarathon.co.uk](http://www.surreyhalfmarathon.co.uk). The event is an enjoyable family day out and should provide an excellent platform for the club to showcase itself. The Commercial Department at the club is aware of the event and it is hoped there will be a WFC marquee to act as a focal point and help increase the profile of Woking FC.

- Rupert Phillips

## The Cards Trust '400' Club

**The Cards Trust 400 Club was set up in December 2015 and launched in January 2016.**

At the time of writing the '400 Club' has 120 members, who between them hold 363 units. The numbered units are entered into a quarterly draw with the first number out of the box winning £100, the second number £75 and the third £50. There is an additional draw at Christmas for a £500 prize.

Income raised this current year will amount to £4356. Prize money paid out will be £1400 with the balance of £2956 going direct to Garry Hill's playing fund.

It is not too late to join or to take out extra units - members are allowed 5 units each, with each unit costing just £12 per year.

The 4th quarter draw plus the BIG £500 draw took place after the Guiseley game last month. George Burnett supervised the draw with the tickets drawn at random, including by one Guiseley fan.

£100	Unit 47	David Jones
£75	Unit 205	Gerald Griffiths
£50	Unit 197	Ian Johnson

# 400 CLUB

Tickets replaced and a random Club supporter drew:

£500 Unit 282 Mike Runswick.

Congratulations to all our winners.

To join, pick up an application form from either of the club shops, download one from the Trust website or contact [john.hooker@cardstrust.co.uk](mailto:john.hooker@cardstrust.co.uk).

You've got to be in it to win it!

## Junior Cards

**The Junior Cards scheme is now into its second year. A penalty shoot-out took place at half-time at the game against Eastleigh on October 1st and a number of children have also presented JC Player of the Month awards to Woking players on the pitch before the start of matches.**

Rather than holding a Christmas Party like last year, it has been decided to arrange a gathering early in the new year when there will be fewer competing pressures on parents' and children's time. More news on this will follow soon.



A number of other activities are also planned and will include an organised tour of Stamford Bridge during the Easter holidays and another penalty shoot-out in the Spring.

Membership is currently down on last season's impressive numbers, which reached just short of the 100 mark, so if your child has not yet rejoined or would like to join for the first time, please contact Phil Batts at [phil.batts@cardstrust.co.uk](mailto:phil.batts@cardstrust.co.uk).



## Liaison between the Club and the Trust

**Since 2014 the Trust and Club Boards have been meeting once or twice during the course of the season on a semi-formal basis. This forum provides an excellent opportunity for the Trust to update the Club on its current initiatives and also to discuss how best the Trust can continue to support the Club as it continues to develop both on and off the pitch.**

The latest meeting took place on October 24th when matters such as the arrangements for the forthcoming FA Cup match at home to Accrington Stanley and also what the Club might do at next year's Surrey Half-Marathon were discussed.

It is hoped that a further meeting will take place before the end of the season.

## Fundraising Events

**The first event of the season, a Quiz Night, took place in the Cardinals' Bar on November 25th and was a great success.**

The evening was superbly organised by John Greenwood, Mark Smith and Martin Oakley, with hot food being prepared by Jayne Smith and her band of helpers. Approximately 70 people attended and enjoyed a convivial evening with the quiz proving to be a competitive and closely contested event. A very impressive profit of £450.00 was made from the evening and this will be added to the Boost The Budget fund. Thanks again to all concerned, with a special mention for Debbie Jackson, the Club's Bar Manager, who kindly arrived early to enable Jayne to begin the food preparation.

Details of future fundraising events will appear on the Club website later in the season.

And finally - thank you to all Cards Trust Members for your continuing support. Never lose the faith - your team needs you in these difficult times.

Come On You Cards!

- Phil Batts

