



## Cards Trust Newsletter Issue 13 - July 2017

### A Word from our Chairman...

**A big welcome to all our supporters, whether you are new or have been around for years, as we eagerly await the start of the forthcoming season. For those of you unfamiliar with our background, the Cards Trust is an independent supporters trust which was established in 2010. We became the principal body representing Woking FC fans following its merger with the Woking FC Supporters Club in July 2011 and are now the second largest shareholder in the club.**

Membership is open to anyone and forms to join the Trust are available at the Club Shop or as a download on the Trust webpage. Cost is just £10.00 per season.

Last season only finished recently but the Cards Trust Board is already looking ahead and planning for next season. Like all supporters we await with interest news from the WFC Board in respect of the ongoing investment discussions and will prioritise representing the interests of the fans.

At last November's Trust AGM Nick Doyle and Nick Shaw, stalwarts of the Trust Board for several years, stood down. In their place, we are delighted to welcome as co-opted members Paula Assheton and Kevin Jones, bringing the number of current board members to nine.

With the anticipated increase in crowds following the success of the Season Ticket offer, the Trust Board would welcome offers of occasional help on match days. In particular, we are in urgent need of assistance selling Gold Rush tickets inside the ground. From this season, the club has kindly agreed to increase the Trust's share of the profits from this venture from 25% to 50% so it is imperative that we do our bit to maximise ticket sales. It is anticipated that the additional revenue generated for the Trust will be put towards funding the Junior Cards scheme and away match coach travel.

If you are able to assist in this area, or indeed can spare an hour on a match day to help actively promote the work of the Trust in other ways, please email me at: [Rupert.Phillips@cardstrust.co.uk](mailto:Rupert.Phillips@cardstrust.co.uk).

*- 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 Club has 113 members, who between them hold 344 units. Each unit costs just £12 per year and you may hold up to five 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. The second quarter draw for 2017 will take place in the Cardinals' Bar on Saturday, July 8th following the pre-season friendly against Watford. 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.

### Boost the Budget

**The Cards Trust Board would like to thank the many supporters who contributed to Boost the Budget last season, whether by monthly or one-off donations. Thank you as well to those who gave so generously to the bucket collections on various match days, or attended the successful Quiz Night at the end of last year. Your sterling efforts helped to raise an impressive £39,000, all of which went into the manager's playing budget.**

These are changing times for Woking FC and supporters are urged to continue to support Boost the Budget. As we write the exact nature of future investment is unclear but clubs with much larger budgets than Woking have similar schemes. All proceeds are guaranteed to be used to boost the manager's playing budget and give the Cards every help we can, as fans, to succeed. 2017/18 BtB application forms are now available on line via Trust website or in the Club Shop, so do please continue to help support the club in this manner.

### Junior Cards

**This will be the third season that the Junior Cards scheme has been back in operation. Membership numbers have hovered just short of the 100 mark in the first two seasons but we want to break the three figure barrier in 2017-18.**

Membership, which is open to youngsters up to the age of sixteen, costs just £10 per season (£5 for additional siblings). All members will receive a bespoke Junior Cards gift (exact nature still to be confirmed) and a number of exciting activities are arranged throughout the season. Why not sign up your child/children now - they are, after all, the future of our club. Further details about the scheme may be obtained from Phil Batts at [Phil.Batts@cardstrust.co.uk](mailto:Phil.Batts@cardstrust.co.uk).

### Away Travel

**A sub committee met in May to formulate plans for coach travel to away fixtures during the coming season and a priority, if economically viable, is to enable fans to support the team on the road.**

As a result, it has been decided that once the National League fixtures have been announced on July 5th, a full list of matches to which the Trust intends to offer a coach service will be published. We will then announce on a monthly basis (via Cardsboard / the club website / match day programmes) further details for individual matches, such as costs and timings.

As always, a great deal of time and effort goes into providing this service throughout the course of a long season. The Trust Board would like to thank in particular Alan Barnes for all his hard work over the years and also Jennifer and Hazel in the club shop for coordinating the bookings.

### Finally,

**We all await the coming season with great anticipation as a new era for the club beckons.**

Regardless of what has transpired in the close season, get behind Anthony and the team and help be that all-important 12th man on match days as Cards' fans have been on so many occasions in the past. Above all, enjoy the season. COYC!

*Phil Batts  
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