

KIDZ Corner...

Write a short story about your favourite football match fact or fictional
 Application form enclosed. Prize: Win £50.00 Gift Voucher to spend at MTFC
 Closing date Saturday 28th March 2009
 Entries stating membership number, name, address.
 By post to SSA, or hand in on Matchdays in the X Bar.

Look Who's a Winner



Junior Draw A Player Competition

Thank you to the SSA Junior members who entered our draw a player competition. The entries we received are below and to quote from Strictly Come Dancing, are in no particular order!! This competition has now closed, matchday mascot packages were up for grabs and the winner's were selected by the owners of Mansfield Town.

AN AWAY DAY WITH SSA!

Histon	Tues Feb 10th	Depart 3.45pm
Cambridge United	Sat Feb 14th	Depart 11am
Oxford United	Tues Feb 24th	Depart TBC
Rushden & Diamonds	Sat Feb 28th	Depart 10.30am
Grays Athletic	Sat Mar 21st	Depart 9.30am

Following legal advice SSA are no longer taking bookings from Juniors under the age of 16 unless accompanied by an adult. This is for the protection of all parties and no exceptions will be made.

SSA aim to provide clean and cost effective travel to every away match whatever the distance at reasonable rates, on occasions we may decide to take McEwens Double Decker, we apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

All trips are SSA members only and seats need to be booked on:

Booking Line: 07967 689597

£10 SPECIAL FOR ALL SSA MEMBERS
Histon & Oxford

Junior Christmas Party 2008



SSA would like to thank all children who came to the SSA Christmas Party held at Field Mill on Sunday 21st December. A great time was had by all children who received a free present from Santa, a visit from Sammy The Stag and free food, drink and party games. SSA would also like to thank players Adie Moses, Jonathan D'Laryea and Nathan Arnold for attending and making the childrens day. The only downside to the day was Martin Birds singing on the Karaoke!

SSA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2008

THE WINNERS

1ST PRIZE £250 OR SHIRT OF THE DAY SPONSORSHIP OPTION - TICKET 01526

2ND PRIZE SHIRT OF THE DAY SPONSORSHIP V KIDDY - TICKET 03270

3RD PRIZE SIGNED MESSI & VILLA SHIRTS
TICKET 05856

4TH PRIZE £50 - TICKET 05634

5TH PRIZE £25 - TICKET 06538

6TH, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH PRIZES
MTFC 2009 CALENDAR - TICKETS
02818, 06397, 01332, 00519, 03239

All prizes have now been claimed.
Thank you for your support.

Arthur Chadburn MEMORIAL TROPHY



Congratulations to SSA member Matt Ellis who answered 16 out of 20 questions correctly to win the Annual Arthur Chadburn Challenge Quiz for 2008!

The quiz is held in memory of Stags Superfan Arthur Chadburn who attended every Stags game for many years on the SSA away coaches. SSA President and MTFC Club Historian Paul Taylor is pictured here presenting Matt with his Trophy, thanks to Paul for compiling the quiz which was enjoyed by all aboard the SSA "Torquay For A Tenner Special" coach on the 1st November 2008.

SSA SAY...



The Newsletter of the Stags Supporters Association
Season 08/09 - February 2009

Welcome to the latest SSA Newsletter

Ian Greaves



All at SSA send our heartfelt thoughts to the family of our legendary former manager Ian Greaves who famously led The Super Stags to our Wembley Triumph and promotion who sadly passed away on 2nd January 2009, in Ainsworth, Lancashire. On behalf of all Stags fans SSA sent a wreath to the service which took place recently in Bolton.

Ian Greaves was an immensely popular manager of this football club who revived the club's fortunes in the mid 1980s following years of decline. He took the club to promotion and then a magnificent triumph at Wembley, a unique day out for over 25,000 Stags fans. He will always be remembered for bringing back the good times to MTFC.



Meet The Manager Night

SSA welcome new Manager David Holdsworth to MTFC.

SSA would like to invite all members to a Meet The Manager night to be held at the X Bar at Field Mill on Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm.

There can be no doubt that David Holdsworth has made a huge impact since his arrival at Field Mill, and has certainly wasted no time stamping his authority and personality into our Stags. His enthusiasm and professionalism is infectious and thankfully it appears we now have a manager who respects us as fans and embraces the interest of the media.

Like SSA the media want to help promote and grow our club and SSA are confident that our new owners have installed an excellent ambassador for our club that we can be proud of.

SSA always welcome by letter all new managers of our club and it was very heartening and encouraging to receive an immediate response from David to our post box address in response to our welcome letter. We believe this is the first time in the history of SSA that an individual from the club has formally acknowledged our letter and we would like to publicly thank David for that.

SSA are also encouraged by other recent changes at Field Mill and find it refreshing that if our new owners believe something is not working they will take the decision to make changes for the best long term interests of Mansfield Town.



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Come On You Stags!
www.thessa.org

Membership Fees Halved!

You may be reading this newsletter as a former member of SSA. We have recently announced a 50% cut in SSA Membership fees so you can become a member of our very popular Stags Fans organisation for half price and the new rates cover you as a member until the end of the 08/09 football season. SSA currently have hundreds of members who back the club in many ways including paying half the costs of the Stags players training facilities at the John Fretwell Centre. SSA Joint Chair Dean Foulkes explained "Half Price Membership applies to all three brands - Amber, Blue and Junior and the stronger our membership base the more we can help the new owners and manager of our club get us back to where we need to be. Thanks to the support of our members already this season the SSA Committee have been able to agree investment of £8,000 into the club through a package of sponsorship deals and donations. We see the relationship between the club and SSA as a key partnership and with a hugely important four months coming up for the team it would be great for as many people as possible to get to Field Mill for games and also join the SSA in the X bar before the match!" Amber fees are just £4 per month by direct debit or £24 to cover the rest of the season and existing blue members can upgrade to amber for £14. Blue fees are now only £5 with Juniors £2. You can also join online at SSA's new website www.thessa.org or by writing to SSA, PO Box 6430, Kirkby In Ashfield, Notts, NG17 8RA.

SSA NEEDS YOU!



HELP SSA TO HELP THE STAGS!

New SSA TShirts Launched

Limited Edition SSA Stags Reborn 2008 T Shirts are now available priced at just £10 and are selling fast. Purchase your shirt from an SSA Committee Member in the X Bar before matches at Field Mill or ring 07967 689597 to place your order.



Buy Your Stags Reborn T-shirt Today!
Call: 07967 689597

Thanks for your Support!

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

FREE OFFER TO ALL SSA MEMBERS WITH SEASON TICKETS

Would you like to be a Silver Member for a day? Enjoy a free 2 course meal with wine, and coffee. Enjoy Man of the Match presentation in the Executive Lounge.

LIMITED AMOUNT OF PLACES AVAILABLE CALL SSA NOW ON 07967 689597

Special Offer to BLUE MEMBERS

UPGRADE FROM BLUE TO AMBER. FOR AS LITTLE AS £4 PER MONTH ON DIRECT DEBIT AND WE'LL SEND YOU A £5 GIFT VOUCHER TO SPEND AT MTFC

Call SSA on: 07967 689597



Committee Update

The SSA AGM took place on 30th October 2008 and as required by our constitution, the following officers were due for re-election Dean Foulkes, Rob Wheldon, Joanne Dove, Trevor Hitchcock, Julian Smith, all were proposed by SSA President Paul Taylor and re elected by the floor.

James Weaver was elected as a new member of the Committee following his excellent fundraising work and Martin Shaw was elected honorary life SSA member for his fantastic work on behalf of Stags fans worldwide over many years.

SSA would also like to thank Shona Vasper and Jayne Danby for past contributions who recently stepped down from their SSA Roles.

Thanks to all members for their attendance on the night.

Meet Your Committee:

Position	Name
Joint Chair	Dean Foulkes
Joint Chair	Vanessa McGrath
Treasurer	Andy Gallagher
Secretary	Trevor Hitchcock
Away Travel	Joanne Dove
Fundraising Head	Mark Taylor
SSA Website	Rob Wheldon
Membership	Trylena Gallagher
Fundraising/Events Officers	David Groom, Dave Thompson, Julian Smith, James Weaver, Craig Kerry
Honorary President	Paul Taylor
Honorary Member	Martin Shaw



STAGS FANS UNITED

On 22nd January 2009, Chris Vasper, Colin Dobell and Darren Shaw of the SFU met with the owners of the club with the aim of working closer with the club in the coming months.

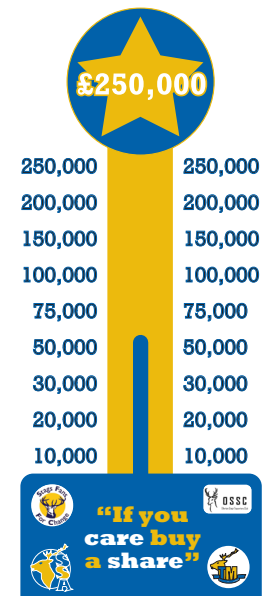
The discussions focused on the stated aims of the trust and the club and how those goals might be achieved together.

After many years of frustration talking to the previous owner we were delighted by the willingness of the new owners to embrace the trust and after a long but very productive meeting it was agreed to meet again within the next couple of weeks to discuss further more detailed proposals which would move towards an increased shareholding in the club for the SFU and a representative on the board at Mansfield Town.

Chris Vasper, Chairman of SFU said "It was an extremely good, positive meeting and we were able to allay quite a few concerns that both we and the club had. It was good to finally talk to owners who really do have the interests of the supporters and the club at heart and I'm sure in the coming weeks we will be able to put some genuine proposals to Andy Perry and his directors that will really move the Trust forward.

The deal has to be right for the club, its owners and the trust and there's still much work to be done but there is already much common ground"

Once we have an agreement in principle with the new owners SFU will hold a meeting of its members so they may be kept fully updated and any concerns or queries may be raised.



"If you care buy a share"

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Match Day Mascot

- Full Mansfield Town home or away kit
- Meet the manager and players in the changing room where you take your Mansfield Town football to be autographed
- A match day programme
- 3 free tickets
- Warm up alongside the players on the pitch
- Lead the Stags out on to the pitch prior to kick off and complimentary photo.

ONLY £100 FOR SSA MEMBERS

Price £110.00

For anymore information ring

Mobile number – 07977428147

E-mail address – stagsfmc@hotmail.com



West Ham Dinner



Thursday 26th February 2009

Join us next month to commemorate one of the finest moments in our history.

40 years ago, we defeated top flight giants West Ham United 3-0 at Field Mill in the FA Cup. To mark the occasion, a dinner will be held in our executive lounge on Thursday 26th February 2009.

Already, numerous ex-Stags stars that were part of the winning team will be present on the night, including: Dave Hollins, Sandy Pate, Mick Hopkinson, Phil Waller, Ray Keeley and Dudley Roberts.

The evening will be hosted by legendary Stags' reporter Simon Mapletoft, who will be interviewing the stars of the side from that famous day.

Rochdale referee Paul Harrison, who is the only official to have sent off England's most capped international goalkeeper, Peter Shilton, is the night's after-dinner speaker.

Don't miss this night of nostalgia; reminiscing with the legends who knocked out the Hammers, whilst recalling the magic of the FA Cup.

For all this, plus an excellent three course meal, call Rebecca Taylor on 0871 971 1897 to book your place.

Tickets cost just £30 per person



Mansfield Town Football in the Community Limited

February Half term activities.

16th/17th/18th February
3 day course at Queen Elizabeth School
£25.00 – 10:00am – 3:00pm
Ages 7-14 for both boys and girls.

20th February
Little Kickers Day - Field Mill Ground
£6.00 – 10:00am – 12:30pm
Ages 6 & 7 for both boys and girls.

Cross Bar Club – 16th/17th/18th/19th/20th February.
Community Room: 8:30am – 5:30pm - £15.00 per day which includes the cost of the football for that day. Breakfast provided. 8 – 14 year olds. There is also the chance of meeting the players. This is great for parents who work and need childcare.

To enrol on one of our activities visit the Stags website, www.mansfieldtown.net and click on the Football in the Community page to download an application form or email stagsfmc@hotmail.com for more information.

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Caption Phrase Competition



McEwens coach drivers with SSA Honorary President Paul Taylor