





# Newsletter of the Stags Supporters Association Official Supporters Club of Mansfield Town FC

February 2025

## Dear SSA Member,

All at SSA hope you are well and still enjoying league one football for the first time in many years, despite our recent form. Hopefully we will get the points we crave so badly, as soon as possible, so that we can enjoy the end of season run in.

# SSA AGM/AN EVENING WITH NIGEL CLOUGH

The SSA's Annual General Meeting will take place in the Radford Foundation Marquee from approximately 6pm to 6.30pm (participation by SSA members only) on Tuesday February 25th. The AGM will coincide with the club's "An Evening with Nigel Clough" event. Sid Pepper will also be available for questions regarding the Bishop Street redevelopment works. Tickets for the event are <u>available from here</u>.



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We currently have over 450 Amber Members and over 200 Junior Members. The committee are grateful for your continued support. If you have any membership queries, you can come to speak to us in the marquee on a Saturday matchday or email askthessa@gmail.com. If you wish to upgrade your Amber Membership SSA Life Membership is available, this would involve you paying a minimum of £1,000 to SSA to the bank account listed below. This one-off payment would be non-refundable and would make you a member of SSA for the rest of your life without ever having to renew again.

NAME OF ACCT: Stags Supporters Association SORT CODE: 30-95-43 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 20101868

We would like to thank Creative Steelwork, our outstanding Membership Partners, please check them out online at: <a href="https://creativesteelwork.co.uk/">https://creativesteelwork.co.uk/</a>



## **1861 SUITE MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY**

SSA members who have enjoyed 1861 hospitality so far this season have given us excellent feedback, however availability is now practically fully booked for the rest of the season. As previously explained SSA purchased a seasonal table for our Amber Members with Season Tickets for ALL league games this season in the 1861 Suite. There are qualifying criteria to meet, so you must have a minimum of a years worth of Amber membership payments to qualify for this benefit. There will be a charge of £25 per Junior Member payable in advance due to the club charge to the SSA. Remaining hospitality is allocated on a strict first come first served basis and is based on availability only. If you are an Amber Member with a minimum of a years membership (or are prepared to pay your season balance up front) and are a Season Ticket holder and wish to try this experience email askthessa@gmail.com with your Membership and Season Ticket Number to check the latest availability.

### SSA EVENTS JUNIOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Thanks to all SSA Members who allow us to fund Christmas events for our junior members, in partnership with our friends at Mansfield Town Community Trust. A selection of photos from the breakfast with Santa event can be <u>found here</u>

### SSA DONATIONS/MERCHANDISE

SSA are continually in discussions with the club over various issues and as previously reported have offered to fund a new canopy outside the club ticket office to protect supporters from the weather when purchasing or collecting match tickets. The club are still investigating options for this, it is proving tricky sourcing both the right size and required strength of canopy as it needs to be safe and weatherproof. If you or anyone you know can help source a canopy that meets this criteria please contact us as askthessa@gmail.com



Limited copies remain of the hard copy celebration magazine of our promotion that was produced by the football club and paid for by SSA. This historic memento is still available online from SSA 24/7 at www.thessa.net as is other merchandise exclusive to SSA including some brand new "Stag 4 Life" woolly hats and limited remaining double-sided Promotion/League One scarves. As one of the clubs Official Partners we also have some outstanding promotion and League One pin badges available online as well as funky quirky themed Pebbles available from SSA pre match at Home matches inside the Radford Foundation Marquee. "Love The Stags" badges are now available, as well as our new style SSA Polo Shirts which can be personalised with your initials! If you turn the back of your membership card over, you can scan the OR code which takes you straight to our online superstore. You can also buy SSA merchandise directly from us before any One Call Stadium Home game, from approximately 1pm on a 3pm kick off just inside the new Radford Foundation marguee. SSA merchandise is also available on all our Family Friendly away travel trips so just ask us!

With the exciting upgrade of the Bishop Street Stand now well underway our website at www.thessa.net also features our historical publication celebrating One Call Stadium Field Mill with some wonderful images available, you can download an electronic version of this publication at https://thessa.net/redevelopment-of-field-mill for free.

SSA are also proud to be the Home Shirt Sponsor for our Number 1 goalkeeper Christy Pym and 3rd kit sponsor of our versatile international player Lucas Akins.

### SSA JUNIOR PRIZE DRAW FOR MASCOT PACK-AGES

SSA have been thrilled to be able to continue to do something new and special for our young Junior Members who are entered into a regular random draw to win a match mascot package, funded by the SSA. Several winners have made some wonderful memories this season already, including Jake for our topsy-turvy clash against Burton; Freddie for the battling draw against Stockport, Olivia for our excellent win against Cambridge; Priya who loved her experience against Stevenage; Frankie-Rae against Bristol Rovers, who as you can see from this video was very excited for her day; Oliver for our pre-Christmas clash with Huddersfield, creating a memory to treasure, walking out with the team in front a sold out One Call Stadium; and Charlee against Wycombe, who didn't stop smiling from start to finish, with a special thank you to goalkeeper to Scott Flinders who helped put her at ease whilst the teams walked out.

Young SSA Member Lyle was also the Stags mascot during our wonderful away win at Wigan.

SSA would like to thank Mansfield Town Community Trust for their continued support in ensuring that the prize winners have a great time.



To make sure your child is entered into our next random draw join them online at www.thessa.net

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Looking for something to do when you get back from, or if you can't make, the short trip to Burton on 1 March? You may be interested in the GR80s disco night being held in the Radford Foundation



Marquee. The night will feature live acts from include the sensational Jane Middleton as Annie Lennox and the highly popular Nicola Marie as Madonna. Click here for more.

If you aren't planning on making the trip to Stevenage for the League One clash in March, you may be interested in "A Crazy Bingo Party", taking place in the club's Radford Foundation marguee. More details can be found here: https://

www.mansfieldtown.net/news/2024/ november/19/book-vour-tickets-now-forcrazy-bingo/

Enlighten the Shadows - a local men's mental health charity - will be hosting a comedy & music night at One Call Stadium on Friday 27 June (starting at 7pm). There will be a mixture of stand-up comedy and a live band along with a American BBO style snap. All proceeds go towards the charity to ensure we can effectively reach and support men with their mental health. Click here to book

## FAMILY FRIENDLY AWAY TRAVEL 24/25

SSA run family friendly away coaches to ALL Stags competitive away games and bookings are taken on a match-by-match basis by texting 07967 689597, Please remember and respect that the travel line is operated by a volunteer who is also working, so please be patient on a response.

With the continued excellent away support this season, there is high demand for SSA Family Friendly Away Travel, and we ask therefore that if you become aware that you will no longer be travelling with us, that you let us know as soon as possible, so that we can offer these seats to other supporters.

SSA would like to thank our ongoing Travel Partners Dukeries Homes <u>https://</u><u>www.dukerieshomes.com/</u> for their brilliant support.

## PIZZA HUT

SSA would like to thank Mansfield Pizza Hut Restaurant for offering all SSA Amber Members a 20% discount on all food ANYDAY on production of your Amber Membership Card! This does not include the lunch buffet and is not available in conjunction with any other offer.

The restaurant is also offering Stags Supporters a matchday discount for every Saturday home game. Pizza Hut Mansfield also say they are happy for fans who use this offer to remain parked in their car park after their meal and throughout the game at no charge. **GOLDEN GOALS 24/25** SSA would like to thank our ongoing Golden Goal Partners Rima-Faz Indian Restaurant <u>https://rimafaz.co.uk/</u>who are again kindly offering 20% discount in their restaurant on production of a Season 24/25 Golden Goal Ticket.

> Rima-Faz Indian Quality Authentic Indian Tandoori Cuisine 01623 422 220 www.rima-faz.co.uk



**BOARD MEETINGS** Via the Stags Fans United Supporters Trust (SFU) Stags fans are represented at some Mansfield Town Board Meetings. As well as the SLO route above if you

have any issues you want raising, email us



at askthessa@gmail.com

## ASHFIELD CHEESE – IDLEWELLS INDOOR MARKET

Anyone who has recently been up to the hospitality suites may have noticed a change in the cheese boards provided post-match. This is due to a change in supplier, with the cheese selections now provided by a Stags supporter. Further information regarding what cheeses are available can be found <u>here</u>, or why not visit for his store on the Idlewells indoor market in Sutton-in-Ashfield.

### **HELEN'S BAR - BENIDORM**

SSA were delighted to leave a double sided SSA Promoted 2024/League One 24/25 scarf and the hugely popular Promotion Magazine "The Stag" at the Benidorm bar on our visit last summer. Stags fans whenever you go to Benidorm don't forget to check out Helen's Bar - Home of Mansfield Town Supporters Club Benidorm and spend your money at a Stags bar.



#### JOLLY FRYER - KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD

Check out our friends <u>here on Facebook</u> This local company are longterm sponsors of our Stags, and their advert can often be seen on the club's LED advertising boards. If you pop in you will get service with a smile and are deserving of your support!

### **AN EVENING WITH PAUL TAYLOR**

Long serving Stags Official Club Historian and SSA President Paul Taylor holds regular history talks on Mansfield Town at Mansfield Museum.

His next talk is on 26 February 2025 at 7pm and you can <u>purchase your</u> <u>tickets here</u>. It would be great to see you.



## SAFETY

SSA send a representative to the MTFC Safety

Advisorv Group that

meet regularly.

If you have any issues to raise email us at

askthessa@gmail.com and we will take them

## SUPPORTER LIAISON

SSA are aware the club have allocated an Official Supporter Liaison Officer Vickie Broughton so if you have any questions do not hesitate to email Vickie direct at:

slo@mansfieldtown.net.

### FACEBOOK

We would strongly advise you to like SSA on Facebook, as this is our fastest mass communication method.

# **INSTAGRAM**

We have also recently launched a new Instagram account. Please give us a follow here.



#### MANSFIELD TOWN SHIRTS

Check out this excellent website full of detail and facts you may not know about the history of Stags' shirts, or you could also check through the personal collection held by the website's creator.

#### NANA'S PERSONALISED GIFTS

If you are looking for something Stags related, that is not available from the Club Shop, check

out the excellent quality brand new merchandise from our friends at Nana's Personalised Gifts - this local compa-



ny sponsor the Stags Team Sheet and deserve your support! Their Watching Super Mansfield Hoodies, Polos, Tees and Caps are now available to order online at: https:// www.nanasgifts.co.uk/stags

A great variety of personalised goods are available, with items available for delivery or click and collect from their Low Street store in Sutton. All items include size auides.

### THE BAKERY BOX

Speaking of parties, if you are looking for some sweet treats to celebrate a special occasion, check out our friends here on Facebook who make delicious Stagsinspired cakes and cupcakes. Previous customers include Stags captain Aden Flint!

# SSA HELP!

SSA is ran by passionate, hugely dedicated volunteers and we are always looking for positive, enthusiastic and willing volunteers who want to help contribute value to SSA. If you have a couple of hours to spare especially on a home matchday before the game to help us sell our Golden Goals we would super appreciate your help!

Indeed, if you have any skills, time and value you would love to bring to help us improve SSA, please don't hesitate to get in touch we would love to hear from you. Contact us by any of our communication methods below.

# CONTACTING SSA

Due to increased costs and the increase in use of electronic communications SSA no longer have a postal box at Kirkby In Ashfield so please address any correspondence to us via email at askthessa@gmail.com or by direct messaging us on Facebook. You can also text SSA Enquiries on 07923 919277.



SSA would also like to politely ask members not to message individual Committee Members on their personal social media pages or telephone numbers with SSA business as our volunteers dedicate huge amounts of personal time to SSA and do have personal and private lives as well as work commitments. SSA now have hundreds of members, and our volunteers are not available for instant answers to questions 24/7. We would ask for respect for our Committee Member volunteers private lives and all direct messages to SSA's Facebook or texts to SSA's Enguires and Travel telephone numbers will be answered as soon as time allows. Thank you for your understanding.

Many thanks as always for your outstanding support!

Come On You Stags!

SSA Committee

