

KIDZ Corner...

Draw a picture of your favourite Stags player
And write in and say why you would like to be a Matchday Mascot
Prize: Win a Matchday Mascot Package
Closing date: Saturday 20th December 2008
Entries stating membership number, name, address,
by Post to SSA, or hand in on Matchdays to X Bar.

Stags Supporters Association
PO Box 6430, Kirkby In Ashfield, Notts. NG17 8RA

Junior Members Christmas Party 2008

Sunday 21st December - Invites will be sent.
SSA Junior Members Christmas Party will be held in the X Bar - Every child in attendance will receive a gift from Santa Claus.

Don't miss it!



SSA SAY...



The Newsletter of the Stags Supporters Association
Season 08/09 - October 2008

Welcome to the latest SSA Newsletter

Thank you so much for your valued support of the SSA. Already this season alone SSA have been able to pledge £7,500 worth of support to Mansfield Town's new owners thanks to YOUR support, details of which can be found below.

SSA are delighted and relieved that it appears the lengthy takeover saga is virtually complete and expect an announcement from the club on absolute completion as soon as possible.

Great strides have already been made at the club both commercially, with many sponsorship packages selling out and also safety wise with capacity at Field Mill restored to 100% for the first time in three years. This is a credit to the new owners who are working hard to install a new professional structure within the club. That said, obviously SSA like all Stags fans are gutted with the points deduction imposed following the conference hearing at which the club pleaded guilty. SSA knows only what has been publicly reported and we are as aware as anybody what a huge rebuilding job the new owners have. Plainly this is a very costly lesson and SSA trust that whatever the circumstances surrounding this case, the club will ensure that this never happens again. Fans are paying good money to see points won and lost on the pitch. Hopefully the 4 points will be won back quickly and SSA would encourage all Stags fans to stay behind all at Field Mill, as they need our support now more than ever before.

- Player Sponsorship Paddy Gamble
- SSA Sponsor tannoy announcement of attendance
- Half payment towards players overnight stay V Barrow
- SSA programme advert half page
- SSA Currency -£5 vouchers produced for SSA Amber Members
- Match Sponsorship - SSA to sponsor shirt of the day V Kettering 1st Jan 09
- Sammy The Stag - SSA to provide sweets for Sammy to give to children
- Training Facilities Fretwell Centre - SSA paying half season costs

As you are aware SSA have not asked the club for any benefits this season as we believe the club needs every penny it can get to help rebuild following the last regime.

Amber SSA membership is already at record levels and we are only into October, but we want more Amber Members to enable us to invest further in our club. Please try and convert an existing Blue Member or indeed recruit a brand new Amber Member for SSA and we will send you a £5 gift voucher, on payment of the new members first direct debit or receipt of the £48 Amber Membership fee! Collect an Amber Membership form from the X Bar on matchdays.

Again, thanks so much for your support of the SSA.

- Club Next game board - Upkeep of board
- Match Sponsorship - Shirt of the Day v Kiddie 16th August 08 sponsored by SSA 4 tickets won by Amber Member Mr Elvin
- Ground advertising hoarding for SSA sited on Bishop Street

Committee
Stags Supporters Association



We would welcome your feedback on what YOU our members want us to do, please email info@thessa.co.uk or write to SSA, PO Box 6430, Kirkby In Ashfield, Notts. NG17 8RA

AN AWAY DAY WITH SSA!

Torquay	Depart 7.00am £10 MEMBERS DAY - IF NOT A MEMBER YOU CAN JOIN ON THE DAY		
Forest Green Rovers	Depart 9.00am	Amber & Junior £11	Blue £14
Weymouth	Depart 7.30am	Amber & Junior £18	Blue £20
Kidderminster Harriers	Depart 3.30pm	Amber & Junior £10	Blue £13
Kettering Town	Depart TBA	Amber & Junior £10	Blue £14

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

If you book and can't make the trip please tell us as soon as possible which will give the chance for another Stags fan to travel.

SSA reserve the right to reduce the cost of away travel on the day of travelling.
For up to date away travel information please visit www.thessa.co.uk

Arthur Chadburn MEMORIAL TROPHY



SSA will hold the Arthur Chadburn MEMORIAL TROPHY Quiz on our Members Day, away travel to Torquay 1st November 2008 coach departs at 7am.

Thanks to our Sponsors

OFFICIAL SSA AWAY TRAVEL
COME ON YOU STAGS!

CCM Print Management for Away Travel Sponsorship



Andrew Saunders Insurance Services

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Quill Press for Membership Card Sponsorship



A special thanks to Tim Morriss, John Lomas and their team at the CHAD for their support of SSA and coverage of MTFC over the last 18months, this has been without doubt fantastic.

Support our LOCAL newspaper for Mansfield and Ashfield Districts.



For free transport to the SFU Dinner

Could your Company become a sponsor?
If so please email info@thessa.co.uk

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Contact SSA

Phone: 07967 689597
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Post: SSA, PO Box 6430, Kirkby In Ashfield, Notts. NG17 8RA.

Come On You Stags!

www.thessa.co.uk

Christmas Raffle 2008

CHRISTMAS DRAW
Draw to take place in the X Bar before the home game against Weymouth on 20/12/08 www.mansfieldtown.net

1ST PRIZE £250 CASH
The 1st Prize winner will have the choice of either 1st or 2nd Prize

2nd PRIZE SHIRT OF THE DAY SPONSOR PACKAGE for 4
New Years Day Home Game against Kettering
Signed Merch and Visa Gift £200 1st Prize £250
Plus many other prizes to be won!

Stags Supporters Association
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TICKETS £1 EACH www.thessa.co.uk

We have included in this newsletter 10 raffle tickets, please help sell just 10 tickets to raise money to re-invest in our football club – all tickets must be returned by 6th December to a committee member in the X Bar or post to SSA, PO Box 6430, Kirkby In Ashfield, Notts. NG17 8RA

SILVER MEMBERSHIP

THIS IS TOTALLY FREE TO ALL SSA MEMBERS

Would you like to be a Silver Member for a day? Enjoy the Man of the Match presentation in the Executive Lounge.

To find out more please phone SSA on 07967 689597 or email: info@thessa.co.uk



Amber Shirt Of The Day Winner !

Saturday 16th August 2008



What a great day against Kiddie on Saturday. It all started last Tuesday when SSA phoned to say I had won a prize in SSA draw. Me being me thought nothing of it expecting signed football or replica shirt. I was at work at the time but he phoned again on Wednesday to say I had won shirt sponsor of the day deal, shocked and surprised I couldn't believe it. Meal for four in exec lounge (never been in there in the 20 odd years supporting Stags), free bar all day, free programmes for everybody plus choice of players shirt after match. Also met Stags legends, Kevin Bird, Mick Saxby, Terry Eccles and other legends. Also met and had a chat with Billy and new owners. Great day out, good company, good match and great result. So thanks again SSA and made it worthwhile being an amber member even if I don't win a thing for the rest of the season, e.g. half time draws raffles or quizzes on away travel.

Thanks again, up the Stags.

Pete Elvin

P.S. Sorry to all Jason Lee supporters, I picked his shirt before the match and seemed to have jinxed him, also apologised to Jason after match, he said it was ok.



Richard Matthews 1930 - 2008

Richard (or Dick as he was sometimes known) first visited Field Mill in the early 1940's when the Stags were participating in the various War time leagues before recommencing life in Division 3 South when the hostilities had ceased. He stood on the Popular Side (the site of the current West Stand) and early heroes included Sammy Chessell, Don Bradley, Dennis Wright, Harry Oscroft, Billy Coole, Freddie Steele and Charlie Mitten.

Despite moving to Nottingham when getting married in 1958 Richard continued his regular trips to Field Mill and in the last thirty years missed only a handful of home games. His favourite memories of watching the Stags were the famous F.A.

Cup run of 1968-69 and the 3-0 drubbing of West Ham, the Fourth and Third division championship wins and the visit to Wembley in 1987. He was also particularly pleased that our last promotion in 2002 had been achieved with a team made up of home grown players. His worst moment of watching the Stags as well as the recent demotion from the Football League was the 1961/62 home game against Barrow which was always described as the worst ever game and any particularly bad game in latter years was never as bad as "The Barrow match".

His favourite all time Stags player was Ken Wagstaff and the sight of any centre forward missing a one on one was greeted with a "Waggy would have scored that".

It was fitting that on the day he passed away we were at the top of the league but he would have been quick to point out that we were top of the wrong league.



"Sign him up Billy"

SSA Amber Member Richard Simpson won the open auction by SSA who invited all Stags fans to bid for a place in a team to play at Field Mill on Saturday 11th October in a fun match.

SSA were awarded the opportunity of this place for being major sponsors at the Stags thanks to you our SSA members allowing us to invest at Field Mill. As you can see, Simmo as he likes to be known had a fantastic time. Simmo is well known to many Stags fans and travels away to practically every match with the SSA. Well played Simmo!



SSA presents an Evening With Billy McEwan
Thursday 30th October at 7.30pm
Billy McEwan & Neil Richardson will be in attendance
Held at the X Bar, Field Mill
Check out our New SSA Website
www.thessa.co.uk
(The event will incorporate the SSA AGM - SSA Members Only at 7pm)



SFU sponsored Hucknall pre season friendly

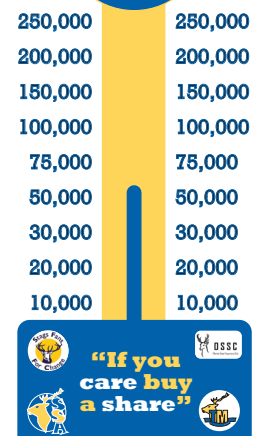


SFU Raised over £3,000 at the sportsmans dinner held at the John Fretwell Sporting Complex on 24th September 2008

STAGS FANS UNITED

£250,000

Remember 2500 Fans Paying £100 EACH and we have reached our target. The minimum donation is £100 with no maximum.



Payment by monthly installments available by direct debit. Christmas Gift Certificates available. For further details please call Keith Underhill on: 01664 850 988

MTFC Club Statement

Tue 15 Jul 2008
Statement from the new board of directors: We fully support the fundraising activities of Stags Fans United (SFU) and recognise they have raised over £40,000 so far which we would welcome to be invested in the club.

In return for this commitment and as a sign of good faith we intend to work with, engage with and embrace the involvement of all supporters of Mansfield Town Football Club. It is our intention to appoint a supporter-director very soon.

We also intend to speak with the SFU with regards to purchasing additional shares in Mansfield Town Football Club.

We encourage those supporters who have held back from supporting the SFU, to now consider donating to the Trust, so that the SFU can further invest in Mansfield Town Football Club.

"If you care buy a share"