



From the Mill

The Newsletter of the Stags Supporters Association
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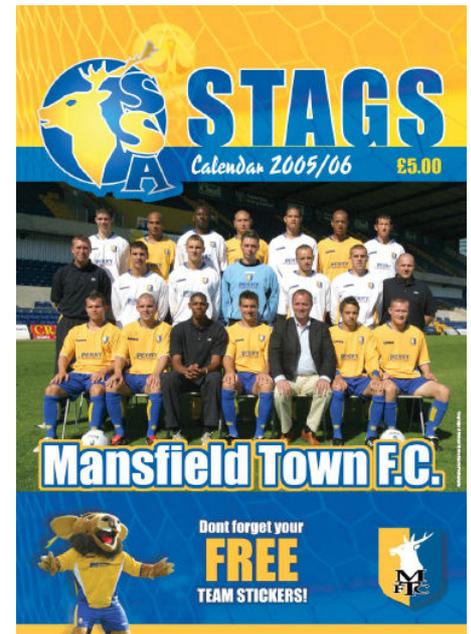
Welcome to the first SSA newsletter of season 2005/06. In this issue is news of the latest Fans Forum which will follow the SSA Annual General Meeting, details of our away travel prices and departure times and a competition to win sponsors tickets to a home match – plus much more

SSA Annual General Meeting and Fans Forum

SSA 's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 26th September in the sponsor's lounge at Field Mill. The AGM will commence at 6.30pm with the Fans Forum, at which Carlton Palmer and Peter Shirliff will be present, commencing at 7.30pm. Entry to both events is for SSA and Team Mansfield Trust Members only. MTFC shareholders should be aware that the club's own AGM is on 8 Sep 05, time yet to be announced.

SSA/MTFC Season Calendar

We have a few season calendars left for sale. The calendar runs from August to July and contains some superb photographs of the Stags in action. The calendar is A3 size and is priced at just £5. It is available from the SSA bar on match days, on-line at www.stagsnet.net or by post (please include £2 P&P) via our address at the end of this newsletter. We would like to thank the following sponsors who helped ensure we were able to produce this calendar: The Lord Byron, Brad's Taxis, West Notts College, The Quill Press, Dunn-Line, Andrew Saunders Insurance Services, CCM Print Management Ltd, Perry Electrical, East Midland Plastering, Taylors Transport International, IFA Mortgage Direct and David Blount Estate Agents. A big thank you to Vanessa whose unbelievable help and support was greatly appreciated, without her the calendar would not have been produced.



Discount Voucher Books/Merchandise

We still have a number of Adult and Junior discount voucher books. These books entitle an SSA member to a £2 per game discount off Quarry Lane End admission to every home league match. They are priced at just £8 for adults and £4 for juniors and still represent great value giving a potential saving of £42 if you attend the remainder of the home matches at Field Mill. To order simply send a cheque for each book to SSA, buy on-line at our website or pop into our supporters bar. We have now sold 150 Stags history CD Rom's, if you don't have one, then we still have a few available at just £10 plus £1 P&P.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Regular readers of this excellent fanzine will be aware of the support we have received from its author, Steve Hartshorn, in recent years. Anyone wishing to buy a copy of the latest fanzine but who are unable to get to the ground can send a cheque for £1.75 to SSA and we will ensure a copy is posted to you. We'd like to thank Steve and Emma for all their support.

Supporters Bar

You may have already noticed that our supporters bar has now been officially named Crossbar (X-Bar). The Crossbar is open a couple of hours before kick off on match days and is also open after the match for that post-match discussion. Non-SSA members can either join in the bar or pay a nominal £1 guest fee – entry is free for all SSA members. We will soon be showing Stag TV (yes you read that right) in the supporters bar – installation of the new system should take place at the end of September. The new channel will still show Sky Sports News and will be showing extensive Stags footage. We are looking at making further improvements to the bar itself in terms of furniture in the immediate future. You can also join SSA, book Away Travel or buy SSA merchandise by coming into the bar on a match day.

Latest SSA Donations to MTFC

You may have noticed the new signs at the back of the West Stand. These were purchased by SSA in our continuing programme to improve our stadium. The club have found an alternative sponsor of the youth team, our policy has always been that if external sponsorship is offered, we will stand aside, therefore we are now looking at alternative sponsorship within MTFC.

SSA Away Travel

In recognition of the great support we have received from fans who use this service, we have once again decided to cap our away travel fares at a maximum of £15, this includes the longer trips to Carlisle and Torquay we have this season. Juniors Under 16 will continue to receive a £2 per trip discount and those Under 10 will travel at half-price. We have also introduced a further £1 discount for Amber Members. Below are travel details of the next four away matches:

Date	Opposition	Depart FM	Amber	Blue	Jnr U16	Jnr U10
Sat 17 Sep	Rochdale	11:30	£9	£10	£8	£5
Tue 27 Sep	Macclesfield T	16:30	£9	£10	£8	£5
Sat 1 Oct	Leyton Orient	09:30	£14	£15	£13	£8
Sat 15 Oct	Carlisle United	09:00	£14	£15	£13	£8

SSA Members Competition

We have three pairs of match tickets to be won, these tickets are for entry to Field Mill for a yet to be named match sponsored by SSA and the winners will not only receive match tickets, but a programme, a meal in the sponsors lounge and use of the sponsors pay bar. So how to win well as you are aware SSA have a close relationship with Team Mansfield who continue to try and purchase the club for the supporters of our club. So what we'd like to know is, if successful, what changes would you make at MTFC should supporters eventually take control? One suggestion per entry, the best will be judged by the SSA Committee, winners notified by post.

MTFC Open Day

The SSA would like to thank everybody that contributed to the success of the open day here at Field Mill. After last year's disappointment of only a couple of local players attending, this year was a completely different story with Carlton insisting the whole squad appear for a couple of hours to meet and greet the fans. It seemed strange actually having a room full of players at that time of year, it's the first time for a long time that the full squad was practically signed and sealed in July!

SSA Membership

Thank you to all those who have renewed, or joined, SSA for the first time. Our current membership numbers are as follows: Amber 217, Blue 479, Junior 274. Total 970.

Contact SSA

If you wish to contact SSA, you can do so by any of the following: E-Mail: ssa@stagsnet.net. Phone: 07967 689597 or post SSA, PO Box 6430, Kirkby In Ashfield, Notts, NG17 8RA. If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail then please e-mail us at the above address!!

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