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Millionaires Night

SSA's next function is a Millionaires Night to be held in the sponsor's lounge in the West Stand at Field on Saturday 24th January 2004. The event begins at 7.30pm with admission on the door priced at £3 which includes £1,500 of false money and a pie & pea supper. For those who have not attended a Millionaires Night before, the idea is simple, you exchange money for false money and then pick a game to play, either horse racing, card games or roulette. As the evening draws to a close the one left with the most money wins a cash prize.

Race Night



A note for your diary, the SSA Race Night will take place on Saturday April 3rd 2004 at William IV (Top House) on Sutton Road with a first race at 8pm. Please contact us via e-mail, phone or fill in and send the enclosed form to the address shown if you would like to sponsor a horse (at £2.50 each) or a race (from £15 each). Horse sponsors can name their horse which will be read out by the race commentator and published in the Race Night programme and prizes are given to the winning horse owner (horses & race sponsorship can be bought from now). All those who decide to sponsor a race will have the actual race named after them, receive publicity via the Race Night programme, our next newsletter, our MFC Match Programme article and on our very popular website. If you haven't been to one of our Race Night's before then we can promise you an excellent night's entertainment. There are 8 races in total shown on TV screens throughout the pub. Prior to each race you can bet on a horse and of course collect should it win.

Amber Day

SSA have arranged another Amber Day this season. The match will be the home game with Bristol Rovers on Easter Monday (12th April) when we hope the weather will be kinder than it was last season – lets hope the result is kinder than the previous Amber Days too!! As always we'd like all Stags fans to come to the game decked in Amber & Blue and further activities will be available on the day, including an SSA Stall where you can purchase merchandise and the Mansfield Town History Book update (which is also available via the website). More details will follow in our next newsletter, on the website and via our regular match programme article.

Membership Prices Reduced

As usual, we are now offering half price membership of SSA for the rest of the season. For adults the price is reduced to £3.50 with junior membership available at just £1.

Our current membership totals are as follows:

Amber 195, Blue 608, Junior 392 – TOTAL = 1,195

Thank you for your support.

Away Travel Update

As you may be aware, there was an incident at Field Mill on the evening of the Wycombe Wanderers match when one of our travellers came back to find his car vandalised. We have now employed a Security Guard to look after all vehicles left by those travelling away with SSA and leaving their car at Field Mill. There will also be a new fence erected at the ground to seal off the area by the club offices to further increase security. To assist with the substantial cost of these measures, once the fence is erected we will be making a small charge of £1 per car parked at Field Mill.

Due to the high demand this season, we have now booked 3 coaches for each and every away game for the remainder of the season. However, we are still turning people away who try and book at the last minute. Please book early to ensure you have your place. If you book then subsequently cannot make a trip, please let us know as soon as you can so we can offer the place to someone else.

After our successful price reduction for the long distance journeys, we further reduced prices for the Macclesfield trip over Christmas as a thank you to our travellers, adults paying the normal junior price. We took over 150 supporters to the game. Details of the next away games are below:

Date		Opposition	Depart	Cost
Sat 17 Jan 04	v	Leyton Orient	9.30am	£15 (adult) £13 (U16) £7.50 (U10)
Sat 7 Feb 04	v	Rochdale	12 noon	£8 (adult) £6 (U16) £4 (U10)
Sat 14 Feb 04	v	York City	12 noon	£8 (adult) £6 (U16) £4 (U10)
Sat 28 Feb 04	v	Cheltenham	11am	£13 (adult) £11 (U16) £6.50 (U10)

To book please contact SSA on our mobile number or via e-mail.

Supporters Bar Update

The build of the new supporters bar is almost complete. As we told you in the last newsletter, we will only have access to the facility after matches, but we do encourage you to use this facility once it is open in the hope that it will persuade the football club to let us have the facility before matches once the current deal with those who will be using it has expired. Look out in the local press and our website for further details, including an opening date.

CCT Meetings

SSA attend regular meetings with the Chairman and other officials at the club. The next meeting is due to be held within the next week or so. Issues we will be discussing include the problems of getting people into the ground and the increased concession price for the Burnley FA Cup tie. If you have any other issues you would like us to raise directly with the club then please get in touch with us, because of the short timescale, it will have to be by phone or e-mail as your letters will not reach us in time.

Minutes of these meetings are available on the Team Mansfield website. We realise these minutes have often been late so therefore now promise to have these minutes on both Stagsnet and the Team Mansfield site within two days of the meeting.

Competition Winners

Congratulations to young Stags fan Ashley Parks who came closest in our Guess the Crowd competition for the Hull City match. Huge Stags fan Ashley, who is the cousin of Stags youngster Ryan Parks, wins an autographed Stags football.

Also congratulations to the following Amber Members who won £50 in our free Amber Membership monthly cash draw: A170 – September; A19 - October

