

## **KNYPERSLEY AND BIDDULPH STOKE CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB**

### **Newsletter Number 48, June 2021**

#### **Greetings**

Hello everyone. We extend our very best wishes to all our members and their families in the expectation that our Season 2021 – 2022 matches will be played in front of unrestricted crowd numbers. Unless the fixture is moved for TV purposes, we kick off against Reading on 07 August. If rumours are true about season ticket sales, we can expect big crowds and full coaches. Here are the details that you need.

#### **Membership**

Membership forms are enclosed. Please send the completed form and cheque to John Jervis at the address shown, or hand them over when booking in at your first home game. Membership continues to be £3. Anyone who paid for a 2020-21 membership but did not receive a card will have their membership fee carried over if they wish. In 2019-2020 we had circa 400 members and it would be fantastic if you all re-joined.

#### **Sponsorship**

Normally, KBSCSC sponsors at least one player but our financial position following two hard seasons is such that we will hold this in abeyance for consideration later in the season. SCFC has kindly donated replica home and away shirts based on our sponsorship of Sam Clucas last season. These shirts will be raffled off to boost club funds.

#### **Harry Mullington**

The JustGiving page, set up to raise funds for a plaque to be mounted at the Bet365 stadium for the late Harry Mullington, has raised the sum required. Thanks to all that contributed.

#### **Website**

The web address is [www.kbscsc.co.uk](http://www.kbscsc.co.uk) and our twitter account is @kbscsc. We also have a Facebook page.

#### **Home Travel Arrangements**

##### ***General Arrangements***

1. All Knypersley Club rooms will be open for a pre-match drink.
2. Normal booking arrangements apply (John is contactable on 01782 838738). Check in with John & Kim as usual.
3. The cost will be £5, no concessions. Season tickets will be priced at £100 (league fixtures only). This represents a saving of £15 and speeds up the booking in the process so please buy one if you can. It also minimises cash-handling.
4. Coach travel will be normally open to members only (on a one-off basis we may make an exception for a visiting family member). All passengers must provide us with a contact telephone number for track & trace purposes.
5. The number of coaches will be tailored to the number of supporters wishing to travel. Hollinshead Coaches have kindly agreed to undertake that we do not run coaches at a loss.
6. Covid has not gone away and Hollinshead have requested that people wear face masks on the coaches. Hand washing and/or use of sanitisers prior to boarding is strongly advised.

7. All members must adhere to whatever Covid regulations are required within Knypersley Sports Club and at the Bet 365 Stadium.
8. If the stands are emptied one by one after the games the coaches will not leave without you. We will count passengers on and off.
9. We will park as usual by Greens.

### **Boarding and Departure**

We always depart 1 hour and 15 minutes before kick-off. So, for 3pm games it's 1.45 and for 8pm it's 6.45. Departure times for other kick-off times to suit. Coaches leave promptly so please board early.

### **Away Travel**

Stoke City will be providing free away travel but to Season Ticket Holders only. Away Travel for KBSCSC members who are Season Ticket Holders will continue to be co-ordinated by John Slaney who is contactable on 01782 519034.

### **Close**

We close with a timely reminder that John Jervis, Kim Melvin, and John Slaney carry out their duties voluntarily, as do the rest of the committee. Please treat them with respect and help them to make travel as smooth as possible by:

- Advising them as soon as possible if you are unable to travel (this applies as much to season ticket holders as it does to those who normally pay on the day); we cannot afford to waste money by having more coaches turning up than appeared to be required from bookings. You will be charged for seats that you book but fail to cancel; this is a condition of KBSCSC membership.
- Arrive promptly on match days and leave plenty of time before the coach is due to depart.

We are in new territory this season with Covid and we don't know what restrictions will be placed on us as the season progresses. So please bear with us as we do our best to provide a reliable travel service. Needless to say, if things go wonky at times, please don't blame us. No abuse of committee members or Hollinshead staff will be tolerated.

On a brighter note, we look forward to better times and we wish all our members an enjoyable season on and off the pitch. If you have any ideas as to how we can improve the service to members, please talk to any committee member at the home games or leave us a message via Twitter or Facebook.

### **Kind Regards**

### **The KBSCSC Committee**

August and September Fixtures (subject to change due to TV coverage)

<b>August</b>			<b>September</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Huddersfield Town</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Birmingham City</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Swansea City</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Derby County</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Notts Forest</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Hull City</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Fulham</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Preston North End</b>	<b>A</b>

**Also, we are drawn at home to Fleetwood Town in the first round of the Carabao Cup: Tuesday 10 August**