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NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2019

1. January TIY Members Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our members meeting on Wednesday 16th January at Southport Football Club in the 1881 suite. The main theme of our discussions was establishing a project for the coming season. A number of ideas were taken forward for consideration with the club board including a players tunnel, a scoreboard and improved in-ground refreshment facilities.

2. Pinetree Garden Maintenance Player of the Month for November & December

Justin Lee Kitis presented David Morgan with the Pinetree Garden Maintenance Player of the Month for November before our televised FA Cup 2nd Round replay against Tranmere Rovers.

Dan Hanford was presented with player of the month for December by Jack Redford at the recent fixture against Nuneaton Borough FC.

Well done to both David and Dan and thank you to Justin and Jack and to everyone who voted.



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3. Coach Travel for Stockport & Darlington

On Saturday, 16th February we travel to Darlington. The Coach leaves the Merseyrail Community Stadium at 10:15 am. The Standard Fare is £24, Trust members £19, Season Ticket holders £21, Under 16s £16

On Tuesday, 19th February we face Stockport County. The Coach leaves the Merseyrail Community Stadium at 5:15 pm. The Standard Fare is £14, Trust members and Season Ticket holders £12, Under 16s £9

Places can be booked in the usual way, online on the club's ticket page, in the Trust office on match days or by texting Bill Sloan on 07952 056385. If you booked on the coach for the original date of the match and wish to go on the revised date, please confirm your booking by texting Bill Sloan



Young supporters Preston and Cameron are seen presenting a Christmas card to CEO Natalie Atkinson and director Phil Hodgkinson, signed by regular travellers. This season TIY and the club have run the travel club in partnership; the assistance of the football club has helped TIY to run more coaches than would have previously been possible. On behalf of the TIY board and members, thank you.

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4. Saving the Safe!

In 1966/67, the main-stand was burnt down and the only survivor was the safe. Club legend Colin Alty remembers the occasion vividly, "I got there, I just remember thinking, everything was flat but the safe was there, still steaming. That was it, there was nothing else left"

The historical significance of the safe, which was a victim of the robbery, is not lost on the TIY board and we are currently in discussions with James Tedford about salvaging and preserving a piece of the historic relic.

We hope to be able to achieve a satisfactory outcome in the coming weeks and will keep members and supporters informed of our progress.

5. Thank you for your donations.

On behalf of the TIY board, a big thank you to everyone who generously donated to our collection following the recent break in at the club. The £313.94 raised will go towards covering the various costs of the break in and increasing security measures. Supporters had requested the opportunity to show some solidarity to the club board following the break in.



Young supporters Connor and Bradley are pictured presenting the proceeds to Directors Phil Hodgkinson and Ian Kyle.

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6. Honouring a Southport Legend!

The recent fixture against Nuneaton Borough FC, saw the return to Haig Avenue of Carl Baker. This was Carl's first competitive fixture against Southport, his last appearance coming for the Sandgrounders in April 2007. Carl Baker left for football league Morecambe for a then record transfer fee and went on to enjoy a stellar career at the likes of Stockport County, Coventry City and MK Dons before having a brief spell in the Indian Premier League.

In 2017, TIY held a player of the decade award to celebrate its 10 year anniversary during which Carl was voted as Player of the Decade. The talented fans favourite had a productive 4 years at the club. A member of 2004/05 inaugural Conference North winning team, Carl went on to score 35 goals in 131 appearances and went on to receive international honours for the England Semi Pro side.

Carl has since moved on to Brackley Town so if you missed him against Nuneaton, he will back to face the Sandgrounders on Saturday 30th March.



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