

Derek Borthwick

COMMUNITY MUTUAL

On behalf of the Community Mutual Board may I wish you all a very happy and healthy new year.

We look forward to this coming year where AFC Bournemouth, with the help of the supporters, can make real progress towards becoming profitable.

As some of you are aware the CM board has recently co-opted new members and as a result the new board is now Derek Borthwick, Wayne Ford, Steve Harris, Debbie Harris, Norman Hayward, Dave Musker, Stuart Read, John Souter, Dave Stone and Paul Williams.

There will be a CM AGM in March 2006 and all co-opted members will have to seek re-election then. In addition we hope that many other CM members will put their names forward for election as well.

I am very pleased to announce that finances have been put in place for the development of the first floor function room. The budget, as always, is tight and to

ensure that we get the most value for our money we will be seeking help from the fans and will use their skills and expertise. This formula worked very well with the Top Floor restaurant project only this time we will be building our own supporters match day bar, and club room that will enable supporters to put on their own programme of events. This first floor development will also increase future revenue to the club.

In order to help meet the planned completion date of July 2006 the CM has been asked by the AFCB board to take on this venture, and I have been asked to co-ordinate the project. Initially I would be very pleased to hear of your ideas for the bar and club room together with any offers of skills that you would be able to volunteer. We will need all sorts of skills from project planning to building trades to ad hoc help. Please contact me on 01202 397087.

Finally and most importantly please be aware that the Scunthorpe match on 2 January is when you, the supporters, come to the fore and support your club by wholeheartedly supporting the new lottery. It will help, but is not essential, if you have your bank details to hand on the day. In addition when you register for the lottery you will be entered into a free draw on the pitch at the end of the match for a £200 cash prize plus a second prize of 4 match day tickets.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if you have any comments on the CM, positive or negative, then please take the time to call me personally and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Happy New Year

Derek Borthwick
CM Chairman