

Tributes to lifelong Saints supporter Jim

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ST ALBANS City Football Club said a lifelong supporter who died at the weekend will be "greatly missed".

Jim Bacon began supporting St Albans City back in the 1940s and, following the loss of his wife, Monica, around ten years ago he filled his time as one of the small group of volunteers who carry out a multitude of vital tasks for the club around Clarence Park.

The 87-year-old, who lived in Colney Heath, passed away on Sunday having been in poor health for most of the year.

After the Second World War Mr Bacon, an electrician, joined Post Office Telephones and then De Havilland in Hatfield.

It was while working at De Havilland that he met former City player Les Hosier.

Mr Bacon was fascinated by Hosier's sporting achievements – he played in City's first ever match in 1908 and was also a fine cricketer.

Mr Bacon was delighted when club historians uncovered details and photographs regarding

Hosier's career.

In addition to his long association to the Saints, Mr Bacon was also an Arsenal supporter.

He had a tendency to leave matches a few minutes before the final whistle, "to avoid the rush", something for which he was duly ribbed by his colleagues at the Park.

Another passion of his was the Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh.

A statement on the club's website said: "Jim had been in poor health for much of this year and spent time in Watford General Hospital before seeing out his final days at the Orchard Nursing Home in Camp Road."

St Albans City secretary Steve Eames paid tribute to his friend on Sunday.

He said: "Jim never got over the loss of Monica but was keen to get involved at the Park when I offered him some work a few years ago.

"He kept himself to himself but his work was excellent and I, and the club, will miss him greatly.

"He sometimes went to away games on his own but also frequently travelled with other supporters and will be missed by many people."



The Lussmanns contingent with the award.

Restaurant wins green award

A FISH restaurant in St Albans has received an award for its sustainability.

Lussmanns Fish and Grill Restaurants received the The Environmental Award at an exclusive black tie ceremony attended by more than 350 guests.

Launched in 2012 by the Hertfordshire Chamber of Commerce, the Inspiring Hertfordshire Awards

highlight the expertise and outstanding contribution individuals and businesses make.

Receiving the award, managing director Andrei Lussmann said: "Lussmanns continues in its quest to become the high street champion of both value and sustainability.

This award is a welcome vote of recognition from the local business community."

Statue gift

A STATUE of the Roman goddess Fortuna was presented to St Albans by the Mayor of the city's Italian twin town of Fano. Outgoing mayor of St Albans Geoff Harrison unveiled the statue of the goddess of luck, fate and fortune in the Alban Arena on Tuesday last week. The presentation was made by Fano's mayor, Massimo Seri, accompanied by Italian consular official, Luciano Rappa. St Albans District Council is looking at putting the statue on display once a suitable long-term location has been identified.

Man's death

POLICE were called to Bedmond Lane in St Albans shortly before 8.20am on Sunday, May 24. On arrival they found a man had died at the scene. His death is being treated as non-suspicious and will be referred to the coroner.

Shops targeted

CUSTOMERS in selected stores across the county are picking up more than their shopping on visits to certain stores. Domestic abuse awareness messages are appearing on receipts at all Hertfordshire stores of Homebase, Argos and 99p during May and offering advice on where people can receive help. Sarah Taylor, domestic abuse programme manager for Hertfordshire, said: "While reporting figures may be higher in some areas than other in Hertfordshire, we have seen an overall increase in reported domestic abuse incidents across the county. We wanted to raise awareness by doing something different."

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