



Marston Saints Football Club

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"Oh When The Saints, Go Marching In..."

142 Oxford Road
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The Simon Templar Foundation And The Estate Of Leslie Charteris
c/o Ian Dickerson
Honorary Secretary
The Saint Club
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am contacting you on behalf of my local Football Club, a well-established Club that has provided nearly forty years of footballing activities at both junior and senior levels.

Our Club was founded in 1967, by Anthony 'Robbie' Roberts who wanted to give local boys the opportunity to play our national game competitively. Having taken the brave step, to take on this new venture, a name to play under was required. Due to the popularity of the TV series 'The Saint' at the time, the name 'Saints' was chosen to go with the local area name of Marston.

As you can see from the above, we have been the proud bearers of the Saint logo since our foundation, 'Robbie' Roberts, who sadly is no longer with us, having gained personal, written permission from Leslie Charteris himself, to use the 'stick man' logo for our Club Crest, via a letter returned in the sixties. The Club Crest has had many variations over the years, a version from the seventies is attached, but the above is what is in use today and adorns our team kits and clubwear.

In a recent conversation with Anthony Roberts Jr, the subject of discussion was the whereabouts of the said original letter from Leslie Charteris, which had been a proud family memento of the Club's humble beginnings. After looking through his archives, he was devastated to find, that he no longer had the original letter and assumed that through the passing of time, and the changes in Club personnel, that it had been lost.

I realise it's an extremely long shot, but would there any type of record or copy of the original permission letter sent by Leslie Charteris? Is there any record of the permission given to our Club? Do we need to gain your permission to continue to use the logo, having been granted

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permission in the sixties?? The Club is in the process of developing a website and would like to use the logo on the Internet.

Since it's early beginnings in the sixties, with what was then, an all boys Club, the Club has developed into a strong Community based Club, with sides ranging from Under 8's to Under 17's, including an All-Girls Under 10's and also two Senior sides. The Club is a volunteer based organization with people like myself, having played at both junior and senior levels, now coaching and developing the future generations of Saints. The Club received the FA Charter accreditation in December last year (see attached press release) which means we have FA Qualified Coaches and the right Policies in place that allows us to continue to the development of local children's football. Over the years the Club has produced three players that have made it through to professional level, Peter Foley of Oxford Utd, Gary Parker of Leicester City and Martin Keown of Arsenal. The Club also now has three female FA Qualified Coaches.

The Club are currently in the process of seeking funding, in association with Old Marston Parish Council, in order to replace the current, derelict Clubhouse (see attached) and replace it with a new modern facility. Would the Foundation/Estate, possibly consider a donation towards funding this new facility, so that future footballing generations will continue to be associated with Leslie Charteris' Saint and the 'stick man' logo??

Thank you very much for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Faithfully

Barry Parsons

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(MSFC Treasurer)

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