



Chelsea Supporters' Trust Newsletter - August 2022

## Chairman's Introduction

*A new season with new owners. As ever, an exciting time to be a Chelsea supporter. This newsletter is designed to keep CST members fully informed of what we are up to.*

**Cliff Auger**  
*Chair, Chelsea Supporters' Trust.*

## CST Annual General Meeting

*The 2022 CST Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at Stamford Bridge at 14.00 on Saturday 24th September. A formal notice of the meeting, with full details, will be sent to members nearer the time. Members unable to attend in person will be able to participate via Zoom. Details of how to stand in the CST board elections will also be sent, the election process commencing after the AGM*

## CST Board Meeting With Club Executives

*We are hoping to have a meeting between the CST board and senior members of the new hierarchy in the next few weeks to discuss a range of issues, building on discussions that took place with them during the bidding process and subsequent to their success being announced. These include issues recommended in the 'Fan Led Review Of Football Governance'. We will keep members apprised of the outcome of that meeting*

## Annual Members Survey planned for early 2023

*We are planning to carry out our annual survey of members in early 2023 once the new CST board has been elected and the new club hierarchy has been in place for a reasonable period of time.*

## Ticketing Issues – Unacceptable Delays To Sale Etc

*We are all too aware of the completely unacceptable issues that supporters have experienced regarding match ticketing recently. These include poor communication of ticket sale details, late on-sale dates, unavailable ticketing systems and untimely dispatch. These have been raised with the club. Ticketing is the number-one issue for many supporters, and it is concerning that there continue to be problems in this area.*

## Meeting Held Re Improvements To Current Stamford Bridge

*A meeting between various supporter representatives and the club was held recently, specially to discuss improvements to the existing stadium. It was specifically not about redevelopment. A number of planned changes were discussed. Cosmetic changes will appear to the exterior of Stamford Bridge over the next few months with better signage of stands and entrances, more club branding - club badge, Chelsea Football*

Club - on show, extra refreshment vans and 3 new LED screens for info and Chelsea coverage. Jimmy's and Dixon's bars will be extensively refurbished with more Chelsea memorabilia on show.

## Issues For Supporters Of The Women's Team

We would remind members that if they have any issues, e.g., ticketing or at the stadium, regarding Chelsea FC Women's matches, they should feel free to raise them with us and we will take them up with the club as appropriate. In terms of a women's ticket exchange, we have raised the issue with the club, who say they will review during the course of this season whether they consider it viable.

## Away Coach And Train Travel – Men's Games

We are pleased that the new club hierarchy has agreed to continue to offer subsidised coach travel to all men's away games outside London, especially considering the number of games played at anti-social times meaning travel to and/or from the game by public transport is difficult or impossible. On a related issue, it is clearly unacceptable that many Chelsea supporters had to leave Goodison Park well before the final whistle to ensure they caught the last train back to London. The scheduling of TV fixtures continues to do match-going supporters few favours.

## Food Bank Before Tottenham Game

The CST are planning to run Food Bank collections before every weekend home game this season, collecting for the Hammersmith and Fulham food bank. We will be running our first collection of the season on Sunday 14th, before the Tottenham game. It will run from 14.00-16.0. As last season, our collection point is on Fulham Road between the tube station main entrance and the stadium, just by the Stoll gates where the veteran's kitchen used to be.

Items urgently needed include:-

- long-life/UHT milk & juice (inc. kids juice cartons)
- tinned vegetarian options (e.g. macaroni cheese, veggie chilli/curry etc)
- tinned fish.
- nappies (size 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- baby wipes and baby food.
- coffee (small jars preferred)
- toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
- tinned vegetables (e.g. sweetcorn, carrots, peas)
- tinned fruit
- jams and spreads.

Cash donations are also very welcome

## Chelsea Heritage Website

A reminder that pieces on the heritage of the club, particularly with reference to forthcoming opponents, are posted on the new Chelsea Heritage website. They are written by a range of authors including the Bygone Chelsea 1905-99 Facebook page, Chelsea Chadder, Tim Rolls and James @ Chelsea Lookback.

Here is the link to the new site. <https://www.chelseaheritagepartnership.com/>

They have their own Twitter account **@cfc\_heritage** which is well worth a follow. We are hoping to run a pre-match heritage event later this season, more details as and when we have them.

## Big Stamford Bridge Sleep Out No.4

*We are in the early stages of planning the next Big Stamford Bridge Sleep-Out for next Spring, raising much-needed funds for our friends at Stoll. Last season we raised over £22,300, a magnificent figure. More details as we have them.*

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