



Chelsea Supporters Trust – Newsletter – April 2016

As the season draws to an end, welcome to the latest CST newsletter, covering a number of current issues hopefully of interest to you.

Special General Meeting

You will have seen a short member survey asking whether you would be interested in attending an SGM before the Spurs game. We got sufficient interest to go ahead, and the meeting will be held in the basement of the Chelsea Pensioner pub, 358 Fulham Road, London SW10 9UU (just down the Fulham Road from Stamford Bridge, walking towards Earls Court) at 14.15 on Monday 2nd May. The formal notice of meeting and agenda is being sent to members separately.

One agenda item is a Q&A with Dan Levene, a freelance journalist with a deep knowledge of all things Chelsea. Questions for Dan, or the CST board, can be raised at the meeting or, if you are unable to attend, emailed to membership@chelseasupporterstrust.com by Sunday evening.

After being unable to identify a suitable location for a meeting in February/March we held a Virtual General Meeting. We believe that these certainly have their place but we are committed to holding face-to-face meetings with members, as an important part of the communication process, and we received member feedback underlining this. We apologise that, on this occasion, we cannot broadcast the SGM live for members unable to attend. We will record the SGM and put up a podcast of the meeting on our website, in addition to producing meeting notes.

Annual General Meeting and Board Elections

As in previous years, the CST AGM will be held on the first weekend of the season (13th/14th August), on whichever day Chelsea are not playing. The formal meeting notice, request for motions etc. will be sent to members in late June. The AGM also triggers the annual board election process. If any of you are potentially interested in standing for the board, and wish to know more about what this entails, please speak to any board member or email us.

Annual Members Survey

We are planning to send the annual survey out earlier this summer, so we can collate the results and have them ready to present to the club at the start of next season, and to you at the AGM. As well as the standard questions, which enable us to track trends, there will be a small number of new questions including a section regarding the proposed move to a temporary stadium.

Brompton Cemetery Project

On Easter Saturday CST members, working with Friends of Brompton Cemetery and supported by the club and Chelsea official historian Rick Glanvill, participated in a clean-up of Chelsea-related graves in Brompton Cemetery. Photographs of the clean-up can be seen here. The clean-up was seen as successful and worthwhile and we are planning to do this again - members will be notified of timings.

Meeting with the Premier League

A meeting was recently held between a CST board representative and Cathy Long, Head of Supporter Services at the Premier League. This followed us regularly raising concerns with her about the late announcement of fixtures rearranged to suit television, but the discussion moved on to cover a number of other topics. These included ticket pricing, touting, away travel initiatives, the role of the club Supporter Liaison Officer and meeting was part of the ongoing stakeholder dialogue process and gave a chance for us to express concerns raised by our members.

Chelsea Pitch Owners Football Tournament at Stamford Bridge

The second Chelsea Pitch Owners football tournament is being held at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday 17th May. For information on how to enter a team, or to make an individual entry, please click the link here. <http://www.chelseafc.com/fans/chelsea-pitch-owners/cpo-news/line-up-with-team-mates-at-stamford-bridge.html>

Plan International Football Tournament

CST member Clayton Beerman has asked up to mention a charity football tournament being held at Stamford Bridge on Thursday 19th May for Chelsea's global charity partner, Plan International. Details on how to enter a team, or participate as an individual, are shown here: <http://www.chelseafc.com/news/latest-news/2016/04/play-at-the-bridge-with-plan-international.html>

We will issue a final newsletter of the season next month, which will include the SGM minutes.

Transport Information

Advance train ticket alerts from thetrainline.com. Please be aware fixtures are subject to change due to television demands, before booking:
<http://www.thetrainline.com/ticketalert/football/premier-league>

Get a third off rail fares with the Two Together Railcard: <http://www.twotogether-railcard.co.uk/leaflet/>

Travel to the Bridge by train? Weekend travel news from TfL:
<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/livetravelnews/realtime/track.aspx?offset=weekend>

Follow TfL travel status & updates on Twitter:
<https://twitter.com/TfLTravelAlerts>

If you have comments or questions on any of the above information, or any other CST activity, please let us know: enquiries@chelseasupporterstrust.com



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