



Chelsea Supporters Trust – Newsletter – February 2014

As Chelsea games come thick and fast, here's an update on what the Chelsea Supporters Trust have been up to, and some issues we hope you might find interesting.

CST Special General Meeting

As part of our commitment to ongoing dialogue with our members, the next Chelsea Supporters Trust SGM is planned to be at 15.15 on Saturday 22nd February i.e. after the Everton lunchtime kick off. The venue should be confirmed in the next few days and will be publicised, along with the agenda. We had a spirited discussion on a number of issues at the last SGM in December (the notes of the meeting are [here](#)) and would encourage as many of you as possible to participate in the next meeting.



Safe Standing Survey

Plans are afoot to carry out a short survey amongst Chelsea supporters on the very topical subject of safe standing. To ascertain opinions from as wide a cross-section of supporters as possible on this important issue, it is planned that this will be a joint initiative from across a number of Chelsea supporter groups, websites, fanzines etc. It is hoped that the survey will be issued to supporters in the next couple of weeks.

'Persistent Standing'

After the club wrote to Season ticket holders in the MHL and SL stands, we wrote an [open letter](#) to Ron Gourlay expressing our concerns. This received some publicity in the [Daily Telegraph](#) and the [Guardian](#)

We sent a follow up e-mail last month and received a response from Ron, saying that they were keen to discuss this issue with us in the coming weeks, which we see as a positive sign. We will keep you posted.

Membership Renewal

The CST is one year old on 9th February, and we will shortly be sending out renewal letters to our paid-up members. Annual membership is only £5 and obviously we hope that as many of you as possible will choose to do this.

When you renew you can opt for an annual subscription which makes renewal more convenient. More details of this option will be on the renewal notice.

CST End of Season Party

Plans are almost in place for our end of season party, with special Chelsea-related guests. We will be making an announcement in a week or so, but you are advised to keep the night of Friday 9th May free. We expect tickets to sell pretty quickly for this once the details are confirmed and announced.



Fans' Forum

The minutes of December's Chelsea Fans Forum can be found [here](#).

If you have any comments on these, or any issues you would like our representative Julian Beattie to raise at the next meeting, please e-mail us at enquiries@chelseasupporterstrust.com.

CST Membership Badges

The feedback received on the badge design has been very positive.

Many of you have collected your CST badges from the cfcuk stall. For those of you that have requested them by post, we will be mailing them out in the next few days; we'll email you to let you know when they have been despatched.



A reminder to those yet to collect theirs that a CST board member will be at the stall before every weekend home game, from two hours until 30 minutes before kick-off. If you can't get to a home game and want your badge posted out to you, please send your address to membership@chelseasupporterstrust.com

Remember – you need to be paid-up member to receive a badge so, if you aren't, you can join [online](#) or at the stall which is located directly opposite the main entrance to Fulham Broadway station on the corner of Fulham Town Hall.

Hull and Coventry Campaigns

Depressingly, the absurdities of modern football continue to manifest themselves. Here are a couple of examples where supporters groups are trying to fight back.

Hull City's owner is trying to change the club's name to Hull City Tigers as part of a global marketing push, doing away with over 100 years of tradition at a stroke. CST board members met with members of the 'City Till I Die' campaign when we played there last month and expressed our support. More information [here](#), including a petition we would encourage CST members to sign.

Coventry City are, ludicrously, playing in Northampton this season as a result of a squabble between their hedge fund owners and the owners of the Ricoh Arena. For reasons best known to themselves the Football League supported this initiative. This sad state of affairs is the subject of a campaign by the KCIC (Keep Cov in Cov) campaign. More details at the www.skyblustrust.co.uk website.

Best reads from the last month of Football

Here are a few links from the last month or so that we think you might find of interest.

Martin Lipton asks "Have Chelsea become too draconian when dealing with complaints about fans?"

http://www.mirror.co.uk/sport/football/news/chelsea-become-draconian-dealing-complaints-3040730#.UuEO3d_tql

Brompton Cemetery to receive £3.7 million facelift:

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/local-news/brompton-cemetery-receive-37-million-6484051>

Graeme Le Saux: How gay slurs almost wrecked my career

<http://reflectionsasia.wordpress.com/2007/09/11/graeme-le-saux-how-gay-slurs-almost-wrecked-my-career>

Why football supporters need legal aid:

<http://www.fsf.org.uk/blog/view/help-to-save-uk-justice-for-football-fans>

Vote for charity collections on matchdays at Stamford Bridge:

<http://www.chelseafc.com/news-article/article/3629849/title/fans-asked-to-vote-for-community-charities-collection>

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>

Travel to the Bridge by train? Weekend travel news from TfL:

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/livetravelnews/realtime/track.aspx?offset=weekend>

TfL customer email updates registration:

<https://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/email/>

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

We'll be back next month with the latest news from the Chelsea Supporters Trust – making your voice heard.



'Making Your Voice Heard'

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