



Chelsea Supporters Trust – Newsletter – January 2015

Welcome to the first Chelsea Supporters Trust newsletter of 2015, and a belated Happy New Year to all our members. 2015 promises to be an interesting year for Chelsea, both on and off the field with, hopefully, plenty to look forward to.

Diary Date – Next CST Special General Meeting Sat 22nd Feb

The next Special General Meeting will be at 17.45 on Saturday 22nd February, after the Burnley home game. As with the last SGM, it will be held in the downstairs bar of the Finborough Arms. We are in the process of organising a guest speaker, and details of this, together with an agenda, will be circulated to members in the next week or so.

Meeting with Club Representatives

CST board members held a productive meeting with senior club executives in December. Notes of that meeting can be found here:

http://www.chelseasupporterstrust.com/meeting_05dec14.html

Chelsea Pitch Owners AGM - Reminder

Many CST members are also CPO shareholders. A reminder that the CPO AGM is at 11am next Friday 30th January in the Hollins Suite at Stamford Bridge. Proxy forms need to be submitted by 11am on Wednesday 28th January.

Stamford Bridge Atmosphere

Three CST Board members – Neil Beard, David Johnstone and Iain Rodger – have attended a number of recent meetings with senior Club executives to discuss ways to enhance the atmosphere at Stamford Bridge, which is an issue which has received much publicity recently.

Submission to DCMS Expert Group

Earlier this month the CST board made a submission to the Supporter Ownership and Engagement Expert Group, which was set up by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. The content of that submission can be found here:

http://www.chelseasupporterstrust.com/ewg_submission.html

Next Fans Forum

The next Fans Forum is on 2nd May. The main subject is presentation of the annual club survey results. If members have any issues you would like our representative (Julian Beattie) to raise at that meeting then please let us know. Minutes of the last Forum, on 22nd November, can be found here:

http://www.chelseasupporterstrust.com/docs/fansforum_minutes_2014-15_2nd_meeting.pdf

Ticket Touting

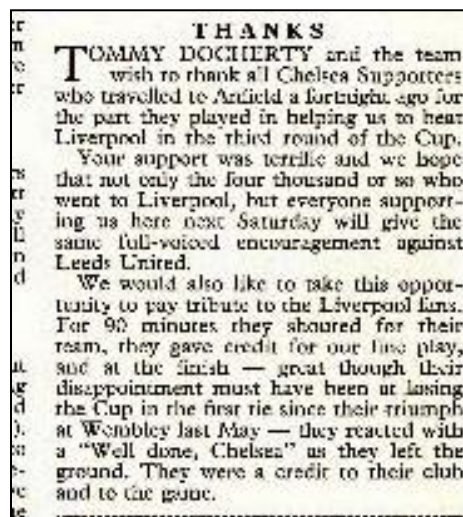
The touting of tickets, both around the ground on match days and online, continue to be a source of major frustration for many supporters. The CST put out a statement regarding this heavily spoken about subject before Christmas (http://www.chelseasupporterstrust.com/online_touting.html), and are following this issue up with relevant parties. We were appalled to see leaflets from a touting organisation being handed out near the ground before the Bradford City game, asking supporters to sell them tickets. A number of members have contacted us on this issue. We have been informed by the Club that they are aware of these leaflets and we presume they will take appropriate action.

Chelsea Support at Anfield League Cup Tie

Those who went to the Carling One Cup semi-final 1st leg at Anfield last week and were surprised to hear the manager's post-match comments regarding our travelling support may be interested to see a programme article* published shortly after another cup tie Chelsea played at Anfield.

See article on the right →

* This article was published in January 1966...



Links Which May Be Of Interest...

...In The News:

- Bid to restrict online touts [defeated](#) in House of Commons
- Victory for Cardiff City fans as Vincent Tan agrees return to [blue](#)

...Chelsea Related:

- RFU confirms official Chelsea approach to [Twickenham Stadium](#) (read past the bit about rugby fans anti-social behaviour)
- Chelsea FC: The first English team to qualify for the [European Cup](#)
- [Football specials](#): Following Chelsea in the 1970s and 80s
- [Zola, Gullit, Vialli](#) et al! Following Chelsea in the 1990s
- When [Racquel Welch](#) stood on the touchline at Stamford Bridge
- For all the latest news and views that catch the CST's eye follow the Trust on Twitter at www.twitter.com/chelseastrust and like us on facebook at www.facebook.com/chelseasupporterstrust

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>
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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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