



Chelsea Supporters Trust – Newsletter – October 2014

The season is now under way, and it has been a good start on the pitch for our beloved team. With regards to other issues surrounding the Club off the pitch, here is your monthly update from the CST:

Media coverage regarding temporary move to Twickenham

The CST board released a [statement](#) after recent media coverage regarding speculation about Chelsea moving to Twickenham rugby stadium on a temporary basis in the event of Stamford Bridge being redeveloped. We are waiting with great interest, as I am sure you all are, for the results of the Fulham Broadway study to be publicly announced and will respond accordingly after an announcement is made.

Proposed Overseas Premier League Game

The recent, unwelcome re-emergence of the proposal to play Premier League games overseas is an obvious cause of concern to many members. The CST board released a [statement](#) which was picked up by a number of national media outlets including the [Daily Telegraph](#), [Daily Mirror](#) and [Daily Mail](#).

CST Ticketing Proposal

Issues around ticketing continue to be a major issue for many of our members. We are currently developing a detailed set of proposals around all aspects of ticketing which we aim to complete and submit to the club before the end of November. This will cover, among other topics; pricing, allocations, the loyalty points system, categorisation, sales process, etc. We have benchmarked other Premier League clubs' policies and are taking into account the feedback received from members in our surveys and will test out our thinking at the SGM on the 22nd of November (for details, see below) and also at the Fans Forum earlier that day. If you have any specific thoughts you would like to be considered as part of this study, please e-mail us via membership@chelseasupporterstrust.com.

Special General Meeting – Sat 22nd November

The first CST Special General Meeting of the season will be held on Saturday 22nd November at 17.45 after the West Bromwich Albion home game. The meeting will be held in the spacious basement/cellar area of the Finborough Arms. The official meeting notice and agenda will be sent to members in due course. We are planning to invite a special guest to speak - more details when we have them.

CST Xmas Party

Keep the evening of Thursday 18th December free in your diaries for good food, drinks, a raffle and hopefully some live music too, all with your fellow Chelsea supporters and CST members! We are currently finalising arrangements for the Christmas Party and hope to be able to make an announcement in the near future concerning the location, tickets and the full details on what is sure to be an excellent night!

Welcome to Iain Rodger

The CST board has co-opted Iain Rodger as a board member. Iain has been a Chelsea supporter since the 1960's, has PR and marketing experience and will provide useful extra resource to the board going forward. Iain joins Ross Mooring as co-opted board members which means they can play a full part in board activity but do not have a vote at board meetings. Welcome Iain!

BBC Price of Football Study

This was an interesting [feature](#) from the BBC, if somewhat superficial (it didn't look at cup ties or away games, for example) and inconsistent in the way it compared season ticket and match prices. The response from the Minister of Sport, Helen Grant, was to talk about using an Expert Group with supporter involvement, to look at ticketing. This Expert Group on football is something the Department of Culture, Media and Sport raised three years ago and have yet to follow through, and it will be interesting to see how this progresses.

CST Membership Survey Results

Logistical reasons have meant a delay in publishing the results of the 2014 CST Membership Survey. Results should be published in the next couple of weeks – we apologise for the delay. The results form a key part of our thinking on ticketing issues (see above) as well as on many other issues, as discussed at this year's [AGM](#).

Further Chelsea-related reading

- From our very own Tim Rolls: [The rising cost of football at Stamford Bridge](#) (since 1954!)
- The Chelsea Academy's ['Ten Year Plan'](#)
- The [London Assembly](#) wants to hear from local residents of new and rebuilt stadia
- Chelsea are one of the best clubs in the Premier League at implementing the [Away Fans Initiative](#)

And in other news...

- STAND Fanzine: [Taking Back Our Game](#)
- Hopefully you'll never have to deal with the law at a football game. But just in case, here's some [advice from the FSF](#).
World Cup ethics report investigator Michael Garcia wants culture change at [FIFA](#)
- Women [not considered](#) by FIFA for World Cup ethics report
- Let's give Disablism the [Red Card!](#)

- Why All-Seater stadia should be [reconsidered](#)
- Virgin asks Ofcom to [investigate costs](#) of Premier League TV rights.

Matchday CST Board Presence at cfcuk Stall

A CST board member will be at the cfcuk stall (opposite Fulham Broadway tube station main entrance) before every weekend home game, from two hours before the game starts until 30 minutes before kick-off. You can pick up your CST badge, raise any issues or concerns you have or just come and say hello.

Chelsea related links

Download the automatically updated [#CFC](#) fixture list (Google calendar, smartphone & RSS) from the official website.

<http://www.chelseafc.com/matches/fixtures---downloadable.html>

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>

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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