



BRANCH NEWSLETTER NUMBER FOUR

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to what is a premature but final newsletter of this season. It was decided to send this out early as over the past couple of months quite a bit has been going on with the Hampshire Whites and we need to prepare ourselves as it looks like a play off place may be on the cards which leads to quite a bit of work in arranging tickets and transport etc and our time is needed to focus on this. The main point that needs to be put over to all members is that we have a new website and this will be constantly updated with latest branch information over tickets, Meeting dates and social events so please get into the habit of looking at the site for all the latest details. As always please contact me if there is anything you want included in the newsletter. Enjoy the newsletter. Dave.

RICHMOND GOES TO THE CHAPEL AND GETS MARRIED

Congratulations to branch members Steve and Natalie Richmond who got married in April. From everyone at the Hampshire Whites we wish you all the best for your future lives together.

A GOOD RESULT AND GOOD NIGHT OUT IN LEEDS FOR THE HANTS WHITES

Leeds v Cheltenham was the match chosen for branch members to stay in Leeds overnight. This is one of our seasonal branch events where we all get together watch the match and head to the city centre for a night out afterwards. We were firstly treated to a comfortable 2-0 Leeds win thanks to a Johnny Howson brace. After the game we headed to Billy's and the Peacock and in drabs made our way to the Scarborough taps in Leeds later in the evening. Following splitting up temporarily we ended up together again at a bar called Northern Monkey. The highlight of which was seeing the face of the resident DJ as us and another group in the bar decided to sing Marching on Together and other Leeds anthems over his "mix" of dance music for a good five minutes. The door staff were not best pleased either with Leeds fans singing Leeds songs in a Leeds pub, Christ whatever next. A great weekend was had by all and thanks to everyone who came and made it a good social event. Similar will be arranged for next season.

ITS A LOCAL PUB FOR LEEDS FANS IN GOSPORT

Over the past couple of months Leeds matches had been shown live on SKY although hastily arranged the branch have met at the Hoeford Pub in Gosport for the Millwall and Leicester fixtures respectively. Thanks to Chris Coombs for his arranging with the Landlord to use the pub.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED WWW.HAMPSHIREWHITES.COM

It took a couple of months of hard planning and designing from Mark but the branch are now proud to announce the launch of the new website. An update was needed as it was becoming more difficult to update the original site and considering the site involved a monthly fee to be hosted it was starting to become a waste of branch funds. The new site will have new features added frequently and is much easier to edit and update. Currently the new site has an archive of newsletters, Links to watch Leeds goals via Virgin Media and the Committee can be contacted directly through the site. All the latest branch news will be added so will become a good starting point for any branch related information. The new site will also save a considerable amount of time for the committee answering questions for new members wanting information on who we are and what we do as its all there for them to read. Many thanks to Mark for his efforts on getting this going. The branch was quoted up to £700 for it to be designed by a company but by him learning

as he goes it came to a total of £40 for the upgrade. Please also note on the logo the Spinnaker Tower replacing the letter I in Hampshire Whites.

HEADS UP FOR A POTENTIAL PLAY OFF FINAL APPEARANCE

This is tempting fate I know as anything can happen between now and the end of the season. So what do you need to know if we reach the final. Firstly Leeds United have announced on the official site that any valid members card holder will be guaranteed a ticket for the final so theres no need to panic if you have one already. Season ticket holders are automatically members. If you are not a member LUFC are offering memberships to cover the play off final and next seasons membership in full so please visit the website for more details and info. As a branch the one thing we get a lot of is Leeds fans coming out of the woodwork from Hampshire and surrounding counties requesting final tickets through the branch / other members and normally somewhere in the contact a reference is made as to how they always wanted to join the Hampshire Whites but never got round to it and all the sudden as a play off final place is in sight they want us to apply on their behalf. This is however not a major problem and for members who are requested the same please advise the following. They will ideally need to become a Leeds United Member and contact LUFC to sign up, They will then have to download the application form from the Hampshire Whites Website to Join the branch with appropriate payment and most importantly this will have to be done with plenty of time of any deadlines set by Leeds United for branch applications for tickets. Although the final ticketing details are not in place any members not signed up for the members club will have to wait for tickets to go on sale to the general public and the branch may or may not possibly have the option to apply as a branch booking on that date but is in no way confirmed. All current members must ensure that there are enough funds in their accounts to cover any final tickets so please contact Mark Smith if you need a current balance. Finally any branch news for deadlines etc will be put on our website so please keep looking at the site for regular updates. Transport will be arranged like last season.

HAMPSHIRE WHITES BUSINESS CARDS PRINTED AND READY

The branch now have a stash of Hampshire Whites business cards for members to give to fans they meet who show an interest in joining the branch. Its quite amazing how many members know fellow Leeds fans in their area or workplace and this is another way to help give them a contact point to join and boost the branch numbers. These cards will be available at meetings for members to collect. You can also get 50% off any goods brought in Woolworths with them.

DESIGNS WANTED FOR 2009 – 2010 MERCHANDISE

Although we fully appreciate that promises have been made for branch polo shirts and merchandise to be available for the past two seasons it has not happened to which we are sorry. This will be happening for next season and Mark and myself will be making it our project over the close season. Now we need some support and are going to put the ball in your court and ask for help in making a design for this. So if you have any ideas of what you want to be put on any shirt etc please forward this to Mark or myself. Following any designs submitted we will then take this on and get them ordered and ready for the start of the season.