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### BRANCH NEWSLETTER NUMBER THREE

Yet again welcome to what is the third branch newsletter of the season. You should receive this just after the new year so I hope you all had a great time over xmas and on behalf of the branch wish you a happy New Year for 2009. We come to a crucial part of the season now where its make or break. Its fair to say that our recent form has left fans despondent. We say goodbye to Gary Mcallister and welcome Simon Grayson as manager. Its important for form to take shape and having mini runs of results and we are now in the dubious time of awaiting to see (if any) who leaves the club and if more faces will be added to the squad following the loans deals that bring Naylor and Trundle to Elland Road during the transfer window. We also have completed the final away booking phases (thanks Chris Rumney). On a Final note the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 saw the branch celebrate its 6<sup>th</sup> birthday and the forum owned by the branch [www.weareleeds.com](http://www.weareleeds.com) have its 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Congratulations to Disco Daz and Me for winning the signed ball and shirt at the December branch meeting. The prizes were kindly donated by Leeds United.

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### COMING SOON NEW LOOK HANTS WHITES WEBSITE

Over the past couple of months Mark has been in looking at ways with different parties to upgrade our website [www.hampshirewhites.com](http://www.hampshirewhites.com) this has been due to the difficulty of updating the site and keeping it running so its a valuable tool for members to use for latest branch and club news. We have now finally found the right program to use and Mark has started to develop the various pages and links. We hope that over the next few weeks the site will be running and that the members will be impressed with what has been designed.

Please note that from January 2009 the monthly meetings have moved will now be held on the 2nd Monday of the month rather than Tuesday's as before.  
Therefore the next meeting will be on 9TH MARCH at Fareham WMC.

LEEDS WILL BE ON SKY TELEVISION AGAIN IN MARCH WITH THE MATCH AGAINST OLDHAM ON MONDAY 2ND. PLEASE VISIT THE HANTS WHITES WEBSITE FOR POSSIBILITY OF MEETING AS A BRANCH AGAIN FOR THIS FIXTURE

OUR FACEBOOK GROUP HAS NOW REACHED A TOTAL OF 44 MEMBERS WITH AN IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT OF PHOTOGRAPHS FROM MATCHES OVER THIS SEASON. THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE UPLOADED THEIR MATCHDAY PHOTOS

### PLAY OFF'S IT IS THEN

A recent poll from [www.weareleeds.com](http://www.weareleeds.com) users showed a majority feeling we will reach a play off place this season. So a date for your diary and note to self is dont forget to book Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May off for the final at Wembley and possibly the Monday as well would be an idea.

1st place 0%

2nd Place 6.90%

***Play-off place 86.21%***

Mid Table 6.90%