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BRANCH NEWSLETTER NUMBER TWO

THE WAIT IS OVER

IT SEEMS AGES AGO SINCE THE PLAY OFF FINAL AND THE EURO FINALS WERE OF NO HELP IN GETTING A FOOTBALL FIX PRE SEASON DUE TO LACK OF OUR INTERNATIONAL TEAMS REPRESENTING THE TOURNAMENT. SO THE FIXTURES ARE OUT, THE GAMES ARE PLANNED THE SQUAD IS COMPLETE AND WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER TURBULANT SEASON SUPPORTING THE WHITES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE WHITES FOR THIS SEASON. WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO SIGNED UP THIS SEASON AND A CONTINUED GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS WHOM HAVE RENEWED. ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS SOME DETAILS OF PLANS FOR THE SEASON WITH THE BRANCH. THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED JUST AFTER CHRISTMAS. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEXT ISSUE PLEASE CONTACT ME AT lufctrem1@ntlworld.com

SIGNED SHIRT WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF BORG WHO WON THE SIGNED SHIRT WHICH WAS KINDLY DONATED BY LEEDS UTD. THE RAFFLE WHICH WAS RUN OVER 2 MEETINGS RAISED £65 FOR THE BRANCH FUNDS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERED THE DRAW.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE LADS AND WAGS TRIP 2008

Following last seasons event the branch was keen to repeat the trip again for this season. Our main problem this time around has been the cost of fuel adding a significant cost to hire of the coach. To arrange such a trip requires a full coach and to be appealing to branch members in matters of cost and bringing partners and family to help fill the coach. Upon looking at the figures and potential costings per seat it makes it impossible to arrange such deals as reduced price for WAGS and child seats. Last season we had filled the coach quickly and was able to absorb the cost of members deciding not to go at the last minute but this is a risk that cant be taken this time around. This would obviously have an impact on the branch account as last season we took a predicted £100 loss. So we have had to make the decision to not run such a trip this time around. As a branch we do apologise for this but hope you all understand the reasons behind this. We will however be looking to arrange different events with less financial impact in the coming season.

HAMPSHIRE WHITES TRIP TO WEMBLEY 2008

IT WAS AN EARLY START FOR THE BRANCH MEMBERS WHO DECIDED TO TRAVEL BY TRAIN TO THE PLAY OFF FINAL. WITH MILITARY PRECISION EVERYONE GOT ON AT THE RIGHT STOPS AND WITH OTHER LEEDS FANS ADDING TO THE NUMBERS WHO BY CHANCE JOINED OUR TRAIN WE HAD A FULL CARRIAGE OF US ON THE WAY TO WATERLOO.

AFTER GETTING ONTO THE TUBE WE HEADED TO THE PUB JUST DOWN THE ROAD FROM TRAFALGAR SQUARE VIA A HUGE DOWNPOUR OF RAIN. DESPITE PLANS TO

MEET AT THE GREEN MAN PUB WITH THE REST OF THE BRANCH IT FILTERED THROUGH THAT THE PUB WAS FULL AND COULDN'T GET IN SO THE FLAGS WENT UP IN THE PUB AND WE HAD A GOOD SING SONG ONCE THE BEERS TOOK EFFECT.

WE THEN HEADED ONTO THE TUBE TO WEMBLEY PASSING A SILENT PROTEST OUTSIDE DOWNING STREET TO WHICH WE GAVE A CHORUS OF "YOUR ONLY HERE TO WATCH THE LEEDS" THEY COULDN'T ANSWER BACK WHICH MADE IT MORE AMUSING. ONCE ON THE TUBE THE IDEA OF "12 MORE STOPS TO GO, TILL WE GET TO WEMBLEY" AND COUNTING DOWN AT EVERY STATION TILL WEMBLEY PARK WAS THE CRUX OF OUR SINGING. WE ALSO HAD THE PASSENGERS ON THE TUBE STANDING UP AND SITTING DOWN IF THE HATE MAN U THIS INCLUDED A FOREIGNER WHO DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE WAS STANDING UP OR SITTING DOWN BUT PLAYED ALONG UNDER CHRIS COOMBS GUIDANCE ANYWAY.

ONCE AT WEMBLEY EVERYONE WENT THEIR OWN WAYS BUT WAS NICE TO MEET ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS IN THE STADIUM. THE LESS SAID ABOUT THE GAME THE BETTER. AFTER THE MATCH WE WERE OFF TO THE PUB OUTSIDE WATERLOO STATION BUT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS SOMBER TO SAY THE LEAST. AS THE TRAINS ARRIVED WE ALL HEADED BACK IN SEPERATE GROUPS ONLY BEING ENTERTAINED BY BLUES CONVERSATION WITH SOMEONE WHO SPENT THEIR DAY IN LONDON TRACING CEMETARY GRAVE STONES.

THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE HARD TO TAKE AND ONLY RIBBING I GOT WAS FROM NON FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS. IT WAS THE OCCASION THAT MATTERED TO ME AND HAD A GOOD FEW HOURS UPTO THE 2ND HALF AT BEST.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ----- HAMPSHIRE WHITES SUMMER BBQ

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2008

TO BE HELD AT STUART KNELLERS HOUSE. SMALL ENTRANCE FEE REQUIRED TO COVER FOOD COSTS. BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL. PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 07515 058452 TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE. LARGE NUMBERS OF HANTS WHITES ALREADY GOING, FAMILYS ARE WELCOME AS ALWAYS. COME ALONG.