

SPIRIT OF SHANKLY

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS

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A message from SOS Chair Paul Khan...

Hi All,

I hope you are all well. A really good start to the season, let's hope we can keep it up.

We need to make the atmosphere against Chelsea like the great Champions League nights of 2005 and 2007. Let Arne see what the Anfield crowd are all about.

The "Stop Exploiting Loyalty Protest" organised in solidarity with our West Ham friends went well and received good publicity. As I mentioned previously, you will see similar protests at all Premier League grounds across the country.

We have agreed with the FSA that our main protest will be at the Brighton game. Please monitor our social media channels for more information and show solidarity and join us if you can.

George Bevan, one of our MC members, attended a meeting with the Premier League as part of an FSA delegation to discuss our campaign about ticket prices. ***Details of the protest and the PL meeting can be found on page 3.***

Our next AGM is confirmed for Wednesday 13 November with a 6.30pm start. The venue is Theatre 3, Blackstock Studios, 18 Blackstock Road, Liverpool L3 6ER, which has a fully licensed bar and closes at 11pm. I hope lots of you can make it in person, but if not you will be able to join online.

Details of the meeting can be found [here](#) and an agenda will follow.

That's it for now.

I guess you've enjoyed the international break as much as I have!

Roll on Chelsea and proper football.

Cheers and YNWA

Paul Khan

SOS Chair

Farewell to two legends

Over the past few weeks, two of Shankly's legends have left us.

In September, Ron Yeats, our first captain to lift the FA Cup and the player Shanks called a Colossus passed away, aged 86.

Ron played 454 games for the Reds, before returning later to work as a chief scout.

His funeral took place at St Mary's Church in West Derby.

On 11 October, Peter Cormack died, aged 78. Peter moved to Anfield from Nottingham Forest in 1972 and went on to win two league titles, a UEFA Cup and FA Cup during a four-year spell with the club.

RIP Ron Yeats and Peter Cormack



Tribute to Reds fan Phil

Liverpool supporter Phil Dooley tragically died in Bergamo, Italy, ahead of the Reds match against AC Milan, last month. Phil was a devoted father and fantastic uncle and will be missed by all who knew him.

On behalf of our members, SOS send our heartfelt condolences to Phil's family. May he rest in peace.





Glenbuck memorial

Last month, a bench and plaque were unveiled in Glenbuck in memory of lifelong Red Jimmy Flowers.

Jimmy was instrumental in getting a plaque erected in Shankly's birthplace in 1997 and it is fitting that the heritage site has now honoured Jimmy.

Jimmy was a great supporter of SOs and some of our members, along with his family, made the trip, where they were joined by Barbara Alexander, Shankly's niece.

Stop Exploiting Loyalty

SOS and Liverpool fans joined West Ham supporters in solidarity at a protest before the recent Carabao Cup fixture. The stand was against the London's club's pricing policy and withdrawal of concessions and is part of a national campaign.

Andy Payne, joint secretary of Hammers United said: "As football fans, we understand the game should be accessible to everyone, regardless of age or physical ability. That's why standing together with Liverpool fans was so important.

"It's not just about West Ham or Liverpool, but about protecting the rights of all supporters. Removing concessions for the elderly and disabled goes against the spirit of the game, which is built on community and inclusion.

"We're proud to have stood in solidarity with our fellow fans, showing that unity can be a powerful force for change."

You can read more about it [here](#) and listen to opinions [here](#).



National campaign

SOS MC member George Bevan was part of an FSA delegation that met with Premier League executives to discuss the ongoing ticket prices / concessions campaign, engagement and the PL Handbook. Fan reps were invited to air specific stories / situations at their clubs and answer questions. We hope this meeting is the first in an ongoing dialogue. [See more here.](#)

Camino de Santiago

In the last newsletter we told you about some of our members who made the Camino in support of [Lads at Larks](#) and to raise funds for prostate cancer. You can read how they got on and what it meant to some of those who took part [here](#).



In unity

We again met organisers and donated to foodbank collection points on the road at our past two away fixtures at Wolverhampton Wanderers and Crystal Palace away games.

Roy Bentham with Bobby Webbe, Senior Fundraising Coordinator at the Palace For Life Foundation

The Constitution

Some of our MC have been working with our lawyers and Nat Co Operative's UK to update our constitution. Much has changed since SOS launched 16 years ago, legislatively, structurally and operationally, including the advent of the Supporters Board. The new document will be emailed to members in the coming weeks and tabled at the upcoming AGM on Wednesday 13 November.

Community

Our art classes, on Monday evenings, guitar club and Unistar drama, on Thursdays, continue to grow. Held at The Church on Oakfield Road, they are a brilliant community drive for the Anfield area. **If you would like more details, email: peter@spiritofshankly.com.**

For confidential welfare rights advice, drop in at the weekly sessions, held every Monday from 9.30am - 3pm at Homebaked Bakery.