

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.

I must start with the announcement from LFC that there will be a price freeze for all general admission and season tickets for the 2025/26 season.

We need to say a massive thank you for all your support. Without 92.1% of members providing us with a mandate to approach the club to engage in meaningful engagement this price freeze would not have been possible.

And, I want to say a massive thank you to the Management Committee for all the challenging work in developing a negotiation strategy that helped deliver this price freeze. Also, big thanks to our friends on the Supporters Board - Spion Kop 1906, Official Liverpool Supporters Group, Liverpool Women Supporters Club, Kop Outs and cultureRed - an independent organisation representing and uniting Faith, Culture and Ethnicity - who supported us throughout the process.

Some may say we did not achieve our primary objective of a reduction in ticket prices. But this is a start and we will continue to work with the club over the coming year to try and make this happen. **For full details of our response to the price freeze, see [here](#).**

Our support for the national *Stop Exploiting Loyalty* campaign will remain. We need to stand in solidarity with other fan groups as they continue their fight for fairer ticket prices and stopping the removal of concessions.

Again, thank you, because the SEL campaign would not have happened without your mandate to raise the issue of ticket prices at the Football Supporters' Association AGM. Your support has helped generate a national initiative, helping put aside tribal loyalties. You should be proud.

On the field we are still in a great position in the league, have the Carabao Cup Final to look forward to and obviously the resumption of the Champions League. We need to really get behind the team in these final months and I hope we can achieve great things together.

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On a lighter note, myself and vice chair Peter Hooton met the cast and production team of *Red or Dead*, a fictional story about the great man Bill Shankly, which has been turned into a play for Liverpool's Royal Court Theatre.

As you know, Shankly transcended football, created the club we love and gave us our unique identity.

We spoke to the cast about who we are, why SOS were formed, what we have achieved, what we hope to achieve and, most importantly, how we always try to carry on the great man's legacy.

The cast, producer and director were great, and I am really looking forward to seeing the performance. **You can read more about it below.**

**Cheers and YNWA,
Paul**

Red or Dead

On Monday 10 February, SOS's Paul Khan and Peter Hooton were invited by director and writer Philip Breen (Royal Shakespeare Company, Theatr Clwyd) to meet the cast of *Red or Dead* - a fictionalised play about Bill Shankly, adapted from David Peace's bestselling book.

They talked about what Shankly meant to them as they were growing up in Liverpool and his continuing legacy through the work of SOS.

The cast and crew were also keen to hear Peter talking about *Shankly Nature's Fire*, the documentary he produced, and his book, *The Boot Room Boys*.

Shanks is to be portrayed by award-winning actor Peter Mullan, who has appeared in *Ozark*, *Braveheart*, *Trainspotting*, *Westworld*,



SOS Chair Paul Khan with Red or Dead actor Peter Mullan

My Name is Joe, among others, and the show will also include a community company of people from Liverpool.

It promises to be an epic production that will have you standing on your feet and crying out the great man's name. Not to be missed!

Red or Dead, Royal Court Theatre, 21 March-19 April.

Tickets and more information can be found [here](#).

How to donate to SOS

For all those who have been asking how they can donate to SOS, we have now set up a page on our website, where you can make a one-off contribution to the Union or arrange a regular donation. **Find out more [here](#).**

Membership Move

We have been reviewing our membership system and are aware the process is not always smooth and simple to use.

Technology moves quickly and we want joining SOS and renewing memberships to be as simple as possible, so we will be rolling out an updated version next month.

We're also testing other initiatives, such as electronic membership cards, and will share full details when we are ready to launch.

Get in touch

If you'd like us to include anything in a forthcoming newsletter, or have a question, **get in touch with us at clubliaison@spiritofshankly.com**

"The Shankly family are truly heartened so many people embody our grandad's spirit."

Karen Elizabeth Gill, SOS Patron