

Leeds United Supporters' Trust NEWSLETTER

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THE END OF SEASON SPECIAL

Welcome back to the latest Leeds United Supporters' Trust newsletter.

We are delighted to report back to you on what we've been doing over the last couple of months as well as reflecting on the season on pitch events with BBC Radio Leeds West Yorkshire Sport's own Adam Pope, who also features in the latest podcast details of which you can find on Page 4. We hope you'll enjoy it.

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BBC Radio Leeds' Adam Pope offers his thoughts on the 17/18 season including his heroes and villains.

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Following the recent roadshow, the Trust attended a roundtable discussion at the Houses of Parliament.

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Information and updates from the recent SD Members day in Birmingham.



The AGM. Don't forget, Saturday the 8th September for our annual AGM, which will be held in the same venue as last year – Lambert's Yard. More details on page 3.

Trust Memberships

With the new season around the corner, Leeds United Supporters' Trust is inviting fans old and new to join the Trust and give you the opportunity to have a voice.




Some of you will have received an email inviting you to renew your membership, there is still time to renew if you haven't got round to it yet.

The Trust has spent the last few months rebuilding, with new board members and helpers joining us to take up various vacancies and support roles.

It's an exciting time to join the Trust, as we embark on celebrating the centenary year of Leeds United in 2019.



To join us, please either:

-  Go to PayPal and send £10 to info@leedsunitedtrust.com
-  Go to the website www.leedsunitedtrust.com and sign up or renew there.
-  Future Trust members (under 18s) are free to join, simply email name and details to info@leedsunitedtrust.com



The 2018 Annual General Meeting

We're pleased to announce that the Leeds United Supporters' Trust Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday 8th September.

The event will run from 1pm to 3pm at Lambert's Yard, 162 - 163 Lower Briggate, Leeds, LS1 6LY.

The meeting is for members only, food will be provided and the bar is open for refreshments, just register free here to attend - <https://bit.ly/2sADDqf>.

We also welcome any new members who are wishing to join and attend (see Trust Membership on Page 2.)

Come and join us for a beer and we will talk you through our plans for the new season. At the AGM it'll also be the opportunity to vote in Trust Board Member elections which will include some new positions that we'll be advising on shortly. Members will be invited to seek election and get involved with the great work that the Trust has planned over the coming season and beyond.





The TrustCast

We were delighted to hold our latest podcast review at the Plantation Pub, home of South Leeds Independent supporters' travel group in Middleton on Tuesday 13th June.

Our special guests were BBC Radio Leeds' Adam Pope, former GB Rugby League player & LUFC Season Ticket holder Karl Harrison AND, fresh from his appearance on Britain's Got Talent, the very funny Micky P Kerr.

Supporting Leeds United always gives us plenty to talk about, and hot topics we discussed were around what's needed this summer from a recruitment point of view and what the new manager needs to do with the current crop of players. A very heated debate!



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Discussions also focused on the club being hosts to the England friendly and how Leeds as a city has really been the centre of attention recently with some great sporting events, we just hope it continues. Our guest Micky P Kerr thanked the city for getting behind him in this year's Britain's Got Talent contest along with insightful behind the scenes stuff about his BGT experience and how it has changed his life!

Finally, we chatted about England's chances in the World Cup and how we are impressed with Southgate's picking of the squad.

If you've any suggestions / guest ideas or you'd like to be involved in our podcasts please email stuart.barnett@leedsunitedtrust.com.



Episode 4 - Best at Pitches

with Adam Pope, Karl Harrison and

Micky P Kerr available now at:

apple.co/2JR28WA or bit.ly/2HSGJus



The intro music for this episode comes from Leeds classic rock band Red Light Revival. Find out more about them at...

<http://redlightrevival.co.uk/>



Calling All Bands



If you want to follow in the footsteps of @Skylights2018 who opened the Paul Robinson podcast with their track 'YRA', or our latest band Red Light Revival, then just send us an MP3 through to stuart.barnett@leedsunitedtrust.com with a bit of info about the band. Let us know your link to Leeds United and you could be getting your track heard by thousands of Leeds fans.

Review of the 2017/18 Season



BBC Radio Leeds' Adam Pope gives his thoughts...

Goal of the season

Definitely Pablo Hernandez's chip versus Hull City at home but my favourite was Lasogga's second against Millwall because it represented a brief moment when the season felt alive. The fans had injected adrenaline in to the side which incredibly turned around a two-goal and one man deficit. The strike was great. It counted for nothing in the end but it reminded me of what a magical place Elland Road could be again.

Burnley away in the League Cup. Winning a penalty shoot-out is always special but to cope with a late equaliser and overcome decent Premier League opposition was terrific. Mateusz Klich played really well that night too and of course Gianni Aljoski became the club's first ever 4th sub in a game when he came on in extra time.

Performance of the season

Young Player

Bailey Peacock-Farrell for persevering and proving he is a quality 'keeper. Ex-goalkeeping coach Richard Artis was keen on Bailey staying in the England set up but his lack of appearances at any level proved costly. Credit to Neil Sullivan and ex-head coach Paul Heckingbottom too for revitalising BPF as he deservedly holds the shirt now and has been capped for Northern Ireland.

Pablo Hernandez. He carried the team at times and maintained a consistent standard in what was a poor season. I really felt he led by example.

Player of the season

Hero / Villain of the season

Hero - Bailey Peacock-Farrell for calling out older and more experienced players like Samu Saiz for not doing their jobs.

Villain - Samu Saiz for spitting but also for an alarming dip in form after coming back from his ban.

I'd give it to Paul Heckingbottom over Thomas Christiansen because he rejuvenated Peacock-Farrell, gave Tom Pearce a go when others did not fancy him and Ronaldo Vieira came back to something like we know he can be. PH won as many games as I expected him to due to a squad which seemed to lack confidence and quality.

Manager of the season



The Trust Board picks out some of their own moments & events of the season...

Goal of the season

Alioski gets it for his cracking effort vs Forest away

Our 5-0 home thrashing of poor Burton Albion back in September.

Performance of the season

Young Player

Our award goes to the main man between the sticks, Bailey Peacock-Farrell, don't think there are many that will disagree with this, and hot on the heels of BPF is Tom Pearce. Exciting futures ahead!

It can only be our magician Pablo Hernandez, consistently performed well, even throughout a poor second half of the season.

Player of the season

Hero / Villain of the season

Hero - Bailey Peacock-Farrell, coming in halfway through the season, he's shown maturity and out shone some of the senior players.

Villain - That Badge! Closely followed by Berardi and his lack of self-control.

We're probably the only club that can have this award with our managerial turnover, but in the end we opted for the brilliant Under 18 League Winning Mark Jackson.

Manager of the season

Special BoyBand Lookalike Award

Without a question this goes to our Macedonian nternational Gjanni Alioski. The only player who's involvement in the game can be measured by the pertness of his quiff.



SAFE STANDING

Leeds United Supporters' Trust has always championed Safe Standing and is recognised as one of the leading voices in its favour.

In April we brought a roadshow to the Pavilion at Elland Road, it was attended by fans, media, local councillors, the Club and the local emergency services. Guests could test out a rail seating 'prototype' there and ask Jon Darch (lead campaigner for Safe Standing) about all aspects of the matter.

Video of the event is on Facebook: <https://bit.ly/2LHnW7D>

Following the roadshow we wrote an open letter to MP's urging them to get involved and we were then invited to attend a roundtable discussion, in Westminster, by the Shadow Minister for Sport Dr Rosena Allin-Khan before the Parliamentary debate on June 25th.

We felt honoured to attend and we made sure that we had our say..



Over 40 clubs' fan groups were in attendance

The Trust's Robert Endeacott and Pete Emmerson attended on behalf of the Trust and Leeds fans in favour of Safe Standing. Robert said "We felt honoured to attend and we wanted to make sure that we had our say. It was a crowded room with a number of MPs and personnel there along with over 40 other clubs represented. We were told the meeting was to be just one hour long, therefore attendees were asked to indicate if they wanted to say something rather than everyone introducing themselves. We got our signal in!

If you haven't already, please complete the official survey, it is very short and simple Safe Standing <http://www.drrosena.co.uk/safestanding.html>

Various fans explained why they want Safe Standing at their clubs, with 'freedom of choice' and similar mentioned a few times, something we all wholeheartedly agree on. As time was dwindling Pete and I decided to get to the point quickly. Firstly we asked about Away fans & the installation/availability of Safe Standing for them - obviously We Are Leeds thus one of the most-followed teams around but opposition club fans coming to Elland Road also should not be overlooked. We then asked how we can make more MPs take note of the Safe Standing campaign as we felt that overall we received a disappointing response rate from MPs to our letter mentioned above.

Our questions were received in good faith and it was good to see that other clubs went on to mention us in the meeting with what genuinely felt like respect and affection. Even Man U and Huddersfield!

The meeting was held in a good, respectful atmosphere. We look forward to the Parliamentary debate in a couple of weeks' time (25th June) but in the meantime we will continue urging all Yorkshire MP's to get more involved and to work towards getting Safe Standing legalised.



Campaigner Jon Darch with the Trust team

On Sunday 20th May, the Trust joined more than 35 Supporters' groups from around the country in Birmingham for the annual Supporters Direct Members Day.

Chris Hunter, Pete Emmerson and Stuart Barnett joined an event hosted by the team at SD to give all fan groups an opportunity to network, share ideas, tips and advice as well as having eight formal sessions on topics of interest.

The day started with a warm welcome from Ashley Brown COE and then with a glowing eulogy for Jacqui Forster who sadly passed away in April and who was a friend to the Leeds United Supporters' Trust, the eulogy was conducted by her close colleague Nicola Hudson.

Supporters Direct Members Day 2018

The Trust shared in the thoughts for Jacqui Forster who sadly passed away in April and who was a friend to the Leeds United Supporters' Trust.



In to the lectures, where Pete joined the session on Secretary Training where the focus was around the running of a Trust and compliance and thankfully the session didn't put him off! Stuart and Chris joined a session around the pros and cons of linking into your club with a Memorandum of Understanding, similar to what Nottingham Forest and Fulham have both recently done.



In the afternoon the topics covered were GDPR and data protection and Board Member Blast which explained key roles and responsibilities needed on a successful Trust Board.

We heard and shared some great ideas through the day, Our counterparts over in Rochdale had some great tips on increasing member levels and some of those ideas you might just see introduced in due course.

We had in-depth discussions with Cardiff and Nottingham Forest's Supporters' Trust and we have formed good links and communications since the day with both respectfully.

It was nice to see there was a lot of interest in our Mural and questions about our activity into 18/19 Season to which we replied 'See you at our AGM on 8th September to learn more!!'

Connections with other Trusts

An opportunity to meet and share ideas with other Trusts

The joys of GDPR

What else would you want to do on a hot Sunday in Birmingham?

Effective Trust Governance

building our understanding of how to run a Trust in the most effective way

Representing our Members nationally

Your voice reaching out into the wider football community

Trust Helpers

The Trust, which is run by volunteers, relies on a number of experts to help us out from time to time in their area of expertise.

We'd like to say a big "THANK YOU" to Alex Easton (@riotbadger) for helping us run and set up the technical side of our Podcasts, fixing some of the sound issues we'd been experiencing and also running our first periscope at the Safe Standing Roadshow.

In addition to Alex, we've also had some help with getting our website into shape from Josh Cawthorne, which he's done during his University work; we look forward to working more with Josh in the coming months as we start to refresh our website.

Thank you again, it's appreciated!

We're always looking for helpers, so if you think you can help out in any areas feel free to drop us an email at info@leedsunitedtrust.com.

What's your favourite LUFC picture – share it with us?

As part of a new feature on our website, we want to create a mosaic using your favourite LUFC images; it could be a home or away game, stadium picture or just with family and friends. We'd love to share your memories with other fans so, simply upload your pictures via the link below.

www.leedsunitedtrust.com/mosaic

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

STEVE WHITE

TRUST CHAIRMAN

As a Trust we've had a really busy few weeks with our Safe Standing Roadshow and campaigning, including the roundtable event in London, podcasts and attending the Supporters Direct meeting in Birmingham. I'd like to personally thank the members of the Trust board who have given up their time and energy to attend these events on behalf of our members and the wider fan base.

I'd also like to encourage as many of you who can, to sign up to attend the AGM, we will be announcing some guest speakers shortly, but it's a chance to hear about Trust objectives and goals for the coming year, and what a year it's going to be, especially with the Centenary to celebrate. One last thing from me, if you've not renewed your Trust membership yet then please do so and encourage your friends and family to sign up too. After all we are stronger together and the Trust is the voice of our members!

