

NORWICH CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB (LONDON BRANCH) NEWSLETTER NO. 1 OCTOBER 1975

Chairman's Introduction:

The London Branch of the Norwich City Supporters Club has been talked about, thought about, and coloured the waking hours of a small but devoted band of Supporters for over six years. During this period, this group has travelled extensively in support of the "Canaries" wherever their Matches have been played. It is pleasant to recall that after a reserve match at Stamford Bridge between Chelsea and City how a chance meeting between the Secretary, myself and John Keatley kindled the flame that set NCSC'LB firmly on course.

After the encouraging attendance at the Inaugural Meeting, our Membership is now thirty-eight. Our aim is one hundred by Christmas.

Foremost among the Benefits which accrue to Members are inexpensive Travel facilities, many of which are arranged in concert with APFSCIL.

We have enjoyed the greatest possible support from our Parent Body and in particular wish to record our considerable debt to Mr. Stanley Springall who has at all times, given us the benefit of his experience in his well-known kindly, cheerful and patient manner.

All Canary exiles resident in or near the London Area join with us now in providing maximum support for the "Canaries" especially in the vital months that lie immediately ahead.

M. GARRARD

Letters to The Secretary:

House of Commons,
LONDON SW1A 0AA.

Dear Mr. Peck,

I was glad to have had the chance of meeting you on the train from Norwich after the Everton game on Saturday. I was very interested to hear of the decision to form an official London Branch of Norwich City Supporters Club and would very much like to have been present at the meeting to take place at the New Savoy Tavern on Thursday, September 18th. In fact, I return from a Foreign Office visit to Washington that morning and am proceeding to Norwich in the afternoon for a long-standing evening engagement.

I would be grateful, therefore, if you would present my apologies to those who attend the meeting and assure them of my willingness to help in any way I can.

Norwich City Football Club,
Carrow Road, Norwich.

Dear Mr. Peck,

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and all the Players at Carrow Road to wish you and all your Members of the London Branch of the Norwich City F.C. Supporters Club every success in your new venture.

We hope that the Branch will flourish and grow in numbers and the team will always welcome your support.

From: DUNCAN FORBES

Norwich City Supporters Association,
50, King Street, Norwich, NOR 1LB.

Dear Mr. Peck,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 28th September, which you handed to my Son at the Chelsea ground last Monday.

I read the contents with great interest and am personally pleased that at last a London Branch has been formed.

I shall put your letter and enclosures before my Committee at the next Meeting which is in mid-October (too late for your first Newsletter, I am afraid) - our Chairman is away in Portugal on holiday and the meeting will be held shortly after his return.

I can see no difficulties in the ratification of your Constitution which I deem to be excellent, and welcome you all to the Parent Club and may you go from strength to strength.

Once ratified, I shall apply for your Membership of the National Federation of Supporters Clubs, but this may take some time as it has to go through their Management Committee and our Division.

Until your letter I had never heard of APFSCIL but no doubt it is a very worthy body, but I would like further information if it's possible.

When I am next in London, I hope to have the pleasure of visiting your HQ and meeting the Members, and should you have a Committee Meeting during the Christmas holiday period, I will (other engagements permitting) attend it.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to put the above letter in your first Newsletter to your Members with my best wishes.

From: STANLEY SPRINGALL.

Treasurer's Report:

At the time of writing, 38 persons have paid their subscriptions and have become full Members. I have been advised by the Secretary that at least as many people again have expressed their interest and I look forward to receiving their subscriptions following receipt of the Newsletter.

Please make cheques and postal orders payable to Norwich City Football Supporters Club - London Branch and send with a S.A.E. to:-

ROBIN COPEMAN,
17, Sandown Road,
South Norwood,
SE25 4XD.

PHIL CLARK - - - - - TRAVELDESK
01-407 0050

General:

Welcome to the first 'Traveldesk' column, which will appear in every edition of the Newsletter. As Travel Secretary, my main aim will be to arrange party travel at a reasonable fare to everyone. In writing this, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to "Greg" Peck for his efforts in trying to secure a reasonable day return fare to NORWICH by train. As a result, we can now travel in a reserved coach in an otherwise crowded train for just £4 day-return (normal fare £5.30p). To some matches, we hope to travel with Supporters of Clubs affiliated to APFSCIL, who, like us, are based in London and the South. To some matches, we may try to charter a private coach, where it is not economical to travel by train. One of the main objectives of the London Branch is to have a successful Travel Club, so, if you want a great Saturday out, come and support us, and the Canaries. To travel at a £4 fare to Norwich, we need at LEAST TWENTY MEMBERS to turn up.

How to reserve your return train seat:

1. Phone me on 01-407 0050 giving details of how many seats you require (Members only, please). It is imperative that Members wishing to travel to any game outside of London should ring me on the above number at LEAST SEVEN DAYS in advance of the relevant fixture. Preferably ten days notice would be appreciated in order to make definite arrangements with British Rail or a Coach Operator.

NOTE: When ringing me, if I am not at home, please give as much information as possible to the person at this end of the line who will pass on the message to me: unfortunately, I am a shift worker!

2. Please arrive at the London Departure Terminal at LEAST TWENTY MINUTES before the train or coach is due to depart.
3. Please have your exact fare ready to hand to myself or other recognised person on the morning of travel. Do not give your money to the ticket office.

PHIL CLARK - - - - - TRAVELDESK
01-407-0050

TRAVEL INFORMATION

SAT. 25th. OCTOBER CITY HOME TO BIRMINGHAM CITY FARE £4
OUT LIVERPOOL ST. Dep. 11.30 a.m. THORPE arrive 1.25 p.m.
RETURN THORPE Dep. 5.46 p.m. LIVERPOOL ST. arr. 7.44 p.m.

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SAT. 1st. NOVEMBER CITY AWAY AT MANCHESTER UTD.
Coach travel arrangements will be made if sufficient demand is
shown. Anyone interested, please contact Travel Sec. STRAIGHTAWAY.

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SAT. 8th. NOVEMBER CITY HOME TO MIDDLESBROUGH Fare £4
OUT LIVERPOOL ST. Dep. 11.30 a.m. THORPE arrive 1.25 p.m.
RET. THORPE Dep. 5.46 p.m. LIVERPOOL ST. arrive 7.44 p.m.

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SAT. 15th. NOVEMBER CITY AWAY TO COVENTRY CITY
Coach or train travel arrangements will be made if sufficient demand is
shown. Anyone interested, please contact Travel Sec. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SAT. 22nd. NOVEMBER CITY HOME TO NEWCASTLE UNITED Fare £4
OUT LIVERPOOL ST. Dep. 11.30 a.m. THORPE arrive 1.25 p.m.
RET. THORPE Dep. 5.46 p.m. LIVERPOOL ST. arr. 7.44 p.m.

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NEWCASTLE v. NORWICH CITY at ST. JAMES PARK
BARGAIN RETURN TRAIN FARE OF £4.90 SAT. 18th. OCTOBER
SEATS STILL AVAILABLE. CONTACT TRAVEL SEC. FOR DETAILS NOW.

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FOLLOW THE CANARIES AT A SNIP
TRAVEL ON A PARTY TRIP

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY:

1. Membership:

This first newsletter is being distributed to 38 full Members together with a copy of the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting and Membership Cards to those who have not already received them.

At least another 50 copies are being sent to people who have expressed an interest in the Club, but are not yet Members. They will find enclosed application forms for Membership both of the Parent Club and the London Branch.

Please return both forms with the correct remittance to Robin COPEMAN, (Treasurer), who, in turn will pay the monies due to our Parent Body into the Club Hut at Carrow Road after each home fixture.

It is, therefore, not necessary to write to Norwich yourself.

2. Subscription:

London Branch - 90p

N.C.F.S.C. - £1.10p per annum

N.C.F.S.C. - £5.77p Life Membership

It, therefore, follows that, if you are already a Member of the Parent Club you need only send 90p. If you wish to join both Clubs on an annual basis, please send a single remittance for £2.00. If, however, you wish to become a Life Member of our Parent Club, please amend the form accordingly and send a single remittance for £6.67.

3. Social Evenings:

The first Social Evening will be held at THE NEW SAVOY TAVERN, SAVOY STREET, W.C.2. on Monday the 27th October at 7.30 p.m. All Norwich City Supporters are invited to attend and wives and girlfriends will be warmly welcomed.

Stoke City are providing a Competitive Spirit by sending along their Darts Team, so if you really can throw your 'arrows', please let me know in advance.

For the purpose of this Meeting, Colin Keatley has very kindly offered us the exclusive use of his private bar, so all of you, please, let him know how much we value his generosity and goodwill.

4. Newsletter:

I look forward to receiving your contributions, articles, and constructive criticism. The format and content of future editions is entirely in your hands - please do your best to make it a really worthwhile production.

Does any Member have the use of a duplicating machine or the ability to assist with the typing of stencils?

Any offers of assistance would be much appreciated and should be addressed to The Secretary:-

"Greg" Peck, 94, Midmoor Road, Balham, London ^{SW12} SE4 0ET.

5. Fund Raising:

The Committee have discussed several ideas to help swell our coffers and some will be evident at the Social Evening. I would ask you all to give generously wherever possible as it is imperative that we retain a healthy Bank Balance inspite of the inflationary age in which we live.

6. THE ASSOCIATION OF PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' CLUBS IN LONDON

"APFSCIL" was formed on 11th. June 1975, its founder members being Carlisle United, Derby County, Everton, Liverpool, Manchester City, Middlesbrough, Newcastle United, Stoke City and Sunderland, with Norwich City joining on August 18th.

The aims of "APFSCIL" are:-

- (a) To establish and maintain lines of communication between affiliated organisations and the media.
- (b) To promote mutual help and advice between affiliated organisations. (We can benefit from other Clubs' ideas on fundraising, newsletters, social functions etc.)
- (c) To encourage the joint sponsorship of travel arrangements, social functions and inter-membership competitions.
- (d) To establish and maintain a high standard of conduct by members of affiliated organisations.
- (e) To secure the best possible terms for travelling to football matches by the adoption of a common approach to British Rail etc. Once travel organisations realise that they are dealing with genuine, well-behaved supporters and not hooligans they will obviously be more well-disposed towards us.

7. CONCLUSION

In his introduction the Chairman calls for maximum support, and I must now emphasise the need for every member to play an active part in all our activities. Please keep all those letters pouring in and don't forget to enclose a S.A.E. if a reply is required.

"ON THE BALL".

R. W. P.

YOUR COMMITTEE - elected at the inaugural meeting at the New Savoy Tavern on September 18th. 1975.

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