

MATCH TICKETS RECEIVED 2008/2009

We are now able to confirm the final analysis of tickets received for all matches this season and are delighted to report that this is the first season ever that we have secured an allocation of tickets for each home game that was played this season.

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMPETITION	REQUIRED	REQUESTED	RECEIVED
02-AUG-08	RANGERS (A)	FRIENDLY	8	8	8
08-AUG-08	LAZIO	FRIENDLY	4	4	4
23-AUG-08	MIDDLESBROUGH	PREMIER LEAGUE	20	20	20
27-Aug-08	STANDARD LIEGE	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE Q	19	19	19
13-SEP-08	MAN UNITED	PREMIER LEAGUE	51	44	44
20-SEP-08	STOKE CITY	PREMIER LEAGUE	23	23	23
23-SEP-08	CREWE ALEX.	CARLING CUP	2	2	2
01-OCT-08	PSV EINDHOVEN	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	36	36	36
18-OCT-08	WIGAN ATH	PREMIER LEAGUE	22	22	22
29-OCT-08	PORTSMOUTH	PREMIER LEAGUE	38	38	38
04-NOV-08	ATLETICO MADRID	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	38	38	38
08-NOV-08	WEST BROM	PREMIER LEAGUE	30	30	30
22-NOV-08	FULHAM	PREMIER LEAGUE	44	44	44
26-NOV-08	MARSEILLE	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	28	38	38
01-DEC-08	WEST HAM	PREMIER LEAGUE	29	29	29
13-DEC-08	HULL CITY	PREMIER LEAGUE	32	32	32
26-DEC-08	BOLTON	PREMIER LEAGUE	4	4	4
19-JAN-09	EVERTON	PREMIER LEAGUE	42	35	35
25-JAN-09	EVERTON	FA CUP	15	15	15
01-FEB-09	CHELSEA	PREMIER LEAGUE	51	50	35
21-FEB-09	MAN CITY	PREMIER LEAGUE	68	50	35
04-MAR-09	SUNDERLAND	PREMIER LEAGUE	34	30	30
10-MAR-08	REAL MADRID	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	50	38	38
21-MAR-09	ASTON VILLA	PREMIER LEAGUE	54	50	36
08-APR-09	CHELSEA	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	47	38	38
11-APR-09	BLACKBURN	PREMIER LEAGUE	41	41	41
18-APR-09	ARSENAL	PREMIER LEAGUE	44	44	44
03-MAY-09	NEWCASTLE	PREMIER LEAGUE	43	43	43
24-MAY-09	TOTTENHAM	PREMIER LEAGUE	50	50	31
TOTALS:			967	896	852

Required: Total number of tickets that were applied for by our members

Requested: Number of tickets requested from the ticket office. We cannot request more than 50.

Received: Number of tickets received

From the analysis above, we can report that we have received 93% of all tickets requested from the ticket office and have met 88% of all ticket applications that have been received from our members.

INTERNET FORUM FOR BRANCH MEMBERS

A forum for our members to exchange views, opinions and debate what's going on has been set up and is now available for use. Please email the branch at admin@lfcdonegal.com to request the password. The forum is kindly hosted by www.irishkop.com.



LFC BRANCH FORUM – MAY 2009

Discussions having taken place at recent branch meetings and there have also been updates in previous newsletters regarding a branch forum for supporters clubs that was hosted by Liverpool FC in February. We were one of 10 branches that were invited to attend the inaugural meeting and a record of this discussion was communicated earlier and is also available from our website. One of the actions from this was to have a follow up later in the season and this took place at the Newcastle game in May.

It is the intention of LFC to hold these more regularly, rotating the branches that are in attendance to ensure equality whilst still inviting a small number of those that attended previously to ensure continuity. We were one of the branches that attended the follow up session in May and the minutes from this meeting will be available in the near future.

This meeting concentrated mainly on the demonstration of a new system that the Ticket Office will use for handling branch ticket applications. Communication has been identified as an area that could be improved with branches noting late notification as being a big problem. The new system will provide online access to each branch so they can check their status at any time.

We have previously raised the issue of the number of tickets that branches are entitled to apply for and this appears to be something that won't be changed. Our basis for raising the issue is that no consideration is given to the size of branches and number of members (e.g. smaller branches with 30-50 members have the same ticketing entitlement as branches with 300+ members). LFC feel that this will be difficult to change as there is one branch with 17000 members and applying this logic could see all tickets available to supporters clubs being sent their way!

BRANCH TRIP TO LIVERPOOL v TOTTENHAM

This trip is now fully booked and the itinerary is available from our website. It will also be circulated to all members in due course.

2008/2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held in the Ramada Hotel, Letterkenny on **Tuesday, 26th May** at 8pm. Invitations have now been issued to all members and the closing date for accepting nominations for candidates who wish to be considered for election to the committee is **Tuesday, 19th May**. This is also the closing date for accepting proposals for rule changes to the constitution.

All positions on the committee will become available on the night. Before the incoming committee are elected for the new season, the outgoing committee will present their annual reports.

LIST OF MEMBERS 2008/2009

A list of all current registered members is now available from our website. Any current member whose name does not appear on this should contact us to ensure we close this year's records with their details included. Please ensure that you check this as we've had problems in the past with people claiming to have been members during seasons when we've had no record of it. The intention with publishing the official list of registered members is to provide an accurate list of those that actually subscribed during the 2008/2009 season. This should avoid any issues with people that rejoin next season (from previous season) who will not see a renewal from 2008/2009 on their ranking report.

SEASON 2009/2010

Fixtures for the new season are scheduled for publication in mid-June and we hope to have a branch meeting ASAP after these are announced to decide which games should be set aside for group travel.

“THIS IRISH KOP”

You may remember we mentioned that a book was due to be published this year that would provide an account of some of the many stories from the trips of Irish supporters to Anfield. John Hynes, the author, wrote to all branches asking them to submit any humorous tales that would be of interest. We asked our members to let us know of any and these were all forwarded to John, who selected those that he thought were most appropriate.

The book has recently been published and is now available from the WH Smith and Amazon websites. It does contain several articles that were submitted by members of our branch.

SPECIAL SUMMER OFFER AT BRITANNIA ADELPHI HOTEL

A special rate of £85 per room per night is available to supporters clubs, including breakfast and dinner, is available at the Adelphi hotel during the months of June, July & August (subject to availability). Admission to the LFC Museum is also included in the price.

FUNDRAISING QUIZ IN AID OF HILLSBROUGH JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

We organised a table quiz on Wednesday, 22nd April in aid of the above campaign and were delighted with the turn out on the night. Proceeds on the night amounted to almost €800 and donations are still coming in from those that were unable to attend. We hope to confirm the total amount raised in the next few weeks and arrange to have a cheque presented during the weekend of the Tottenham trip. A word of thanks needs to be extended to all members that attended on the night, and also to the many non-members that supported this cause. Thanks also to Martin Orr who did a great job as quizmaster and also as researcher with the compiling of the questions that were used on the night. We had quite a few spot-prizes on the night and would like to thank Sarah Downes (Toymaster gift voucher) and Chris Dullaghan (Liverpool tracksuit top) for their kind donations. A special mention also should be reserved for Maxi Curran who went out of his way to purchase the Hillsborough t-shirts and memorabilia from the Hillsborough shop in Liverpool.

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We would encourage our members to browse the irishkop.com website, which aims to unite Liverpool supporters across the country. Some of them are attached to supporters clubs and some aren't but they take pride in their capacity in being able to help and assist each other. There are a number that try to jump on the bandwagon (e.g. looking for tickets for a big game with their first post) who quickly get regimented.

The ethos is very much a case of helping each other and the branch have acquired extra tickets for recent games as a result of building up a loyalty base on the website.

TICKET REPRINTS

In unfortunate situations where tickets have been become lost, damaged or forgotten, we have usually been able to acquire duplicates from the ticket office. However, this is something that is unlikely to be available to us in the future.

We have only needed to request these on 3 occasions this season, each of which involved a degree of difficulty. The ticket office staff have needed to request permission from their management before agreeing to our requests. The reasons for requesting duplicates are considered before agreeing to provide them.

The committee would like to stress to members that it is imperative that every care is taken with ensuring tickets do not become damaged or mislaid as it is unlikely that the channel of reprints will be available to us next season.

RULE CHANGES FOR 2009/2010

Everyone is reminded that the closing date for accepting proposals for changes to the club constitution is TUESDAY, 19th MAY 2009. Please ensure that you submit any proposals **in writing** to The Secretary (email or post is acceptable).

The outgoing committee will be submitting their own proposals for consideration, which are aimed at increasing the overall effectiveness of the branch and to also introduce additional positions on the committee to deal with increased workload and administration that is now required each season.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2009/2010

All members are entitled to nominate any other member for any of the current positions on the executive committee. The positions include Chairperson (outgoing John Doherty), Vice Chairperson (David McIlwaine), Secretary (Kevin Neely), Assistant Secretary (Clare Neely), Treasurer (Mickey Crossan) and Assistant Treasurer (Mick McGarry).

All nominations must be submitted, **in writing** to the Secretary, on or before TUESDAY, 19th MAY.

The committee do intend to submit a proposal to include additional members on the committee and details of this proposal will be available from our website during w/c Monday 10th May. We would invite proposals for these positions also, in the event that their inclusion is carried at the AGM. A list of duties and responsibilities that are associated with each role will also be included so that all members are aware of what is involved before nominations.

All proposals and nominations will be handled in accordance with club rules at the AGM.