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BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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## BRANCH TRIP TO WESTPORT



Places on this trip have been selling out quickly and a limited number of places remain. The total cost of this trip is €150, which includes transport from Letterkenny and 2 nights B\*B in [Hotel Westport](#), which is a central location in Westport town. Our branch will be participating in a soccer tournament with a number of other branches of the supporters club. The event is being hosted by the Westport branch and, as this is a social event, we are encouraging members to bring any family members that wish to travel with them.



The hotel is very close to [Westport House](#), where there are a range of activities which include bouncy castles and fun rides to entertain our younger members (not included in the price). The event has been planned around the weekend of the Bolton game (29<sup>th</sup> August) and we will join the other branches for the screening of this game.

We plan to depart from Letterkenny during the afternoon of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August (around 3pm, although we'll confirm this at a later date), returning on Sunday afternoon. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment as we already have more than 30 that will be travelling. Please visit <http://www.lfcdonegal.com/travel-info/> for further details and procedure for booking.

## NEXT BRANCH MEETINGS

Our next meeting will be held in the Ramada Hotel, Letterkenny (Glenswilly) on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm. This meeting will be the closing date for the following fixtures:

- Burnley (12<sup>th</sup> September)
- Hull City (26<sup>th</sup> September)
- Manchester United (24<sup>th</sup> October)
- Birmingham City (9<sup>th</sup> November)
- Manchester City (21<sup>st</sup> November)

Our September meeting will also be held in the Ramada Hotel on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm. The items to be discussed at each meeting will be published on our website during the week prior to the meeting.

Our next meetings in Buncrana and An Tuath Nua will take place in October, please check our website for the full meeting schedule for the entire season.

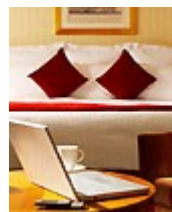
## OLSC MEMBERSHIP – “ALL RED”



We have written to all of our fan card holders with credits recorded from 08/09 to inform them that the All Red membership scheme is now open for subscriptions. Many of our fan card holders have credits from last season that will be critical to our eligibility for tickets next season, particularly for Category A league games and all of the cup competitions.

Therefore, it is important that the branch retain access to as many of these fan cards as possible to avoid having last season's allocations reduced (e.g. we have 38 fan cards with last season's CL games). The branch has therefore offered to subsidise branch membership for those that join the branch as well as the All Red membership scheme. Fan card holders have been provided with the instructions for joining the All Red scheme, should they wish to subscribe. The onus will be on the fan card holder to apply for All Red membership, which is separate to branch membership. Anyone that has any problems or questions should contact the branch for assistance.

## BRANCH TRIPS 2009/2010



Details of our trips to Manchester City (21-Nov) and Everton (5-Feb) are now available from <http://www.lfcdonegal.com/travel-info/> and places are starting to fill quickly on both, particularly Man. City. A guide price of £300 has been declared and this includes 2 nights in the Marriott City Centre Hotel (4 star), return flights from Belfast (or Derry), match ticket and all coach transfers.

We are now starting to consider other trips that will be organised in addition to these, and details will be announced in due course on our website. The games that are currently being considered are Manchester United (October 24<sup>th</sup>) and West Ham United (April 17<sup>th</sup>).

## CLOSING DATES FOR MATCH TICKET APPLICATIONS / TICKET PRICES



LFC have confirmed that branches will receive their ticket allocations in 2 stages this season:

- Confirmation in **July** for all fixtures up to and including Wolves (26-Dec)
- Confirmation in **December** for all fixtures up to and including Chelsea (1-May)

As we will be aware of all ticket allocations in advance, we intend to provide members with much earlier notification regarding the success of their applications. To do this, we will require our members to submit their applications sooner than in previous seasons and are therefore now providing notice of closing dates for all games this season:

FIXTURE DATE (+)	OPPOSITION	COMPETITION	TICKET PRICE	CLOSING DATE (*)	COMMENTS
19-Aug-09	STOKE CITY	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>07-Jul-09</b>	MIDWEEK
24-Aug-09	ASTON VILLA	PREMIER LEAGUE	£42	<b>07-Jul-09</b>	
12-Sep-09	BURNLEY	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>11-Aug-09</b>	
26-Sep-09	HULL CITY	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>11-Aug-09</b>	
25-Oct-09	MAN UNITED	PREMIER LEAGUE	£42	<b>11-Aug-09</b>	POSSIBLE TRIP
09-Nov-09	BIRMINGHAM	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>11-Aug-09</b>	
21-Nov-09	MAN CITY	PREMIER LEAGUE	£42	<b>11-Aug-09</b>	BRANCH TRIP
12-Dec-09	ARSENAL	PREMIER LEAGUE	£42	<b>01-Sep-09</b>	POSSIBLE TRIP
16-Dec-09	WIGAN	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>04-Sep-09</b>	MIDWEEK
26-Dec-09	WOLVES	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>15-Sep-09</b>	
09-Jan-10	TOTTENHAM	PREMIER LEAGUE	£42	<b>29-Sep-09</b>	
30-Jan-10	BOLTON	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>20-Oct-09</b>	
06-Feb-10	EVERTON	PREMIER LEAGUE	£42	<b>27-Oct-09</b>	BRANCH TRIP
27-Feb-10	BLACKBURN	PREMIER LEAGUE	£42	<b>17-Nov-09</b>	CARLING CUP FINAL
13-Mar-10	PORTSMOUTH	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>01-Dec-09</b>	POSSIBLE TRIP
27-Mar-10	SUNDERLAND	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>15-Dec-09</b>	
11-Apr-10	FULHAM	PREMIER LEAGUE	£40	<b>29-Dec-09</b>	FA CUP SF / GRAND NATIONAL
17-Apr-10	WEST HAM	PREMIER LEAGUE	£42	<b>05-Jan-10</b>	BRANCH TRIP
01-May-10	CHELSEA	PREMIER LEAGUE	£42	<b>19-Jan-10</b>	

We would also advise that a single ticket price will apply for all games this season (Cat A: £42, Cat B: £40), which is regardless of which seat members have been allocated or whether or not their ticket is restricted view. Reasons for this are:

- A levy (as discussed at branch meetings) will now be applied to all ticket applications. This levy will be used to subsidise branch memberships for all fan card holders that subscribe to the All Red membership scheme (which will provide the branch with greater access to additional tickets via membership)
- Admin Fee (£3) has now been abolished
- Easier administration of member accounts with less ticket prices to handle

## FANTASY FOOTBALL

Our Fantasy Football competition will be launched very soon and full details, including joining instructions, will be published on our website. Who will win the first LFC Donegal Fantasy League Title?