

London Owls Newsletter

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Football is Back !!!

It can't have escaped your notice that finally football is back on Saturday!

After three months of hitting the F5 key in the futile search for news of our latest signing the waiting game is finally over and we'll have some real football to talk about again.



London Owls will be arranging travel to the cathedral of English Football (a.k.a. Hillsborough) for all of our home league games in August:

- 6th – Rochdale
- 20th – Notts County
- 27th – Scunthorpe

Bookings are now closed for the Rochdale opener and deadlines are August 9th for County and the 15th for Scunthorpe. The fares for each of these will be £32 return and we will be travelling on the 09.55 and 18.27 services. Please contact Ian Colley - londonowls.travel@googlemail.com - if you want to get involved.



Central London Meet Up

He may be head of an evil global empire and have recently been splattered by a custard pie, but thanks to Rupert Murdoch we get to watch our beloved Wednesday on TV, even down here in "that London".

We will be getting together in Central London on August 11th to watch the televised League Cup first round tie versus Blackpool. The venue is Mabel's Tavern, 9 Mabelton Place, WC1H 9AZ (five mins walk from either Euston or St Pancras tube stations) from 7.00 - 10.30pm.

Please email paul_woolfson@yahoo.co.uk to confirm attendance or go on to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=185998058121296



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Got a story to tell?

We're always on the lookout for new stories for the newsletter. If you have any contributions no matter how big or small please email mattkelcher@gmail.com and they will be included in a future newsletter.

Latest News

You do the maths

Gary Megson (right) has released the team's squad numbers for the new season. All attention has been on the missing numbers 8, 9, 10 which many have taken as a none-too-subtle hint that three more attack minded players are on the way.



But what is behind Megson choice of numbers? Nicky Weaver has retained the number 1 jersey, but everyone else finds themselves with a new number. Is this a physiological ploy by Megson to show everyone that they start with a clean slate for the season? Or being the old school manager he is has Meggo just doled out the numbers and told the players to get on with it? You do the maths!

Forward thinking

Hopefully by the time you're reading this our long running hunt for a striker to partner Gary "Goal Machine" Madine will be over.



Megson has been frustrated in his attempts to sign several of his first choice targets. Neil Mellor's wages seem to have been a stumbling block, Chris O'Grady turned us down for mysterious reasons, Norwich's valuation of Cody McDonald was labelled as "brainless" and now attention seems to have turned to Rotherham's Adam Le Fondre (left).

Le Fondre has an incredible scoring record in League Two hitting more than 20 goals in each of his last four seasons. Despite this bigger clubs have been reluctant to make a bid for the hitman dubbed "Alf". Could Wednesday land the bargain of the new century or have other manager's been put off by a hidden flaw in Le Fondre's game?

Historic Sponsorship Deal

The Owls and Blunts have forged a twin-sponsorship agreement, the first in English football, where the shirts will carry the names of the same two sponsors. Motor dealership Gilder Group VW will appear on Wednesday's home shirt and United's away shirt, while Westfield Health will be on United's home shirt and Wednesday's away kit.



Both clubs clearly believe the "Supporting Sheffield" deal – with its six figure sum – makes sound financial sense, and a similar arrangement has worked between Celtic and Rangers in the past. However, some fans fear the dreaded "m word" – merger – is lurking behind the deal. Only time will tell.

Stick to the Party Line!

Texts, tweets and emails bombarded Wednesdayites last Sunday as news broke that a SWFC XI had been smashed 14-0 by lowly Alfreton Town. The incredible game included three separate hat-tricks by Alfreton players.

But remember the party line: it was our kids versus their senior team and will mean nothing when the real season kicks off. We hope.

Time to renew

Membership renewals are now due, and we hope as many of you as possible are able to support us and help make this season a successful one on and off the pitch. Membership rates are **£5** for adults, **£10** for families and **£2** for Students/Over 60s. Email for more info or send a cheque to our PO Box address.



Richard O'Donnell

London Owls are the proud sponsors of Richard O'Donnell for the forthcoming season.

The local lad broke into the first team at the end of last season and made 9 appearances, and in the process firmly established himself as a first teamer and rival to Nick Weaver's claims to the number one spot. Richard will wear the number 23 shirt for the 2011/2012 season.