



## IPSWICH TOWN F C SUPPORTERS CLUB BURY ST EDMUNDS BRANCH NEWSLETTER

### 2008/2009 SEASON – NEWSLETTER No.1 – July 2008

The committee hopes you all have enjoyed a good summer and are looking forward to joining us for the 2008/2009 season – a season which promises to be very exciting for Ipswich Town. Let's hope we see our good recent home form continue, and the away form improve significantly.

The Bury St Edmunds Branch held its **AGM** on Tuesday 15th July 2008, followed by its first committee meeting of the new season. One branch member was voted onto the committee for the 2008/9 season, that being Di Dingley who was duly elected after being proposed by Nigel Cole and seconded by Jean Walker. We all welcomed Di onto our committee and we hope she enjoys being part of a fine team!

All other committee members were elected back onto the committee for 2008/9, on-block. The meeting was followed by the first committee meeting for the 2008/9 season, and then a celebration of our Chairman Jack Last's birthday with a few slices of cake!

**Coach Fares** - Due to the massive rise in fuel costs and general running costs, we have had to raise the coach fares for the 2008/9 season, the first increase for over 4 years. Cutting's Coaches have been very kind by only passing on necessary costs in our fees for this season, for which we thank Roger and Wendy very much. The committee acknowledges the necessity in their rise in coach fees due to the rises previously mentioned - they are unavoidable unfortunately.

At this AGM we carefully scrutinised the accounts for the past season, and based on predicted coach attendance numbers and the new cost price for the coach we have set the fares for the new season as £5.50 for Adults, and £5.00 for concessions. This is a £1.00 increase on the past 4 seasons.

We believe that this increase is very reasonable based on running costs increases, and the new fares are very favourable fare in comparison to other methods of travel to and from Ipswich including parking etc.

We do hope that our current members and new members understand the need for this increase. We still expect to have to dip into branch funds slightly in order to run our service at these fees.

If we were to leave the fares at their current level our calculations showed that the branch funds would run totally dry within two and a half seasons.

We have however kept the one-off membership fee per season, and also the cost of one go on the raffle card on the coaches, exactly the same as last season.

**Cutting's Coaches** continue to provide coaches at VERY reasonable prices, with a very reliable and friendly service. Roger and Wendy of Cutting's Coaches are very much appreciated by our branch.

Jack thanked all committee members for their hard work throughout last season, and the committee thanked Jack for his hard work and for keeping us all in order!

**The branch accounts** were examined by all committee members at the meeting, and are available for viewing if required by contacting Nigel Cole.

The branch made a small loss during the 2007/08 season as it did during the previous season. We do have some savings in the branch account which we can dip in to, however we are having to manage these funds **very** carefully as each season passes and we do continue to rely on our members' superb support of our coach to remain in existence.

The committee is **EXTREMELY** grateful to all members of the branch for their continued support of the coach travel - we are very proud that we are able to provide very reasonably priced travel to and from Portman Road for many people.

### **Coach**

To book your seat on the coach to a Home match, please `phone **Gloria Palfrey on Bury 704392**, or if you are a regular traveller on our coach Gloria takes bookings for forthcoming matches on each coach.

Obviously due to work commitments, Gloria is available by 'phone only at certain times, so please endeavour to book future match coach seats with her in advance where possible.

**Here are details of the times to contact Gloria please;**

Mondays and Tuesdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Wednesdays: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursdays: 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Fridays: 5.00pm - 10.00pm

Please try to avoid 'phoning at weekend where possible. Thanks for your understanding.

**Coach Fares**

The coach fares for the full trip to and from Sir Alf Ramsey Way in Ipswich for 2008/9 season are as follows:

**£5.50 for Adults**

**£5.00 for OAP's, Juniors, Students, and JS40 Card Holders.**

- OAP's: Members aged over 60 on 01/08/08
- Juniors: Members aged under 16 on 01/08/08
- Students: Members in full time education providing a letter from school or college giving confirmation
- JS40 Card Holders: Must produce their JS40 card

We will be running one coach to every home league and cup match as usual. There will be the usual coach raffle card on each journey – 50 pence per go, with the prize being half the raffle card takings.

**Coach Departure times**

<b>Location</b>	<b>3.00pm K.O</b>	<b>7.45pm K.O</b>
Horringer Church	12.50	5.50
Hardwick Lane	12.55	5.55
Priors Pub	1.00	6.00
Minden Rose Pub	1.05	6.05
Greengage Pub	1.08	6.08
Tollgate Pub	1.10	6.10
Railway Station Bridge	1.15	6.15

<b>Location</b>	<b>5.20pm K.O</b>	<b>12.45pm K.O</b>
Horringer Church	3.10	10.35
Hardwick Lane	3.15	10.40
Priors Pub	3.20	10.45
Minden Rose Pub	3.25	10.50
Greengage Pub	3.28	10.53
Tollgate Pub	3.30	10.55
Railway Station Bridge	3.35	11.00

For matches with an unusual kick-off time, please always carefully check the departure time when booking your seat.

## **Football Coach Travel - Rules and Regulations**

1. Alcohol in any form is not allowed to enter the coach (governed by the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) Act 1985).
2. Persons under the influence of Drugs / Alcohol will not be permitted to board the coach.
3. Persistent use of bad language, or threatening behaviour, will result in cancellation of membership and a ban on our coach travel.
4. Items which may be considered as dangerous will not be permitted to board the coach.

## **Membership**

Please contact Jean to renew your membership for the 2008/9 season or to join our branch for the first time.

The one-off per season membership fees for the 2008/9 season remain unchanged from last season:

### **£3.00 for Adults**

### **£2.00 for OAP's, Juniors, Students, and JS40 Card Holders.**

- OAP's: Members aged over 60 on 01/08/08
- Juniors: Members aged under 16 on 01/08/08
- Students: Members in full time education providing a letter from school or college giving confirmation
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## **Bury St Edmunds branch website**

The Bury St Edmunds Branch Website can be found on;  
[www.ifcsupportersburybranch.co.uk](http://www.ifcsupportersburybranch.co.uk)

## **Home coach Player of the Season**

On the journey home from every ITFC home match, our branch members travelling on the coach are invited to vote for their player of the match.

David Broomfield keeps records of all votes cast during the season, and we publish up to date standings every couple of months. Branch members Zach Ward and Jacob Ward very kindly collect the votes on the coach, for which the committee are hugely grateful. Soon into each new season, members are invited to predict which player will receive the most votes during the season.

**THE BURY ST EDMUNDS BRANCH HOME PLAYER OF THE SEASON FOR 2007/2008 SEASON  
WAS: JONATHAN WALTERS.**

1<sup>st</sup>..... Jonathan Walters, 209 votes

2<sup>nd</sup>.... Pablo Counago, 142 votes

3<sup>rd</sup>..... Sito, 122 votes

The winner of our branch member competition for 2007/8 was Richard Pope who correctly predicted at the start of the season that Jonathan Walters would be the Bury St Edmunds Branch home match player of the season and he was picked out in the draw of all people who predicted Jonathan Walters

Here is a full list of total votes cast for each player;

Walters 209, Counago 142, Sito 122, De Vos 106, Haynes 68, Garvan 67, Alexander 64, Bruce 42, Harding 35, Lee 34, Quinn 27, Wright 21, Wilnis 19, Sumilikoski 18, Rhodes 18, Miller 11, Williams 9, Clarke 7, Trotter 7, Simpson 6, Bywater 5, Naylor 4, Legwinski 3, Roberts 1.

We will be running the same voting system and competition in the new 2008/9 season. Details will follow shortly.

**The Bury St Edmunds Branch Committee for 2008/9 season is as follows:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	Jack Last	01284 702334
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Nigel Cole	01284 766103
<b>Secretary</b>	Nigel Cole	01284 766103
<b>Treasurer</b>	Al Garza	01284 762294
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Jean Walker	01284 766103
<b>Coach Organiser</b>	Gloria Palfrey	01284 704392
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Di Dingley	contact Nigel Cole
<b>Website Editor</b>	Nigel Cole	01284 766103
<b>Player of the Season</b>	David Broomfield	contact Nigel Cole
<b>Minutes Secretary</b>	Nigel Cole	01284 766103
<b>Branch Representative</b>	Jack Last	01284 702334
<b>Committee Member</b>	Eric Crane	contact Nigel Cole
<b>Committee Member</b>	Derek Piper	contact Nigel Cole