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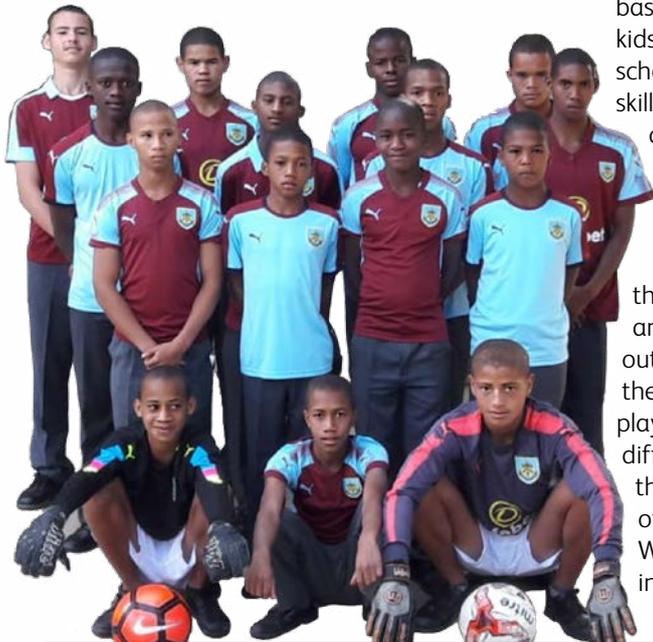
A useful piece of kit: donations to the other Turf Moor

Trust members may recall that the Club have donated stock of football kit left at the end of season to the Trust to redistribute, with kit being sent out to South Africa on several occasions. It's been tricky getting stuff shipped out there in the

last couple of years, and we were delighted to make some new contacts this year with people who could take several boxes of kit over.

One of the projects that has benefited in the past from this kit is the Ottery Project, which is based in Cape Town. The project works with street kids and young boys who may have offended, schooling them and equipping them with life skills, taking them out of gangs and setting them on a path towards a better future. They have recently moved to new premises where they now have a 5-a-side football pitch which they have named Turf Moor.

The new (old) kit arrived just in time as they had been having to improvise on socks and shorts as all the kit last sent had worn out. We hope to get more kit to South Africa in the coming months – so many teams have to play with one team shirtless as the only way to differentiate as they simply cannot afford to buy the kit. We are also looking at linking up with other projects including Furniture Education Worldwide to send kit to other youth projects in the developing world.



The runaway challenge

Many of you will already be aware that during the current 2018/2019 season Scott Cunliffe is attempting to run 3000 miles to watch every Burnley away game. Scott hopes his efforts will raise at least £10,000 for community-based initiatives that promote mental and physical wellbeing for disadvantaged people across Britain.

Scott is keen to meet up with local fans before/ after away games and accommodation, food, and friendly support along his way would be welcomed.

The Trust wishes Scott good luck as he continues with this!

To support him go to: therunawaychallenge.org



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Chairman's statement

The way ahead

This season started off with great hope. Having finished in 7th spot last season the team qualified for a place in Europe for the first time since the 1960s. Games in Istanbul and Athens following our first round qualification against Aberdeen were obviously great days for the Club and will live in the memory of fans for many years.

Getting back to Premier League action has not been as easy – indeed after 14 games it is by far our worst start in the Premier League. Sean Dyche accepts that our signings during the transfer window were not all that we might have wished. Sean very much knows which players he is both willing and wants to sign. Assuming we can agree a price, there is then the difficulty of agreeing terms with the player concerned. That is often the biggest problem as players (and their agents) sometimes press for terms that cannot be agreed. That is, terms and salaries that would cause friction with our existing squad. We now have Mike Rigg as Technical Director and hopefully he will be able to play a useful and positive role in this task.

December clearly is a tough month for the Clarets with some difficult games – and we clearly need some points if we are to remain in the race. We start the New Year with a home FA Cup tie against Barnsley –

our first home tie at this stage of the cup for a few years. While the FA Cup always provides excitement it no longer has the same appeal it once had. The money in the Premier League has become so crucial for the clubs to fight to retain their status. With six or so of the wealthiest clubs having no real threat of relegation it means that three of the other 14 always have relegation as a possible outcome to the season. Even with

European games will live in the memory for years

parachute payments the impact is massive and if you look at the Championship there are a bunch of strong clubs fighting to get up, so promotion is not an easy task.

It will soon be January and the transfer window will open again. We will get all the rumours as to who is going and who we are looking at, some of them with no basis of truth whatsoever. Let us wish Sean Dyche well in the hunt to strengthen our team and wish the team well in the weeks ahead – it would be great to see us maintain our place in the Premier League for another season.

Come on Burnley – up the Clarets!

Peter Pike
Chair, Clarets Trust

JIMMY McILROY 1931–2018



The Clarets Trust was very sorry to hear of the sad death of Jimmy McIlroy. Jimmy was an Honorary Member of the Trust, President of Burnley Football Club and a Freeman of the Borough of Burnley.

Jimmy was probably the greatest player in a star-studded Burnley team of the 1960s. All of us who were privileged to see that great team of will never forget the performances of Jimmy.

He was a modest and most likeable man who continued to live and be very much part of Burnley.

His memory and personality will live on at Turf Moor for ever – a great player and a great man.

Clarets Trust in the fanzone

We are delighted to be sharing a unit with BFC in the Community in the Fanzone at Turf Moor ahead of all home games. Come and have a chat with us. It's the perfect opportunity to discuss issues that we can raise with the Club on your behalf. As the largest Shareholder not on the Board, we represent the small shareholders and Trust members alike.



Thanks to the Board members who have covered the matches so far.

You don't have to be on the Board to get more involved in the Trust. We are looking to organise a couple of events next year as part of our revitalisation. We would welcome volunteers for these! Look out for more news on our Facebook page or in matchday programmes.

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NO to golden handshakes

The Premier League have agreed to give Richard Scudamore a £5million golden handshake on his retirement as CEO of the Premier League. Each Club is being asked to pay £250k.

He may well have done a good job for the Premier League but some would argue not for football as a whole. He has, however, been well paid for this work.

This golden Hhndshake clearly has met with fierce disapproval from football fans and the Clarets Trust says NO.

Many supporters' groups also have criticised this golden handshake.

Money money money
Premier League clubs met



Loyal supporters continue to be inconvenienced

in November to agree the outgoing CEOs 'golden handshake', which is likely to be worth £5m according to reports.

The Football Supporters' Federation sent the following statement to journalists at the time: 'Premier League clubs

have always told fan groups that budgets are planned in advance and there's not a surplus of cash lying around from their extremely lucrative TV deal.

'In the meantime loyal football supporters continue to be inconvenienced by fixture changes to fit TV schedules, often losing out on travel costs or struggling to get to and from games in the first place.

'Now it appears clubs can stick their hands down the back of the sofa and find £250,000 at a moment's notice.

'Fans strongly oppose the "golden handshake" and we urge clubs not to make a decision which is hugely unpopular with supporters.'

NO to European Super League

The Clarets Trust share and support views against a European Super League. The Trust believes that moves in this direction would be wrong for football in England.

The UK government believes football fans would oppose the European Super League plan. A breakaway European Super League would harm the culture of English football, says a senior UK government source. The UK government would oppose any such league.

German publication *Der Spiegel* has alleged top European clubs held secret talks to create such a league in 2021. The newspaper says leaked documents reveal clubs discussed leaving their national leagues and football associations.

According to the source, the government was unaware of any talks between the

continents' top clubs until *Der Spiegel's* claims emerged. It is also thought the Premier League was not aware of any discussions. However, it would not be possible to prevent the clubs proceeding with such a plan, according to the source, who believes football fans would oppose the move.

Football Supporters' Federation chair Malcolm Clarke said: 'Yet again there is a far-reaching proposal being drawn up by big clubs whose primary interest is making as much money as possible without any consultation with fans at club, national or European level. Without fans, those clubs are nothing.'

'We challenge the five English clubs reported to be involved to properly consult their own supporters and the FSF. We think fans will reject the idea but there is only one way to find out: ask them.'

Der Spiegel listed Real Madrid, AC Milan, Arsenal, Barcelona, Bayern Munich, Juventus and Manchester United as the seven clubs pushing the idea forward but suggested that others, including, Chelsea, Manchester City and Liverpool would enjoy protected status and not face relegation.

Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich have denied the allegations while Manchester United declined to comment. BBC Sport has contacted the other five 'founder' clubs for a response.

The Association of European Professional Football Leagues, which represents 32 leagues, including England, France, Spain, Germany and Italy, said it had 'consistently voiced its strong opposition to the creation of any "closed and franchised style" Super League'.

NEWS ROUND-UP

PL Chief Executive of the Year



The Clarets Trust congratulates David Baldwin on winning this award – he has clearly done a great job at Turf Moor over the last few years. The Trust wish him well in the next stage. David said he was humbled by the award and paid tribute to the whole staff who work behind the scenes to make the Club the best it can be. He promised the Club would always do its best for fans.

Board changes

The Trust thanks John Trippier and Mike Benyon who have stepped down from the Board.

John was Secretary and Board member for several years: he's not ruled out a return and would be welcome back at a future date. Mike served as Treasurer for many years, and his no-nonsense approach has helped steer the Trust forward. We understand Mike is trying to cut back on his commitments and we wish him well in his retirement.

Liam Hallinan has taken on the role of Secretary, and Nigel Cotterill is the new Treasurer .

How to join the Clarets Trust and how we can work on your behalf

If you want to raise any concerns about the Club we can act on your behalf and pursue your issues. We meet regularly with the Club's Supporter Liaison Officer and other Club officials, and we are in regular contact.

You can contact us via email, phone, or our Facebook page – using the contact details set out below. You can also find us before home games at the rear of the Fanzone, where we are sharing a merch stand with Burnley FC in the Community. If you haven't joined the Trust yet, you can contact us to join via the details below.

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Two become one

At their AGMs this year both the Football Supporters Federation, and Supporters Direct voted to merge and form a unified supporters organisation. Supporters Direct has helped fans establish over 185 Supporters Trusts, and worked with fans to purchase and develop more than 50 community owned clubs. There has been talk of merging for a few years, and with a change in Supporters Direct's funding due, the time was seen to be right to proceed.

Both SD and the FSF receive the majority of their funding from the Premier League Fans Fund (PL Fans Fund), a fund which is wholly funded by the Premier League..

The outcome of a study encouraged the Fans Fund panel to suggest that a move to a single national supporters' organisation might benefit all. It believed that a single organisation could lead to: less duplication

and better value for money; greater efficiency, creating sustainability and longevity; a stronger collective voice; and the continuation of both organisations' missions, with skills, expertise and knowledge retained

The PL Fans Fund has stated that any funding for a new organisation will be commission-led – needing to deliver outcomes that have been formally agreed with the PL Fans Fund Panel.

For details of the EGM, new appointments and the mission statement, see www.fsf.org.uk/about-us/

We anticipate becoming Founder Members of this new organisation and look forward to working with supporters trusts, clubs and individuals in an inclusive manner to drive positive change in football through supporter engagement at every level.



PLAYERS COME TOGETHER FOR LENNY

Player favourites from Burnley and Swansea City put their boots on again for a game recently held at Bamber Bridge to support former team-mate Lenny Johnrose. In March 2017, Johnrose, 48, was diagnosed with Motor

Neurone Disease – a condition that affects the nerves in the brain and spinal cord and which currently has no cure. Lenny was a great favourite with the fans during his time at Turf Moor and the Trust wish him well.

Burnley FC's Disabled Supporters Association

The Clarets Trust has welcomed the formation of the Burnley Football Club Official Disabled Supporters Association, which has been formally recognised by the Club. We are delighted that Trust Board member Chris Johnson has been elected as the Disability Supporters Ambassador. The other appointed representatives are: Chair: Simon Townley; Vice Chair: Kevin Holden. Nigel Cotterill is Treasurer elect. They

are looking for a Secretary, so if anyone would like to be considered please contact Chris on 07876 330333. (Please note, all the committee positions are, of course, voluntary.) You can also contact Chris if you are interested in joining the association. Our mission is to make Burnley Football Club the best match day experience for both home and away supporters in the Premier League.