

Over & Over



Heriot-Watt and Edinburgh Universities Celtic Supporters Club

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Our Pre-Season Boost

The New Season Issue:

Ticket and Bus Information, Social Calendar,
Suzanne Vega gig, Scurrilous Gossip,
and lorryloads more...

Hello & Welcome

As I write this, I'm listening to Christy Moore's wonderful version of Jackson Browne's *Before the Deluge*. And, yes, it's pissing down outside.

Although it's a song about our increasingly damaged environment, it's opening lyrics describe perfectly this early season excitement of HWEUCSC:

*Some of them were dreamers
And some of them were fools
Who were making plans and thinking of the future.*

So, if you're a dreamer or a fool, I hope you have another great season following our beloved Hoops. Here's to a another happy one!

Ernesto



Casa Alianza News

HWEUCSC at Suzanne Vega gig

American singer songwriter Suzanne Vega has been a long-standing supporter of HWEUCSC's adopted cause, Casa Alianza. Suzanne is currently on her World Tour to promote her new album *Beauty and Crime*. At each UK venue of her tour, Casa Alianza has had an information table and has taken a collection. Suzanne has kindly agreed that 100% of the proceeds from the collections will go to Casa Alianza Nicaragua to help fund a cultural arts and activities programme for street children that Casa Alianza UK is funding.

The tour visited the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh on June 29th. Four HWEUCSC members helped to staff the stall and undertook the collection along with Fred Shortland, Chief Executive of Casa Alianza UK. Fred has been in touch to thank Louise Adamson, Ian Bettison, Ian Chambers and Niall Hickey. Our four volunteers helped Casa get over £1000 on the night, and also met Suzanne after the gig. Despite the trauma of meeting our President, Suzanne has vowed to continue her world tour.

Well done guys – a credit to Casa and HWEUCSC.

Casa supported in school project

Our very own Paul Hunter, who chairs the Archdiocese of Edinburgh's Catholic Head Teachers Association proposed that Casa Alianza be the chosen project for a year's activities in primary schools focusing on the poor and hungry. The year will also feature a specially dedicated Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. More from Paul in the next issue.

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Ayudando a los más indefensos...



Club News

Vacancy: Club Secretary

After a year or so of sterling devotion to all things administrative, our Club Secretary Mike McKearney has decided to call it a day. That means that we have a vacancy for this important role on the Committee. The role itself has three main responsibilities: firstly, keeping a record of meetings; secondly, keeping all the constitutional jiggery-pokery of the Club in order (no, I don't know either); and thirdly, keeping our membership records in order. If this prospect has you salivating, then please speak to another Committee member.

Although the post can't officially be filled until the next General Meeting in October, we would be keen on encouraging anyone to fill the post, or indeed simply coming along to help the Committee. We always need new blood, so all welcome.

Vacancy: Newsletter Editor

While we're on the subject of vacancies, the post of Editor of this esteemed organ remains available. Please contact a Committee member or use our email address if you want to give it a try.

Vacancies: University Reps / Teams

We are also looking for student members to help maintain the Club's profile and activities throughout the three University campuses. This will simply involve liaising with student bodies, and perhaps working out the best way of ensuring publicity for the Club (such as through student newspapers). We think that this will work better if we can count on more than one poor individual, so we're keen on developing "teams" of reps for each University. If you're interested, or have any ideas for yourself, then speak to a Committee member.

Club Summit

We will be holding a Club Summit sometime during October. This is an opportunity for you to come along and offer your thoughts on different aspects of running the Club. It is designed to be a bit less formal and more relaxed than a General Meeting thus allowing wider consideration and exploration of issues. So, if you have any thoughts on how to develop our unique Supporters Club, however radical or downright barmy they may seem, then come along to the Summit and join in our discussions.

Bus Fares

The Committee has agreed that bus fares to Celtic Park will remain at £8, non members £10, students/unwaged £5, kids £3.

Club Social Calendar

We are bringing together a "social calendar" which will set out the various Club activities over the year. Here is the first set of provisional dates for the calendar. More details will follow in future newsletters, e-mailings and on the website.

Paintball and night out

September 2007

A chance to finally fulfil that fatwa that you've declared against that bastard who spilled your pint. Please note that any genuine AK47s or rocket launchers will need to be left at home. Hopefully, if this is a success, it will all end in tears.

Casino Night

30 November

A spectacularly irresponsible idea to bring out the hidden (or not-so-hidden) gambler in all of us. A good chance to dig out that white tuxedo, grease back the hair, order a Dry Martini, and raise some money for the Club and its causes into the bargain. Sleazy music will be provided.

Football Tournament (5 a side)

Late January 2008

A repeat of our successful venture two years ago when we brought together a host of other supporters clubs for a kickaround and a good laugh (and that was just watching Paul Hunter's mazy dribbles...)

Tommy Burns Supper

February or March 2008

The date of our 22nd annual jamboree will be confirmed shortly. Tickets will be available from late Autumn with a view to shifting them as quickly as possible. As always, members get the highest priority for tickets. See the next *Over & Over* for details.

Race Night

Late April 2008

Given that our Casino Night earlier in the year will have sparked that long-hidden John McCririck in you, what better way to practice your new passion than a Race Night? This will most likely be held with our friends in the Brother Walfrid CSC, but watch this space.



Comedian

LOOKALIKES

No.565: Gary Reilly & Matt Lucas

I'm sure I'll get a punch in the face for this one, but isn't it uncanny? Please note that the image of Gary's lookalike used here is purely coincidental and is no way linked in any way to Gary's vast collection of "special interest magazines".



Another comedian

2007-08 SEASON TICKET, BUS BOOKING & CUP TICKET BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Ticket Convenor Nick Wood provides instructions on all things important...

The spreadsheet overleaf clarifies for season ticket holders that apply with the club for tickets, the procedures regarding bus booking and home cup games for next season.

Bus Booking (BUS)

If next to your name it says:

YES – You are booked on the bus for every home game, if you can't make it, you must cancel by previous Tuesday for a weekend game or by previous Saturday for a midweek game. If you fail to show up, you will have to pay a fine of £8.

NO – You must phone, text or email me to book a seat following the deadlines above. It is essential to know this when running one bus, failure to book will mean you may not get a seat if full.

Home Cup Matches (CUP)

If next to your name it says:

CLUB – For CIS, Scottish Cup matches and the **Champions League Qualifier in August**, you will be asked via text or e-mail if you want a ticket for that particular game.

DD – You're receiving your tickets by direct debit or are responsible for getting your own home cup tickets

Domestic Away Games

Celtic no longer accepts supporters club applications. HWEUCSC has 23 people applying for a total of 108 tickets for every game. Offer letters are sent by Celtic to these people who hand the tickets into the club to distribute. There is always extremely high demand for Aberdeen, Inverness, Hearts, Hibs, Rangers and Falkirk, so will be less tickets available for these games due to

low allocations. Tickets are always available for the rest, the more we take for these games the better.

Champions League Group (if we qualify)

All season ticket holders must apply themselves for their Champions League Packages by completing the form which will be sent by Celtic. The only exceptions are those that appear in bold italics on the spreadsheet as they do not hold a season book in their own name. These will be applied for by the club on their behalf.

European Away Games

Celtic does not accept supporters club applications. This is done purely on an individual basis as you will have seen on season book renewal form. If you are allocated a ticket for an away game in Europe you will be contacted by the ticket office, please accept it even if you can't go as I will buy it for the club and it increases your chances of being offered again in the future for a game you can go to.

Deadlines

The deadline for all matches next season is 2 weeks in advance. If you cancel less than 5 days before you will be liable for the cost of the ticket. This is in accordance with deadlines set by Celtic, so that if we need extra tickets, we are at the front of the queue to get them. I expect home tickets will be easy to come by this season.

If you want to change the way you are categorised for bus seats or home cup matches or wish to be added to the club's list or have any queries, please let me know by 5 August by phone or email.

We send out regular emails regarding tickets and currently have around 70 on our list. If you would like to be added to this please email **nickwood1974@hotmail.com** as is cheaper than by text and I can tell you more!



We Should Be Told *The O&O Gossip Column*

The first in an occasional series of scurrilous tat concerning an unfortunate member of HWEUCSC.

Two fellow members Messrs McQuade and Collie, heading to T in the Park, were in text contact with a couple of HWEUCSC stalwarts who were making their way there from Edinburgh. One of those stalwarts inadvertently sent me the following text:

"Oh for fux sake, honest opinion of that bird last nite? She phoned me for 2 hours"

When Paul responded advising that was an especially interesting - and surprising - text to receive said stalwart responded *"F**k! That wasn't meant 4 u!"*

We should be told....

SEASON TICKET, BUS BOOKING & CUP TICKET BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

<u>BUS</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>BUS</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>BUS</u>	<u>CUP</u>
Aaron Stirling	Yes	DD	Sean Morgan	Yes	Club
Alex Demianczuk	Yes	DD	Brendan McGeever....	Yes	Club
Ann Marie Kwiecinski....	Yes	DD	Chris Greeney.....	Yes	Club
Charlie Boyce /			David Lapping.....	Yes	Club
Pat Boyce.....	Yes	DD	Ian Bettison	Yes	Club
Colin Whyte.....	Yes	DD	James Simpson.....	Yes	Club
David Clark	Yes	DD	Lisa Smith.....	Yes	Club
Dorrie Boyle	Yes	DD	Mark Lisowski	Yes	Club
Harry Deane.....	Yes	DD	Mark Sheffield.....	Yes	Club
Helena O'neil	Yes	DD	Niall Hickey	Yes	Club
Henry Adam.....	Yes	DD	Nick O'Neill.....	Yes	Club
Holly Buchanan.....	Yes	DD	Pamela McGovern....	Yes	Club
John Lennon	Yes	DD	Patrick Kelliher	Yes	Club
John Paul Mason	Yes	DD	Patrick Towie.....	Yes	Club
Lesia Demianczuk.....	Yes	DD	Paul Henderson	Yes	Club
Louise Adamson	Yes	DD	Paul Reilly	Yes	Club
Michael Mckearney.....	Yes	DD	Paul Towie	Yes	Club
Michael Taggart.....	Yes	DD	Scott Leask	Yes	Club
Mike Mchale.....	Yes	DD	Vickie Mclean.....	Yes	Club
Nick Wood.....	Yes	DD	Willie Greeney.....	Yes	Club
Pat Flanagan.....	Yes	DD	Alex Mcintyre	No	Club
Paul Hunter.....	Yes	DD	Archie Kimmett.....	No	Club
Ray Kwiecinski.....	Yes	DD	Brendan Archbold	No	Club
Robbie Duncan	Yes	DD	Chris Davoren.....	No	Club
Roddy Johnstone.....	Yes	DD	James Lamb	No	Club
Ross Mackay	Yes	DD	Jamie King	No	Club
Ryan Louden.....	Yes	DD	Jason Davoren.....	No	Club
Sara Deane.....	Yes	DD	Liam Dempsey.....	No	Club
Sean Henderson.....	Yes	DD	Liam Ireland	No	Club
Siobhan Hegarty	Yes	DD	Mark Gordon 1.....	No	Club
Steve Clarke	Yes	DD	Mark Gordon 2.....	No	Club
Will Hopkins	Yes	DD	Nicolas Paolozzi.....	No	Club
Alan Johnston	Yes	Club	Pat Gillespie.....	No	Club
Ben Slater /			Richard Walker.....	No	Club
John Sharkey.....	Yes	Club	Steph Bates	No	Club
David Boswell.....	Yes	Club	Steve McGuire	No	Club
Gary Hicks	Yes	Club	Steve Mcnamee	No	Club
Gary Reilly	Yes	Club	Terry Cronin	No	Club
Sean Devlin.....	Yes	Club	Tim Donnelly.....	No	Club
			Billy Morgan	No	Club
			Brian Spinks.....	No	Club
			Charlie Stamper 1....	No	Club
			Charlie Stamper 2....	No	Club
			Iain Aird.....	No	Club
			James O'Donnell.....	No	Club
			Joe Graham.....	No	Club
			Mike Duffin	No	Club
			Paul Urie	No	Club
			Ronnie Boyle.....	No	Club
			Stephen Breen	No	Club
			Stephen Madill	No	Club
			Alastair Rees.....	No	DD
			Andrew Osborne	No	DD
			Billy Hamilton	No	DD
			Brian Lynn.....	No	DD
			Caroline Heeney	No	DD
			Chris Hegarty	No	DD
			Cliff Miller	No	DD
			Denny Collie.....	No	DD
			Forbes Mcfall.....	No	DD
			Gerry Mchugh	No	DD
			Hugh Mcallister	No	DD
			Jim Breslin.....	No	DD
			John Mcginley	No	DD
			Kenny Osborne	No	DD
			Kevin Thorburn.....	No	DD
			Michael Taggart 2	No	DD
			Mike Callaghan	No	DD
			Neil Hamilton.....	No	DD
			Pat Hegarty	No	DD
			Pat Mcfall	No	DD
			Peter Carr.....	No	DD
			Peter Cornfield.....	No	DD
			Ronnie Wilson.....	No	DD
			Russell Brodie	No	DD
			Tony Slevin	No	DD
			Wladek Wolanski.....	No	DD

Club News

Club Season Ticket

This season HWEUCSC has reintroduced our very own Club Season Ticket, which we have bought for use by our members. It is particularly aimed at student members, who will be entitled to attend a Celtic match for the total cost of £15, which includes the bus fare (although, before you get too excited, doesn't include the four pre-match pints of Guinness, half-time pie, post-match six pints of stout and three whiskeys, and sausage supper on the way home – life sometimes offers you some hard lessons).

Where availability allows, this offer to student members will go beyond the Club season ticket.

Tickets for Non-Season Ticket Holders

Although we're lucky to have a fair number of season ticket holders in membership of the Club, the fact remains that a majority of our members do not have season tickets. We thus make every effort to secure match tickets for all of our members. This might be through tickets secured from Celtic Park or by using season tickets made available from other members. We offer tickets at £20 each (which is actually cheaper than the match price on season tickets – funny old world, innit?), but to secure these, members must use the booking system described elsewhere in this issue.

Membership Deadline

You'll find enclosed with this issue of Over & Over a membership form. If you are an existing non-student member, these must be completed and submitted by the deadline of 31 August. Please remember that our membership is closed to new non-student members, and thus any non-student members who haven't registered by the deadline will no longer be a member.

Membership applications from students are welcome all year round.

WANTED: A LORRYLOAD OF VOLUNTEERS

Freshers' Fayres, September 2007

Each year we set ourselves up at the three universities to ensnare bright, young naive new students and slowly draw them into our web of drink-sodden devotion to our beloved Hoops. As always, the events will take place in late September (dates to be confirmed), but we really need volunteers to help spare an afternoon to staff the stalls. I understand in my naivety that such brave volunteers are rewarded with sustenance (i.e. a couple of free pints) by the Club, so what are you waiting for?

Please contact Niall Hickey if you're interested in helping out. Further details on exact dates and staff requirements will appear and be frequently updated on the website as information becomes available.

My Celtic Heroes

A new feature for Over & Over: I'll be asking members to use 150 words to tell us your five Celtic players that you've been lucky enough to witness, plus, for the sake of moistness of eyes, the one player from the past that you really wish you had seen.

Since it was my idea, and it's a Sunday morning at 1.00am and I have a bottle of Shiraz in me, I'm going to abuse my position and start the series, so here goes. I can promise you, it's not easy. Apologies to Paul McStay – you were No.6.



1. Jimmy Johnstone

I'm cheating here – I saw him playing for Blantyre Celtic after he left senior football. He will always epitomise us. Simple as that. RIP Jinky.

2. Bobby Lennox

I only saw him three times at the end of his Celtic career, but I particularly remember a Spring evening at Fir Park, and the adults around me kept shouting for the "Wee Barra". He was mesmerising.

3. Henrik Larsson

I hold him responsible for my best Celtic memory: Seville. Despite the Andalucian Sherry.

4. Roy Aitken

Roy saw me through many teenage years in the Jungle. Be assured – Celtic defences are always meant to be hair-raising.

5. Danny McGrain

The only legend of my Top Five that I've been lucky enough to meet and to be chastised by down a phone in the IB. Danny was what every full-back should be.

My Unseen Hero

Charlie Tully

This was a difficult choice, but many years of drunken eulogies by my Dad, uncles and grandfathers is enough for me. Even I still use the two corner-kick story over a pint. If you don't know it, ask someone with greying hair. He must have been special.

There. 165 words. Within the 10% limit just about.

THE HWEUCSC SONGBOOK



Sean South of Garryowen

In this current climate of hysteria surrounding the singing of “songs of rebellion” in the company of the Hoops, inspired and abetted by the Establishment and the trashier tabloids, it’s worth remembering the long practice of the Irish community, and those of later generations in the Irish diaspora, celebrating the story of their background and history through song. Celtic Park became a place where many come together to enjoy such a tradition.

Here, Niall Hickey tells us the story of one of the more enduring songs.

This famous folk song was written by Sean Costello, although it is the version by the Wolfe Tones that is currently most popular. Sadly, the song (like many folk songs regaling Irish history) is littered with factual anomalies (or poetic license depending on your artistic viewpoint), depicting South as a flying column leader, hailing from Garryowen.

The IRA saw in the New Year of '57 with a continuation of its border campaign with a disastrous raid on an RUC barracks in the village of Brookeborough, Co. Fermanagh. The Pearce Flying Column was led, not by South, but by Sean Garland (a Dublin man of Mountjoy Square). Armed with only home made grenades (which failed to explode), out of ammunition, and with six of the column wounded, Garland was left with no choice but to flee with his men towards the border with the B-Specials in hot pursuit. Heavily hampered with their wounded, South and O’Hanlon were left in a nearby barn, where they were later found by the RUC, already dead. Seizing the opportunity, GHQ propagandised a brutal murder of their men at the hands of the RUC, leading to mass sympathies from the Nationalist communities on both sides of the border.

South was returned to his native O’Connell Square in Limerick and a massive funeral took place. Both O’Hanlon and South were depicted as heroes giving their lives for Ireland, where in reality, they joined an all too long a list of young Irishmen who lost their lives behind a trigger.

O’Hanlon was twenty, and South twenty-seven when they died.

O’Hanlon went on to be immortalized in the song “Patriot Game” by Behan, who was to be best man at Sean Garland’s wedding. Garland went on to become President of the Workers Party of Ireland.

The story of South is forever enshrined in myth in the words below:

*Sad are the homes 'round Garryowen since
lost their giant pride.
And the banshee cry links every vale around
the Shannon side.
That city of the ancient walls unbroken Treaty
Stone,
Undying fame surrounds your name Sean
South of Garryowen.*

*It was on a dreary New Year’s Eve as the
shades of night came down,
A lorry load of volunteers approached the
border town.
There were men from Dublin and from Cork,
Fermanagh and Tyrone,
But the leader was a Limerick man Sean South
of Garryowen*

*And as they moved along the street up to the
barracks door,
They scorned the danger they would meet:
their fate that lay in store.
They were fighting for old Ireland to make their
very own,
And the foremost of this gallant band was
South of Garryowen*

*But the Sergeant spoiled their daring plans: he
spied them through the door,
And with sten guns and with rifles a hail of
death did pour.
But before that awful night was past two men
lay cold as stone,
There was one from near the border and one
from Garryowen.*

*No more he'll hear the seagull cry o'er the
murmuring Shannon tide,
For he fell beneath a northern sky brave
O’Hanlon by his side.
He has gone to join that gallant band of
Plunkett, Pearse and Tone,
Another martyr for old Ireland Sean South of
Garryowen.*



Sunday 5 August, 2pm **SPL**
Celtic v Kilmarnock **Celtic Park**

Flag day at Celtic Park. Come along to remember what all of that hard work and hard drinking was in aid of.

Bus leaves the International Bar at 11.30am. Tickets available at £20 each.

Saturday 11 August, 12.30pm **SPL**
Falkirk v Celtic **Falkirk Stadium**

Our first away test and first Saturday morning hangover game, thanks to our friends at Setanta.

If we get enough match tickets to justify running a bus, it'll leave the IB at 10.30am. Please check hweucsc.net for details. Deadline for booking tickets: 29 July

Tues / Wed 14 / 15 August
UEFA Champions Lge 3rd Qual Rd, 1st Leg

A hopefully long European run starts here. The draw will take place on Friday 3 August. **Please keep up to date with travel details on hweucsc.net.**

Sunday 19 August, 2pm **SPL**
Aberdeen v Celtic **Celtic Park**

Our third game in a row shifted thanks to live telly. This time it's a trip to face "Govan Jimmy" and his Dons side.

A similar situation here: if we get enough briefs, we'll run a bus. Check hweucsc.net for details or phone the Club hotline. Deadline for booking tickets is 5 August.

Sunday 25 August, 3pm **SPL**
Celtic v Hearts **Celtic Park**

At last, a 3pm kick off, but, no, wait a minute, it's on a Sunday. Bigger it. I feel a letter of complaint coming on...

Despite the scandalous scheduling of this match on the Sabbath, we expect a big crowd. Two buses leave the IB at 12.30pm. Match tickets are available priced £20.

Tues / Wed 28 / 29 August
UEFA Champions Lge 3rd Qual Rd, 2nd Leg

As with the first leg, details of any travel for this match will be posted on hweucsc.net.

Sunday 2 September, 2pm **SPL**
St Mirren v Celtic **St Mirren Park**

Guess what? Yes, that's right, this one's on Setanta too. You'd never have guessed, eh? **Bus leaves IB at 11.30am. There shouldn't be a shortage of match tickets for this one. Deadline for booking is 19 August.**

Saturday 15 September, 3pm **SPL**
Celtic v Inverness CT **Celtic Park**

No, surely not? A Celtic game? On a Saturday? And at 3pm? Shurely shome mishtake? I feel another letter coming on... Hopefully to celebrate this rare occasion we can have something special in the IB prior to boarding the bus, so check the website or listen for bus announcements for details. **Bus leaves the IB at 12.30pm. Match tickets are available priced £20.**

To book seats or tickets for any match, please either phone the Club hotline 07771 682739; visit hweucsc.net; or book on a matchday bus.

Booking deadline is two weeks before any match. Please also use the above to cancel any bookings. Any unfulfilled bookings will incur a full-cost penalty.