

# Over & Over

Heriot-Watt and Edinburgh Universities Celtic Supporters Club

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## Walk On...

HWEUCSC prepare for Casa Fundraiser

## Hello & Welcome...

Hurrah! Finally, mercy has been taken upon us and we have been put out of our torture – season 09-10 is over! Whilst this is almost cause for celebration in itself, we Celtic supporters really don't have much to party about at the moment. However, that has never been reason to not be full of (often misplaced) optimism and hun-bashing banter going into the new season. Besides, those of us residing in the Edinburgh area also have a certain Mr Murrays recently announced one billion pounds (maybe monopoly money?) complex to look forward to.

Pre-season is a time of precarious progress for us Celts. Much of the afore-mentioned misplaced optimism (Wembley Cup, anyone?) has been accelerated at this time of year whilst we are underwhelmed by new signings (Olivier Tebily, everyone?). However, perhaps we should just sit back, relax, and try not to let tears stream down our cheeks whilst Samaras flicks his hair instead of going for a header or when Maloney rips a tendon when tying his laces. Because, after all, pre-season doesn't really count for much. Ok?

Cheers, Stuart.

### Club News

#### Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are now due, with the closing date being the 31<sup>st</sup> August. Once again, the prices have been frozen, with the cost being ten pounds to join and three pound for students, unwaged and under 16s. You can send a cheque or pay at any home game. Cheques payable to HWEUCSC, Nick Wood, 3/4 Hopetoun Crescent, Edinburgh, EH4 7AY.

#### Bus Fares

It is unavoidable that the club has been forced to slightly raise the fares – bus hire is up and numbers are down. The new prices are ten pounds for adults, six for students/unwaged and four for under 16s. Even with the rise, this is still in line with what other clubs in Edinburgh have charged over the last few years.

#### Website Re-vamp

The club website ([www.hweucsc.net](http://www.hweucsc.net)) has been going through a gradual re-construction process in recent weeks that is nearing it's final stages. Once completed, it will include a club shop where some new merchandise will be on sale.

#### Committee Numbers

As you can see from the contact list on the right-hand side, committee Numbers are particularly low. Once again, we ask you all to consider giving up a small amount of your time to assist with the general running of the club. If you are interested then please get in touch with Nick as soon as possible.

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## HWEUCSC FC

The supporter's club gallant football side appear to be adapting well to their occasional lack of personnel, as **Brendan Quinn** reports from their most recent fixture...

Athletico Dunfermline v HWEUCSC – 4/7/10

On a very windy and rainy day, Celtic travelled to Dunfermline hoping to get their stuttering SSML campaign back on track. We went across the Forth with 10 men, but still reasonably confident of getting a result.

Dunfermline had a great chance to score early on after breaking through one-on-one with Tam Brahmi, but the goalkeeper made a great block before the ball was cleared. This was to become a feature of the game as Tam Brahmi regularly denied the Fife side. Then, against the run of play, HWEUCSC managed to grab the lead through some tireless work by Leslie Hallett. After the ball was cleared up the flank, the Dunfermline defence retreated to get the ball but Leslie accelerated to get there first before crossing for Paul Henderson to tap the ball in at the near post. The goal gave us much encouragement and we almost quickly added another when Brendan Quinn's freekick rebounded off the crossbar.

Already struggling from a knock following a heavy challenge earlier in the match, Ian Paterson was forced to leave the pitch after the injury suffered proved too much to run off. Paul Henderson then got rattled by a tackle from two Dunfermline Players and we feared the worst. Already being down to nine men was tough but the prospect of playing with eight was a daunting one. Fortunately, though, Paul was able to continue.

Having been forced to re-shape the team, we then clinically hit Dunfermline on the counter attack. Sam Coates took one for the team (square in the gentleman's vegetables) and this allowed the ball to be knocked over the top for Leslie Hallett who, instead of squaring to Paul, proceeded to rocket the ball into the top corner.

From then on in it proved to be very much backs-to-the-wall stuff, with Dunfermline being denied time and time again with great challenges or saves. Eventually, though, with ten minutes remaining, Dunfermline pulled one back when their attacker drilled the ball into the bottom corner. It soon became a case of booting the ball off the pitch and as far away as possible to get a breather.

Dunfermline did, however, manage to get a couple more chances. The first, a horrific open-goal miss, and the second resulted in another wonderful save from Tam Brahmi. Finally, after four gruelling minutes of stoppage time, the ref blew and HWEUCSC had secured a victory that will go down in folklore, having played with nine men for the best part of 70 minutes.

Since the game the SSML cup campaign that the club has been involved in has come to an end. However, the club have now been entered into the Scottish Supporters Mini League and will be playing a long season against sides from all around the country. Obviously, do to this it would be handy for the squad to have a few more numbers; so once again, if anyone is interested in getting involved then please don't hesitate to get in touch with Brendan.



## Stagger To Paradise

Following the recent success of the great Scottish walk, where the club raised one thousand pounds for Casa Alianza, it has been decided that the club should arrange our very own sponsored walk. If all goes to plan the walk will start on Friday the tenth of September, and, after lots of blood, sweat and beers, will (hopefully) finish at Celtic Park on the Saturday afternoon, just in time to catch Celtic play Hearts.

It is hoped that this event will succeed in its ultimate aim of raising awareness and much needed funds for Casa in and across Scotland. Though it will take a huge effort, the potential for the event is huge and we urge you to consider participating. It promises to be action and fun-packed, with a great outcome and, as usual, the more the merrier.



If you would like the plan to be outlined in a little more detail here is the itinerary –

- Friday 0800 – Leave International Bar  
2000 – Arrive Carfin (overnight stay)
- Saturday 0930 – Leave Carfin and walk!  
1400 – Arrive Celtic Supporters Association and Celtic Park  
1500 – Watch Celtic beat Hearts  
1700 – HWEUCSC bus home  
1800 – Have a pint or ten.

If anyone of more sound mind is interested in taking part in the latter stages of the walk, then could they please get in touch. This would entail joining the rest of the walkers on the morning of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September at the Carfin Emerald Club and walking the final ten miles to Paradise. This will also include a pre-match parade inside Celtic Park.

Finally, if anyone would like to support your fellow club members then please visit the following link –

**[www.everyclick.com/hweucswalk](http://www.everyclick.com/hweucswalk)**



Ayudando a los más indefensos...



## Great Scottish Walk

Nick Wood, having participated in the charity walk, has just about recovered enough to take us through the days events....

At the beginning of June, the club managed to round up nine hardy souls who managed to complete the great Scottish Walk, a 10k walk that starts and finishes in Holyrood Park. Conditions were unfavourable, with around two-thirds of the walk being completed in torrential rain, and a Hibbe compere who was intent on winding up our bold walkers, each kitted out in the hoops. Needless to say he got a bit of abuse for his trouble and an impromptu huddle helped silence the budding comedian.

There were a few unusual sights on the day that are worth commenting on. Firstly, Nick doing exercise and in the Hoops at the same time is rare. Also, it was good from a club point of view that someone called Hickey appeared at Holyrood and was not thought to be a terrorist threat. So all in all a good day for the club and for Casa, who the walkers raised a total of £1064 pounds for which has now been received by the charity.

The members to complete the course were Ann Marie Kwiecinski, Paul Hunter, Niall Hickey, Eith McCartney, Lee Casey, Ryan Loudon, Brendan Loudon, Fraser Young and Nick Wood. Pedro from Casa also joined the walkers. A big well-done to all involved, who raised a fantastic sum of money considering their relatively low numbers, and lets hope that next year more members can join for what has the potential to be a huge fundraiser.



## Away Match Tickets

Celtic, in their infinite wisdom, have decided to change the allocation system of away tickets once again for the coming season. Nick is going to explain the system and how it will affect club members.

Away registration groups have been scrapped, so as with European away games, tickets will be allocated on an individual basis. This is a total disaster for supporters clubs – we would regularly get 30 tickets for Ibrox but with only 10-12 regularly going to away games, I can't see this happening in the near future as clubs now have no influence left in getting tickets. For next season, I predict the following –

**Ballots** – Huns, Aberdeen, Inverness.

**First-Come-First-Served** – Motherwell, Kilmarnock, St. Johnstone, Dundee Utd

**Clubs Sell Direct to Celtic Fans** – Hibs, Hearts, Hamilton, St. Mirren.

I think that when the system takes shape, only people who go to the first come first served games will be lucky in the ballot for the big games. However, we still operate as in previous seasons – you tell me which games you want tickets for and I will get them for you as best I can to save you all the hassle and so I can organise transport for everyone, but I will order under your season card number so you get credit for going whenever possible. Unfortunately, a £2 booking fee will need to be paid on tickets ordered from Celtic this season.

If you do get an offer letter for an away game, please let me know so I can organise buying the ticket online. We only got 8 tickets for Inverness, so it is important we take every ticket offered to ensure that we keep those profiles at the top of the list.

As a result, I think that it is impossible to keep our present ticket allocation system with half of the tickets going to folk who go to the most games and half to a ballot between the remainder of those who have applied. This is because someone may miss out on a ballot but they received an offer letter direct from Celtic. That person would be better then accepting their offer rather than depending on the outcome of a ballot. I think that the only solution is a point system based solely on away games and if there is a shortage, tickets are allocated to the people who have been to the most away games. This is an important issue for our AGM in October as we can't change it until then as a vote will be required.



## Your Club Needs You

### Membership

Though there is a small part in the Club News, it is necessary to give you all a reminder that the deadline for club renewal for non-students is the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### Freshers Fayres

The club is in great need of some new recruits, so if anyone is interested to help out at any of the freshers' fayres then could they please get in touch with Nick as soon as possible. The dates are as follows:

Heriot-Watt – 8<sup>th</sup> September

Napier – 9<sup>th</sup> September

Edinburgh – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September

## Vuvuzela – The End of Civilisation As We Know It

As the summer nears to a close, eternal optimist Steve Clarke offers his opinion on the Vuvuzela. As clubs up and down the country ban them from their grounds, Celtic have launched their own vuvuzela. I wonder if they are allowed in the directors box?

Ask the vast majority of World Cup viewers what the most irritating aspect of the 2010 competition was and some might mention cheating. Others may point to the poor football on display, especially from giants such as France and Italy and on occasion even Brazil, but I suspect that the vast majority will, through gritted teeth, cast a trembling finger of outrage in the direction of the deafening, incessant drone of the dreaded vuvuzela.

During the opening match between the host nation, South Africa, and Mexico, millions wasted their time trying to adjust T.V sets, fiddling with remote controls or making frantic phone calls to service engineers as they attempted to find out why their expensive flat screen was making a sound not unlike a billion angry wasps with megaphones shoved up their arses. The answer was eventually revealed by commentators, screaming to be heard above the din, as cameras zoomed into the crowds and the world caught its first glimpse of the diabolical plastic trumpet. As fingers desperately stabbed the mute button, while also searching for the highly allusive subtitle option, incredulity reigned supreme as we were informed that this piece of Chinese manufactured plastic was in fact a cultural icon.

Now bagpipes have their admirers and their critics, you either love the sound of the pipes or you hate it, but imagine if the traditional Scottish instrument was halved in size, reproduced as a cheap plastic tat, and then handed to someone with all the musical ability of a tone-deaf brick to manically blow until they heaved up their intestines on the pavement, that would be the World Cup version. Now multiply that lone defiler of the ear drums by say, 30,000, all blowing their individual rendition of the Drone Macabre at the top of the lungs, and you have the World Cup Vuvuzela Experience. So bad it is, so god-awfully annoying, that the desperate viewer even wishes Craig Burley would speak up so there would be something slightly less painful to listen to.



Yet as the eyes meandered over the sight of so many thousands of cheap plastic trumpets being flourished with drunken determination, a chill fear swept up the spine. Knowing Celtic's penchant for never finding any tasteless depth too far to plunge, the mind conjured up a vision of Peter Lawell reaching for his calculator. Still such fears must be baseless, there must be a limit to even Celtic's taste for tat; the vuvuzela must be a depth too far. Why after all would anyone wish to spread this pestilence beyond the borders of the Rainbow Nation? Why would the greatest affliction to come out of Africa since the Ebola virus find anyone willing to proliferate this plague until the world succumbed to its terrible pandemic? No, we could rest easy, assured that taste and common sense were not lost in this world.

Then it happened. The tabloids climbed on board and began to hype up the plastic trumpet. Tesco began to shift the damned things in their thousands to dumb kids with even dumber parents. The outcome therefore was inevitable. Once, after all, we laughed long and loud when the beastly Hun showed his desperation with the hilarious 'Buy a Brick' offer, thighs were red raw from all the slapping, then in mid guffaw we were informed: 'Buying a brick at Celtic Football Club is a great way to mark any occasion while supporting your club.' The laughter died away to be replaced by stifled sobs and dejected looks. So while the following wasn't entirely unexpected, it never the less created a

small snapping sound in the hearts of everyone who believes, against all the evidence, that good can one day triumph over evil:

‘Celtic are excited to announce they will be turning the volume up next season and bringing the electric atmosphere back to the stands with the launch of their very own vuvuzela’

According to the club the great days of the Jungle, the mass renditions of Celtic’s expansive songbook, can be rekindled by annoying kids blowing on small plastic trumpets. Now someone at the club may have pondered the fact that the vuvuzela succeeded in ruining the World Cup match experience for many, for example replacing the sounds of the thousands of dancing, chanting Cameroon supporters with an infernal, monotonous din, but if they did then they were given short shrift. The club can’t sell singing after all, that comes free from the soul, lungs and heart – a small plastic trumpet though can retail at £5 or whatever the mugs are willing to stump up. It’s a no-brainer for the empty-eyed, soulless ghouls that haunt the world of marketing.



But I shouldn’t whinge too much; according to Celtic they have only reacted to the demands of the masses, simply accepting their duty to satisfy the puerile appetite of the great unwashed. “After demand from supporters, especially our younger fans”, Ms Brannan breathlessly informed Pravada Online Viewers, “green and white vuvuzelas will go on sale towards the end of next week at all official outlets”. However, according to a Celtic spokesman quoted by The Sun, public demand was ever so slightly less emphatic – ‘the club had a few inquiries from supporters, particularly children, asking if they would be allowed them into the stadium’, he whispered in the shadows of an underground car park. ‘We thought we would give the fans the opportunity to pick up an official club vuvuzela.’ So, not a demanding public howling for plastic trumpets then.

Just for once Celtic could you not have shown some modicum of decency and passed up a tatty marketing opportunity? Would that have been so difficult? Do you really think that the ‘Lennon Revolution’ should be ushered in by the repetitious droning of small plastic trumpets? It won’t be the dreary cacophony of the World Cup, it will just sound like a bunch of demented insects farting, punctuated by the occasional wail of an overweight kid rupturing themselves. What would you rather have, thousands greeting the team walking out on a European night with a kazoo rendition of Walk On, or the anthem being blasted aloft by the massed choir of the Celtic support? It will serve you right if you get the former.





Finally, the SPL season is upon us. Fresh faces have been welcomed with open arms, and familiar ones have been gratefully discarded. In other business, we nervously await another European outing; the outcome of which could well dictate lots of changes in the following fixture list, adding in games on Thursday nights and pushing certain weekend matches back to the Sunday. If anyone is interested in tickets for any of the away games, then please contact Nick, with the deadline being two weeks before the match.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – St. Mirren – Celtic Park – Bus Leaves IB at 1230 – Seats and Tickets available**

Our first home league game of the season; there are still tickets available at £22 each (£5 cheaper than Celtic).

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Utrecht – Erm, Utrecht?**

Hopefully we might even have the (bad) luck of catching Celtic in European action on TV for this one.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Motherwell – Fir Park – Kick-off 1200**

Its great to get this game out of the way early in the season – I caught some of their game against Hibs on the opening weekend and I swear I saw some grass on the pitch. Hopefully the grounds men can keep it that way for a few weeks. As usual, contact Nick for tickets.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Hearts – Celtic Park – Bus Leaves IB at 1230 – Seats and Tickets available**

Enjoy this early season clash against the mini huns whilst the (hopefully) successful walkers receive medical attention following their efforts.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Kilmarnock – Rugby Park – Kick-off 1215**

A trip to Ayrshire beckons. Beating Kilmarnock is always sweet and hopefully Celtic can deliver this time.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Hibs – Celtic Park – Bus Leaves IB at 1230 – Seats and Tickets available**

Welcome another return of the lost gem Liam Miller to Celtic Park.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Hamilton Accies – Celtic Park – Bus Leaves IB at 1230 – Seats and Tickets available**

Two home games in a row! And one against Hamilton! Who could ask for anymore?

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Dundee Utd – Tannadice – Kick-off 1215**

A match that never disappoints in the difficulty stakes, our first visit of the season to the city of discovery.