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What's the News in JANUARY

Oh What Fun.....

T was the night before Christmas and from North to South you could hear them cheering in every Celtic house.... Forget "Miracle on 34th Street" one of the best bits of Christmas viewing had to be "Miracle at Love Street". Remember back in November...15 points down and quaking in our boots at taking on the mighty Killie... It had looked like our only chance was St Jude or the Blessed Inland Revenue but who even needs St Nick when you've got St Paul and St Mirren (and much as it pains me to say - Sammy). For weeks Conal has been asking "Why don't the good players try as hard as Sammy" and John Breen's been telling us Sammy was due for a hat trick. Then on Christmas Eve it all came good, though we might have to wait till 2013 for that third Sammy goal. And it might have been Christmas but McCulloch and Goian certainly weren't expecting those cards. Meanwhile, little Ally could only look on and wonder what had happened to the traditional 93rd minute penalty or disallowed goal. But it's only fair I leave the last word on all this to Steven Davis: "Rangers aren't in crisis...we're top of the league"....When did you say that Stevie? 28th December! Well maybe you should check that one out with a certain Joe Ledley.

The Sweeper System

Following Cha's appearance kitted out like the green goddess, on Korean telly for a dodgy cleaning product ad and in homage to the Pussy Cat Dolls, seemingly they've been singing a new song on the terraces. "Don't Ya Wish Your Cleaner was Cha Du Ri...Don't Ya Wish Your Cleaner was Cha Du Ri....Don't Cha..." Well no actually ....and after that dodgy display in Rennes I'd rather have that wee woman from the old Shake n Vac ads in defence n'all.

The Return of the Bhoys' Polo

A quick message for those who have been asking, an order has just been put in for some more Bhoys of Croydon polo shirts. Check with Ciaran Johnson for details. There are still however a few remaining - Walk On, Broony, Just Can't Get Enough Shirts price £15.

It's The Law

Despite all the protests from us and the Huns, the Offensive Behaviour At Football Bill is now law, although there's still no official confirmation of what you need to do to break it. However, the Daily Record did get an opinion from some legal high heid yin. Surprise, surprise you can still sing the Sash (Didn't you know it's just a folk song.) And you're fine with the Soldier's Song too - well the UK's in enough trouble with the rest of Europe already without going round outlawing the national anthems of other member states. But there's no more "f****ing" heads of state, even as an add on. How the hell (I was going to say how the f*** but I'm starting to get the hang of all this PC pish) is the nation which spawned Frankie Boyle, Peter Capaldi and Gordon Ramsay going to cope with that one. Plus there's no more complimenting Aberdonians on their fluffy outfits or asking Glaswegians if they've thought about going on DIY SOS. And no more filling your paddling pool with other people's blood whether you're from Bridgeton or Gorgie. Seemingly, the jury's still out (probably at the lodge) on Boys of the Old Brigade - which is apparently potentially also a 'folk' song but only if they get the Green Brigade's Junior Capo to make an official announcement before we start that the Brigade in question is the 1917 one, this song is being sung for purely historic purposes and any resemblances to persons living or dead is entirely coincidental. Yes, it's a total minefield and even if you decide to keep your gob shut you'll probably end up in the dock over your ringtone. Well I've decided to take a lesson from Irish history...from the penal times. All those "Diddle - le - I- dies" you get in Irish music come from the time when singing in Gaelic was banned. So it's "Ooh ah, up the diddle - I- da, it's ooh ah up the diddle-I-da". Though as Stevie said "Even if you sing "Celtic" they'll know you don't mean it."

Talk of the Town

The guys at Tenants recently asked the Scottish public to tell them what they felt best summed up their home towns so they could make a series of glasses dedicated to Scottish cities. Not surprisingly, football references were entered for a number cities - with the exception of Glasgow! Aberdeen was "Forever Twinned with Gottenberg" (but shortly to be playing in the Highland League). Edinburgh had "Two Teams" (but only one wage packet). But best of all was Stirling "The city where everyone is Gary Calder's cousin."

Hail, Hail

P.S. A copy of the forward fixtures list up to the split has been posted on the cupboard to make it easier for those who wish to make reservations for the season books. Reservations can be made with Tam Burke or members of the committee if Tam is not around. Listings are also on the website where reservations can be made too. Season book members can also ask to use them to make advanced reservations for cup games. Other members can use the books at discounted rates if no reservation has been made 2 weeks from kickoff.

MATCH DAYS

2 Jan Dunfermline v Celtic (SPL) - 15.00
8 Jan Peterhead v Celtic (Scottish Cup) - 15.00
14 Jan Celtic v Dundee U (SPL) - 15.00
21 Jan St Mirren v Celtic (SPL) - 12.30
29 Jan Celtic v Falkirk (Semi-Final Scottish Communities Cup) - 15.00

Happy Bhirthday to Tony Byrne & John O'Meara