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From the Editor

This is the second of three newsletters for this season. I hope you are enjoying the experience of travelling with the Branch. I would like to remind members that the Branch needs your support, particularly for the apparently, less popular fixtures and those that fall during the normal working week.

This is the point where I add the usual reminder that articles in the Newsletter represent the views of the member who submits them, if you have a different point of view, or something new to say, provide an article or letter yourselves. It is the members' articles that make the Newsletter (and the job of Editor) far more interesting! Please send articles or adverts for the next issue by 30th April 2013.

We will aim to keep the Branch Website "Ticket Availability" page and "Match / Branch Information" up to date. Please remember to keep an eye on the Branch Website (at **bridgwater-reds.co.uk**) during the season and when possible pass on any news to any non-internet-user Members as it is our aim to provide inter-Newsletter information via the Website when possible. Please acquaint yourself with the match booking procedure as this is a constant source of irritation to those who have to administer the bookings.

This is Colin Howard (Editor) signing off

Send articles to the Editor:

By post to: 27, Alcombe Road, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 6BA

By e-mail to: **colin.howard205@btinternet.com**

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Thanks to everyone who helps with the running of the Branch and especially to Steve and Phil for all they do to ensure we can all get to see the games. I wish all members the best of health and hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

I would like to express my regret at hearing the news that Tony Walsh, a very long-standing member and committee member, had recently passed away. May I pass on the condolences of the Branch to Val, Tony's widow, and the rest of his family. Tony will be greatly missed.

With the holiday period in mind, please be aware that games around this time are often poorly supported. Can I please ask you to consider coming to these games and to tell family and friends that there will be tickets available? Please check the website for upcoming fixtures, including, Sunderland, Newcastle United, West Brom and Southampton in and around the Christmas and New Year period.

Just to remind you that, to qualify for reduced ticket prices, the member **MUST** have joined One United in the relevant age group and proof will need to be provided on the occasion of their first match visit. Please do not feel put out if you are asked to do this.

Members can continue to put more than one person on a membership form, as long as the £5.00 fee is paid for each person. The Membership fee for Season 2012/13 remains unchanged.

This year, the Branch has a presence on Twitter, the address is @bridgwaterreds and Facebook under the name Bridgwater Reds Musc. Please follow us on twitter and include the Branch in your friends on Facebook.

To help Steve with the difficult job of match bookings, can you please familiarise yourself with the booking procedure

and adhere to it. Let's try to reduce the number of calls Steve has to deal with and ring only at reasonable times.

Once again, I am intending emailing as much information to members as possible. This will save the Branch printing and postage expenses.

Colin Howard,
Branch Chairman

Membership and Fares for Season 2012/2013

Branch Membership Charges:

Single membership - £5.00

Branch Members:

	Single Member	Junior Member	Snr/16-20 Member
Coach + Ticket:	£63	£48	£53
Coach Only	£23	£23	£23
Ticket Only	£48	£48	£48

Non-Branch Members:

Coach + Ticket:	£71	£61
Coach Only	£28	
Ticket Only	£42+£6 minimum (Admin) in general	

these are only available when the Branch fails to sell all its tickets to Branch Members.

NB. These prices will be increased for Champions League knock-out ties.

Membership Forms

If you have not received a form, a copy can be downloaded from the Branch website. Please read the instructions carefully and **PRINT** your name, email and address details. Cheques must be made payable to MUSC Bridgwater. **Completed Branch Membership forms along with membership payment should be sent or emailed to Colin Howard** (Chairman). If you know of anybody interested in joining the Branch, let Colin Howard know, so that he can pass on any additional forms. Renewals should be returned as soon as possible.

MATCH BOOKINGS

In an attempt to improve booking records and arrangements, in future match bookings will be taken as follows: -

1. Booking slip available on coach or printed off the website
2. By letter to the Branch Secretary: S. A. Voss, 199 Mudford Road, Yeovil, Somerset. BA21 4NL
3. By email to stevevoss@talktalk.net
4. By Telephone, **but not after 8:00 pm** on 01935 426246/mobile 07988 929026
5. Bookings taken by committee member on coach

The following information will be required for any of the above match booking methods: -

- A. First and Surnames of all people booking plus a contact Address or Telephone No.
- B. Whether members or non members. If members their status i.e. Adult, Junior or Senior.
- C. One United numbers.
- D. Type of booking i.e.: Coach + Ticket, Coach Only, or Ticket Only.
- E. The Match or Matches the booking is for.

N.B. - When booking by any of the above methods payment must be made within 5 days of booking or the booking will become invalid.

Cheques should be made out to **Manchester United Supporters Club** (these if necessary **can be post dated** until 5 days before the date of the match).

BRANCH CONTACTS

The contact for all Membership and General Information is:

Chairman: Colin Howard

Address: **27, Alcombe Road, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 6BA**

Phone: **01643 705865/07900 930282**

E-mail address: **colin.howard205@btinternet.com**

The contact for all Match Booking and Booking Payments is:

Secretary: Steve Voss

Address: **Woodstock, 199 Mudford Road, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 4NL**

Phone: **01935 426246/07988 929026**

e-mail address: **stevevoss@talktalk.net**

Additional Branch contacts

Coach Administrator: Dave Gregory

Address: **41, Brockley Crescent, Weston Super Mare, North Somerset, BS24 9LG**

Home Phone: **01934 812187**

Vice Chairman: John Butler

Address: **22 Oldville Avenue, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 6HG**

Home Phone: **07753 787227**

Treasurer: Phil Oram

Address: **112 Monks Dale, Yeovil, BA21 3HT**

Home Phone: **01935 472585**

Do you know Your Number?
Please let us have it?

All match attending Branch members must also be members of the ONE UNITED Membership scheme. On your Branch membership renewal form you should have included your ONE UNITED Membership numbers or Season Ticket number.

For any new Branch members, ONE UNITED membership can be obtained via the internet at manutd.com, or by ringing Manchester United membership office.

When you have your ONE UNITED number let the Branch Chairman know what it is. To check we have them all, your ONE UNITED numbers may be requested on match days.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND REQUIRED BY MUFC

Can We Contact You?

It is essential that the Branch has the correct contact phone numbers, postal addresses, (and e-mail addresses if you have one) if we are to let you know of events or changes to plans.

If you change or acquire new phone numbers, addresses (Postal or e-mail) or names, please let us know immediately by sending a note with your latest information to the Branch Chairman.

BRANCH OFFICERS

The Committee has a maximum of 8 members. There are 5 Officers, (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Branch Secretary, Treasurer plus Administrator) and 3 additional members.

As members of the Branch please make sure that all people named on your Membership form are aware of the latest Rules and they are aware that they must adhere to them.

To reduce the cost of re-printing, you are requested to keep the Rule List previously supplied, as Rule Lists will only be sent out at the start of each season to **NEW** members or where there have been rule changes. If in the future you mislay your Rule List, contact the Branch Chairman who will supply a replacement.

At the AGM the following Officers were all elected:

CHAIRMAN: COLIN HOWARD

VICE-CHAIRMAN: JOHN BUTLER

TREASURER: PHIL ORAM

SECRETARY: STEVE VOSS

COACH ADMINISTRATOR: DAVE GREGORY

The other three elected Committee members were:

GERALDINE SMITH

JEAN BENTLEY

WILL HEALEY

Please feel free to speak to any of the above regarding any Branch matter.

Match Coach Main Pick up Points and Times

Kick-Off: 11:30am 3:00pm 4:00pm Evenings
to to
1:30pm 5:30pm

Pick-up from:

Taunton, Castle Green

5:30am 7:30am 8:30am 11:30am

Bridgwater, Morrisons – Minehead Road

6:00am 8:00am 9:00am 12 noon

Weston-Super-Mare(St Georges)M5 J21

6:20am 8:25am 9:25am 12:25pm

Clevedon, M5 Junction 20

6:30am 8:35am 9:35am 12:35pm

Bristol (Aztec West) M5 Junction 16

6:55am 9:00am 10:00am 1:00pm

M5 Junction 13

7:10am 9:15am 10:15am 1:15pm

(Other times will be advised)

The Coach will depart for home **25 minutes** after the Referee has blown the Final Whistle.

**THIS BRANCH ACKNOWLEDGES THE
EFFORTS OF THE FOLLOWING: -**

**Honorary Life President:
Wilf McGuinness**

Life Members:

**Mrs May Gurd
Mrs K Fisher
Mrs R Mansfield**



**CHAIRMAN:
COLIN HOWARD**

**SECRETARY:
STEVE VOSS**

**TREASURER:
PHIL ORAM**

Many thanks to **BERRY'S of TAUNTON** whose
drivers make the long coach journey as
comfortable as possible.

And last but not least

Manchester United FC