



Newsletter

Subwarden Jon: Billy's Dream – A Football Adventure

It started as a throw away comment by a mate on the way to a football game and now it's taken over my life. As if a PhD isn't enough I've ended up with a Facebook page and a blog about football – a sport I'm not really that fussed about! My mate "Billy" (not his real name) had a dream about following a local club and being able to walk to the ground on a Saturday. The trouble is he's moved around so much his local club keeps changing so he's never really found a football home. We decided to follow Loughborough Dynamo who play just a 15 minute walk from DC. On the way to a game at Carlton Town he suddenly said "wouldn't it be great to follow Loughborough until they get beaten, and then we follow the team that beat them until they get beaten and so on and so on until we end up seeing a Champions League game". This is, of course, an absolutely stupid idea so naturally I agreed and that's what we're doing.

I immediately realised it would make a good blog for people to follow along with and over the last few weeks we've ended up following clubs we didn't know existed such as Shaw Lane Aquaforce, Rushall Olympic, Ramsbottom United and Gresley FC. The Gresley mascot incidentally is a massive hound dog with a quiff called Elvis Gresley – this still

makes me laugh. We've also got some attention and I've even done a radio interview about the adventure for an internet service called Non League Live.

We've already had a promotion too. We started in Division One South of the Northern premier League (NPL) which is in tier 8 of the English football pyramid, so 7 tiers below the Premiership. But thanks to a game between Newcastle Town and Rushall Olympic in the Staffordshire Senior Cup we now follow teams in the Premier Division of the NPL. At the time of writing our current team is Ramsbottom United. The football in the non-league is actually very entertaining and crucially cheap to watch. If you're looking for a home club to follow away from home both Dynamo and the University side are worth a look. Incidentally the University games cost just £1 for students.

How long it will take us to get to the Champions League is anyone's guess. In the meantime on the Saturdays that I'm not on duty the chances are I'm trying to get to a game between teams I may or may not have ever heard of! You can follow along by checking the blog out at <https://billysdream.wordpress.com> and searching for the Facebook page Billy's Dream. See you on the terraces!

What's on in DC?

When?	What?	Details
18 th November	LSU International Day	LSU are hosting an interactive annual International Day! Students from all around the globe studying at Loughborough will represent their countries by sharing their culture and lifestyle by giving out food, samples of drinks, activities, performances and much more! Head down to the union between 11am and 4pm.
21 st November	Action Project	Christmas Tree Festival - Tree decorating! 🎄🎄🎄 Arch at 11:00. Contact Ambia
24 th November	Hustings Night	As hustings week draws to a close, we end it with husting night. More is explained on the next page.
25 th November	Action Project	Hardwick House - Gardening (they have rabbits! 🐰) Arch at 12:15. Contact Kim
28 th November	Action Project	Rainbows Hospice Pop-Up Shop - Promoting in Town (tinsel! 🎄) Arch at 14:45. Contact Kim
5 th December	Winter Ball	More details will be available soon

Photo of the Fortnight



James just finger tips away from catching a Towers rugby player – Photo by Kim Clark

Take any funny, weird or photos you just want to share from DC events such as IMS, socials or RAG? We would like to see them and they may become photo of the fortnight. Send them into DC Media through the Facebook page or email:

dctmedialufbra@gmail.com

Husting Week Starts

Today, all those who have applied to be on committee will be campaigning over the next week to get your votes.

They have also been set challenges to do so watch out for those over the coming week. There may be forfeits or extra challenges on the night if the candidate does not complete a given challenge.

Husting week will end next Tuesday evening where those who are running for committee get to show what they have been up to over the last week and try to win your vote.

There are 10 positions up for running which is half of the committee. The rest of committee will come off in February.

On the night, each candidate will have a proposer who will give a short speech why they think the candidate should be given the role. A seconder must then second them. The candidates will then show a video they have prepared over the previous week showing what challenges they had been set. The current committee member will then ask a question of the candidates and the floor will then open to everybody else if they have questions.

When voting you will be given a choice between each candidate or a vote for R.O.N. A vote for R.O.N means that you have no confidence in any of the candidates.



Minute Silence for Paris

Just after 9pm on Friday 13th, Paris came under attack by gunmen and suicide bombers. 129 people were left dead.

The French Society organised a minute silence on Sunday, around the Hazelrigg-Rutland fountain as a way for everyone to show their respects and support for Paris and those who died. They were joined by more than 400 students including some from DC.

Picture above by Jenna Holmes, picture below by Charlie Dodd.

Bill Mo Drinks Outside

You may have heard already, but Bill Mo 'are not allowed any events involving beverages' to take place in their common room.

The common room has only recently been refurbished, but Unite (the company who own the hall) have put this ban on Bill Mo. We stand with Bill Mo and urge Unite to let the Bill Mo committee to use the area to organise events with drink. If you agree, make sure you sign the petition here: chn.ge/1NXSe3R



DC Rocks It at Rock-It-Ball

The one day event for Rock-It-Ball hit Loughborough University on 7th November for the inter-halls IMS tournament. Team players were needed to represent DC and on the day seven players competed which comprised of six DC residents; Chris Barton, Rianne Hopkins, Kieren Ooi, Hope Organista, Jenny Pang, Dima Titov and one affiliate; Rajiv Solanki.

DC competed against all the halls in the University with the first game of which was against Faraday. DC treated the first game as a warm up to identify the tack ticks and formation of the team. The first game led to a successful win which then triggered consecutive wins for DC against the other halls.

The semi-finals round against Elvyn was a tough match with the score of 15-17,



The Rock-It-Ball Team

DC kept it together and worked as a team to excel onto the final stage of which was against Rigg-Rut. The final was played by Chris, Rianne, Kieren, Hope and Dima. With DC pride at stake the team successfully pulled through to compete with the hunger of achieving first place. Good teamwork and communication eased the match which led to a successful victory for DC.

Upcoming IMS Fixtures

When?	Lads/Girls	Sport	Details
18 th November	Girls	Squash	Wednesday November 18th Vs Rutherford. Meet under the arch at 18.30 or at EHB Squash Courts for 18.45
18 th November	Both	Indoor Rowing	Meet under the arch at 1pm. It will be a 6 minute competition relay, with each team member rowing for 1 min 30. Whichever hall's team rows furthest wins! Teams made up of 4 people.
20 th November	Lads	Football A	Kick off at 6pm at Holywell vs Rutherford
21 st November	Girls	Touch Rugby	Kick off at 12:30am at College Rubbercrumb vs Rutherford
21 st November	Lads	Football B	Kick off at 6pm at Holywell vs Rutherford B
22 nd November	Lads	Rugby	Kick off at 1pm on the 1st XV pitch vs Elvyn
29 th November	Both	Badminton	Starts at 11am at the Badminton Centre vs Elvyn

Check the Facebook groups for the latest upcoming fixtures:

'DC LADS IMS' (on.fb.me/1FuZ6B1) and 'DC Girls IMS' (on.fb.me/1Emrlxt)