

London Owls Newsletter

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Dave Jones' Barmy Army!

The King is dead, long live the King. The last issue of the London Owls newsletter turns out to have been a valedictory one. Within hours of sending out the publication which contained gushing tributes to Gary Megson, the Ginger Mourinho was dismissed from his post.

What followed was unbelievably quick. Shock, anger, grudging acceptance, then surprising optimism – all crammed into a 48 hour period.

To nobody's surprise Dave Jones took the reigns to become the club's ninth manager since we dropped out of the Premier League, and he has had an instant impact with three wins and a draw as well as instilling a new freedom in the team's style of play.

Jones has also been busy in the transfer market, letting John Bostock return to Spurs and securing two new loan signings on loan deadline day:

1. ← Simon Treacy – On loan from Burnley until the end of the season

The 23 year old winger was born in Dublin and began his career with Blackburn Rovers, where he signed his first professional contract in 2005.

He had a loan spell at Stockport - one of Jones's former clubs - and made four appearances for them. He made 22 appearances for Blackburn, and had a brief spell in the red third of the City under Kevin Blackwell before signing a full deal with Preston in February 2010.

After impressing at Deepdale, with 58 appearances and 11 goals, he joined Burnley in July 2011 and has posted 27 appearances for the Championship club this season.

Treacy has also earned six Republic of Ireland caps.

As a Celtic winger and ex-Blade loanee, lets hope Treacy is the new JP McGovern!

2. Nile Ranger – On loan from Newcastle until the end of the season →

Sparks could certainly fly when Ranger links up with famous Geordie Gary Madine!

Ranger started his career with Southampton before joining Newcastle in 2008. The 20-year-old has made a total of 58 senior appearances for the Premier League club, the majority coming from the substitutes' bench.

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London Owls Meet-Up – Pre Leyton Orient

The London Owls will be meeting up at the Birkbeck Tavern before the Leyton Orient away game on Saturday.

The pub is close walking distance from Leyton station (Central Line) and Leytonstone High Road on the East London Overground line. It is also 20 minutes walk to the ground.



The pub is recommended by the [Football Ground's Guide website](#) and is also listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and offers a number of rotating guest beers.

The full address is 45, Langthorne Rd, London, [E11 4HL](#). Hope to see you all there.

Owl Exchange Visit

There may be a delay before the next edition of the newsletter as I am due to take my first ever trip to the homeland or Frank Simek and John Harkes and visit New York.

If anybody has any match reports or stories to report whilst I'm away please email them to mattkelcher@gmail.com and I'll include them in our April edition.

However, the good news is that I have arranged to meet up with the New York Owls to watch the live Preston North End game. Watching the mighty Owls in an official "soccer bar" opposite the Empire State Building at 7.45am will certainly be an experience and I will report back to you all next month.



Travel Details

As ever, The London Owls will be travelling to all forthcoming home league games, catching the 0955 outbound and returning on the 1827 for the price of £32.

We are also organising a trip to the Preston away game. The London Owls will be travelling out on the 8.55 train with an open return which can be used within a month (apart from peak hours). This will cost £32.

Please email iancol@clara.co.uk if you want to get involved in either.

Earlier in the week there was also a spare Leyton Orient ticket available, this may now have gone but if you're interested please contact Ian.



The League One Promotion run-in: Update

20	YEOVIL	NOTTS COUNTY	WALSALL	CHARTLTON	ORIENT	SHEFFIELD UNITED	PRESTON	COLCHESTER
24	HUDDERSFIELD		ORIENT	HUDDERSFIELD	WYCOMBE	SCUNTHORPE	COLDHESTER	WALSALL
27							MK DONS	BOURNEMOUTH
28		CHESTERFIELD						
31	ORIENT	HARTLEPOOL	PRESTON	CARLISLE	BRENTFORD	OLDHAM	HUDDERSFIELD	WYCOMBE
APR 3				ORIENT				
6						ORIENT	WYCOMBE	TRANMERE
7	OLDHAM	BOURNEMOUTH	HUDDERSFIELD	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	PRESTON		WYCOMBE	
9	WALSALL		OLDHAM	BOURNEMOUTH	TRANMERE	YEovil	SCUNTHORPE	PRESTON
10		ROCHDALE						
14	CARLISLE	ORIENT	COLDHESTER	PRESTON	SCUNTHORPE	BRENTFORD	CHARTLTON	YEovil
17							STEVENAGE	CARLISLE
21	WYCOMBE	MK DONS	CARLISLE	SCUNTHORPE	SHEFFIELD UNITED	BURY	sheffield wednesday	BRENTFORD
28	PRESTON	STEVENAGE	BRENTFORD	WALSALL	ROCHDALE	WYCOMBE	EXETER	sheffield united
MAY 5	HARTLEPOOL	EXETER	WYCOMBE	YEovil	WALSALL	COLCHESTER	OLDHAM	BURY

Upper Case = Home Game

Lower Case = Away Game

Fixtures highlighted in yellow are against current top 10 opposition.