

NEWSLETTER No 1 of 2012/2013 (JUNE 2012)
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/TICKETING SYSTEM/MEMBERHIP DETAILS

Dear Member,

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The 2011/2012 football season is now over and the Branch is ready to accept applications for membership for the coming season. The enclosed Membership Form shows the different categories and respective membership fees for the season 2012/2013. Manchester United have announced a slight increase in membership fees which ranges between £3 and £4 depending on the category of the Member. Once again there will be no increase in local membership fees for the coming year.

In order to renew your membership you are requested to **complete and return the local membership form** enclosed with this newsletter, together with the fee appropriate for your category of membership. We will then renew your membership with the Branch and with Manchester United. Manchester United may send you a reminder, in the coming weeks, inviting you to renew the Membership. **Please disregard this request** as dual applications will only cause confusion. If you have any queries or difficulties in completing the form please contact the Branch Secretary or Membership Secretary who will provide whatever assistance is required.

As in the previous two years, we will no doubt receive an allocation of a fixed number of tickets for every Premiership home game. The allocation will be dependent on the number of members we have as at 1st August 2012. It is therefore in the interest of all members that the Branch has the highest possible number of members registered by that deadline. **We should therefore be grateful if you would return the completed form before the 15th July 2012 in order to achieve the greatest allocation possible.** It is for this reason that members who are registered with the Branch before the 15th July will be given priority for High Profile and Branch Trip games over those who renew or become members after this date.

The Committee would like to remind members that by enrolling as a local member you will automatically take part in a raffle which can win you a trip to Old Trafford when the Branch organises its annual trip (up to a maximum of £500).

2. NEW TICKETING SYSTEM (GOING GREEN)

Manchester United will be discontinuing the issue of paper tickets and instead they will be sending an e-mail and/or text message or letter to the member directly providing details of the seating allocation. This together with the Membership Card and some sort of identity will be what will be used to gain entry into the ground. This not only helps the Environment and reduces costs but also stops non-members gaining entry to the ground using somebody else's ticket. It is imperative therefore that if you intend going to see any games primarily just after the season starts that you become members as early as possible to ensure receipt of the Membership Card.

3. MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Whilst every effort is made by Manchester United to ensure that the details provided by you to us are updated in their system sometimes this does not occur as the Membership System is usually contracted out to a Third Party. In order to ensure that their details are up to date it is best, for those with access to the internet, to log into the Manchester United website www.manutd.com and going to "Official Membership" and then "Edit My Details" and verifying/amending details accordingly. If you have not yet registered with Manchester United then you will have to register with them using the e-membership procedure and inserting your membership number. If you have any difficulty or queries please contact the Branch Secretary who will be happy to provide further information how this can be done.

THE COMMITTEE