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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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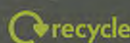


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Manager's Notes...

BRENDAN RODGERS



'Hibs have always given us a real test but we're hoping that, come the end of the match, we'll be above them in the league'



GOOD afternoon and welcome to our Premiership match against Hibernian.

It's good to be back in action after the break for international matches, and it's a game we're all looking forward to.

As the squad has reassembled this week following their exertions with their respective countries, we've been preparing well for what we know will be a very tough game.

Neil's side have always given us a real test, and I'm sure that this afternoon will be no different. They've started the season well and currently sit second in the table, although we're hoping that, come the end of this afternoon's match, we'll be above them in the league.

Both teams come into today's game on the back of impressive 6-0 wins in our most recent Premiership fixtures.

Hibs had a great result at Easter Road against Hamilton Accies, and that will fill them with confidence going into the match here at Celtic Park. They do have a lot of attacking threats in their squad, so we will be well-prepared to deal with that.

We've enjoyed eight clean sheets

in our last 10 games, and we would like to extend that impressive statistic with another clean sheet this afternoon.

Our own 6-0 victory at McDiarmid Park over St Johnstone two weeks ago was very pleasing, both in the final result and in the manner of the win. The performance was excellent throughout the team, and I'm sure that it was just as enjoyable for our supporters to watch as it was for myself and the rest of the coaching staff on the touchline.

Our last game here at Celtic Park was against Aberdeen, and it was a sell-out crowd who cheered us on to victory. I'm sure that's going to be the case again this afternoon, with a packed Paradise ready to back the team.

The backing that we do get from our supporters is something that I've spoken and written about on many occasions, but it is so important to us and it's something that we all appreciate and never take for granted.

We know the dedication of our fans, and the sacrifices that are often made in order to cheer on the team, and in return, we'll be doing

everything we can, as always, to ensure an enjoyable and successful afternoon.

I also want to give a special mention to a Celtic supporter I met during the week. Michael Docherty from Maryhill was up at Lennoxton with his niece, Chloe, and his nephews, Jamie and Declan.

Michael spoke about how his love of Celtic had been passed on to him by his father, who sadly passed away in the last year. Now Michael is ensuring that love of Celtic is being passed on to the next generation, and he spoke about how much he's enjoyed the great moments we've had over the past couple of seasons.

It was a real pleasure to meet him and his family, and, for me, it reinforced the deep passion that we all have as supporters of this wonderful football club.

Brendan Rodgers
Without Fear



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A word with our captain...

SCOTT BROWN



If we perform to the levels we're capable of, then we're confident of winning any game

IT will be good to be back in action this weekend, and all the lads are looking forward to today's game against Hibernian.

We've been preparing well for this match since everyone reported back from international duty, and we're aiming to keep our good league run going following wins over Aberdeen and St Johnstone.

While I always prefer to be out on the pitch with the rest of the lads, I was still able to enjoy the match at McDiarmid Park.

I thought the performance was brilliant, and Jamesy's four goals were superb. We all know how good he is, and he was outstanding against St Johnstone although, to be fair, I

thought everyone played very well that day.

So we're looking to take that form into this afternoon's match. We know it won't be easy, however, as games against Hibs never are.

They had a great season last year, and they've carried that on into this season. They gave us some tough games last year, and I'm sure that Lenny will have them well-prepared for today's game and determined to come here and try and take something from the match.

However, we know that we have to focus on ourselves and we know that if we perform to the levels that we're capable of, then we're confident of winning any game.

It's the start of another busy week for us, too, with a trip to Leipzig following in midweek and then we're through in Edinburgh to play Hearts in the League Cup semi-final.

We're looking forward to all these games, starting with today's match against Hibernian, and our aim is to head into this week on the back of a positive result this afternoon. Enjoy the game.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB 1888

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This Is How It Feels To Be Celtic book is a celebration of being a Hoops fan

SOMETIMES it can be hard for supporters to put into words just what Celtic means to them.

For every fan, Celtic is more than just a football club. *This Is How It Feels To Be Celtic* is a new hardback book, celebrating what it means to be a Celtic supporter, through the stories of 18 fans and is available to pre-order online now, priced £15.

Eighteen supporters have attempted to put into words what Celtic does mean to them, and their individual stories will resonate with their fellow fans including Celtic manager, Brendan Rodgers, who has written the foreword to this book.

Some have been, as the late great Tommy Burns said of himself, supporters who got lucky and were able to wear the green and white Hoops as players.

Some have been born into a Celtic-supporting family, and are happy to carry on that devotion which has been passed down through the generations. Others have chosen to support Celtic because of all the positive things that it has always represented as a club, open to all.

With contributions from Kieran Tierney, Callum McGregor, John Clark, Jenna Burns, Anton Rogan,



Martin Compston, Raymond McStay and many other Celtic supporters, this is a book for the fans, by the fans with words and memories that we can all relate to as supporters of this wonderful club.

In the words of one contributor to this book, Celtic Football Club is 'part of their DNA'. That is true for all of us. We share collective memories and experiences of supporting this wonderful football club while, at the same time, cherishing moments that are ours alone.

It is about being proud of our charitable roots, and staying true to that. It is about pride in the world-famous green and white Hooped jersey and all that it represents in football.

This book is about realising that we have all been given the greatest gift of all in being a Celtic supporter, and knowing that there really isn't anything better to be in the world.

This Is How It Feels To Be Celtic is coming soon to all official Celtic stores and celticfc.net/store

Pre-order your copy today. It's a must-read for every Celtic supporter.

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