

# TÍOCFAIDH AR LA!

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Dear Subscriber,

Please accept our apologies for the infrequency of TAL this season. There have been a number of factors responsible for the fanzine only appearing twice; problems with the printer, renewal of our computer system (which also meant a bit of retraining for our contributors). We will definitely produce at least four issues next season and the layout should improve significantly. We are dropping the number of pages down to 24 because of increasing printing costs and the fact that we do not want to increase the price of the fanzine beyond £1. However, starting next season, we will include stories and articles on the back of the centre page poster, which means that you only lose two pages. A more frequent and better laid out fanzine should make up for the loss.

If you are still awaiting merchandise, please bear with us. Unfortunately, the fanzine has had to operate on a tight budget and we depend on getting money in, before we can reprint stickers and T-Shirts.

Also enclosed is a copy of a "readers survey" being carried out by our rival fanzine Not The View. In normal circumstances, we would find this sort of boring survey of no great significance, but in the present situation at Celtic Park with NTV playing a pivotal role in the misnamed, 'Bhoys Against Bigotry', there are a couple of questions in the survey which we are concerned about and we would urge our readers to participate in the survey but to answer the following questions as we suggest below:

**Q3: If you were to start an argument with Fergus over one thing what would it be?**

**Answer:** We would recommend that you tick *OTHER* and insert in the space provided, "*BHOYS AGAINST BIGOTRY*"

**Q4: What are your views about the Bhoys Against Bigotry campaign?**

**Answer:** TAL recommends that our readers complete the Support it with reservations section and insert an answer along the lines of... "*Bhoys Against Bigotry should be targetting religious sectarianism and racism, not those fans who sing Irish republican ballads.*"

**Q.12: Would you like to see Serie A style fan displays in the stadium if NTV can get it cleared with Celtic?**

**Answer:** TAL would recommend that you tick **NO** to the question which, on the surface, appears innocent enough but, what NTV are actually after is a stage managed stadium, like the cheerleader and drummer-led PSG fans which, whilst impressive, is entirely non-political, inoffensive and safe. There is no doubting which songs will not be sung by Celtic and NTV cheerleaders. Not only would this further outlaw republican songs but it would also destroy the spontaneous efforts of the fans who can come up with their own songs and banner displays.

*Completed surveys should be sent to NTV, PO Box 306, Glasgow G21 2EA*

Obviously, these are only suggestions. If NTV can fix the questions to suit their own purposes, then TAL readers can supply the answers to fit our viewpoint. We would also recommend that you should only give a name and area, rather than a complete address as we wouldn't trust these people with any detailed information regardless of what they say.

Yours, For Celtic and Ireland,

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