



*merry Christmas*



*and a  
Happy New Year*



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# MARCHING OUT TOGETHER

LEEDS UNITED LGBT+ SUPPORTERS GROUP

Hi everyone!

Welcome to our latest newsletter updating you on what Marching Out Together and its members have been up to.

Let us start by saying..... we hope you have all had an amazing Christmas and fantastic New Year!

Sure this helped....



## In this newsletter:



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Leeds Ladies



New Armley FC

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points	Form
1 — Leeds United	26	15	6	5	44	28	16	51	W W W L L
2 — Norwich City	26	14	7	5	48	34	14	49	D W D L D
3 — Sheffield United	26	14	5	7	45	28	17	47	L D W W W
4 — West Bromwich Albion	26	13	7	6	54	34	20	46	W W W D L
5 — Middlesbrough	26	11	10	5	28	18	10	43	L W L W D
6 — Derby County	26	12	7	7	38	32	6	43	D D L W D

## Rainbow Laces

## 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Sheff Utd 0 – 1 Leeds



Leeds United supported Stonewall's Rainbow Laces campaign at the Bristol City match, aimed at promoting the important message of inclusivity and respect for LGBT+ people within sport and society generally.

To help celebrate the occasion, some members of Marching Out Together and their families were holding flags in the centre of the pitch when the players entered the field at the start of the game.

**One of the flag carriers, Jamie said:** *"When Leeds United sponsored Leeds Pride this summer it was amazing. Marching with other LGBT Leeds fans and my Dad was a very special day in my life. Being on the pitch today will make me so proud and proud of the club I love. I hope it helps other young fans know that the Leeds United family welcomes everyone".*

**Another young flag bearer, Bremner** (named after our club's idolised captain), was bullied at school for his sexuality, and he was so proud of his parents when they encouraged New Armley FC, a local Sunday league side, to wear rainbow laces for every game - as a bold statement challenging homophobia. Bremner explained *"The Rainbow Laces campaign and the Marching Out Together fan group help people realise that being yourself is okay, no matter who you are. Hopefully it helps people reconsider what they say and not to disrespect others; to be aware that LGBT+ phobia is wrong and that something needs to be done to stop it happening"*.

## Rainbow Laces continued....

8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Leeds 2 – 1 QPR



**Rebecca**, who was also on the pitch with her wife and three children congratulated the club: *"It's fantastic to see the club visibly supporting this campaign, and it's been amazing what Marching Out Together and the club have achieved together in making Elland Road a welcoming place for LGBT+ families".*

The staff at Leeds United are united in wanting to combat all forms of discrimination and the first team squad were very happy to be captured supporting this year's Rainbow Laces campaign, whilst training at Thorp Arch that week.

A number of **straight allies** also voiced their support saying: *"You don't have to be part of the LGBT+ community to be a supporter of this important campaign. In fact, straight allies are really important in making sure everyone understands that homophobic and other offensive and abusive comments have no place on or off the pitch in sport; or in life generally".*

**Marching Out Together sponsor Katie Thompson** (Leeds United Ladies), and she too offered her support: *"It's important that players in any sport know that their team mates will be there for them, and that a person's sexuality should never be a reason not to participate. Women's football has historically been a bit better when it comes to homophobia but all sports can do much more to encourage inclusivity and combat discrimination".*

## General Update

15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Bolton 0 – 1 Leeds

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Chris Woods who joins the Marching Out Together group. Chris will be supporting us in running our Instagram account.

We caught up with Chris to find out a bit more about him:

**Why did you become a Leeds fan?**

*"I've supported Leeds as long as I can remember. I was born in Leeds and grew up around the corner from Elland Road, so it was only natural I would support my home team. A lot of my family are Leeds fans too."*

**When did you start going to watch Leeds?**

*"I went to my first match when I was 11 years old. It was a league 1 match against Leyton Orient and I was in the south stand."*

**Who's your favourite ever player?**

*"My favourite ever Leeds player is Chris Wood. Not only do we have the same name but the first season I got a season ticket was when he scored 30 goals in one season."*

**What made you get involved with Marching Out Together?**

*"I got involved in Marching Out Together because football is behind many other industries in terms of LGBTQ awareness and a group such as this helps deal with that. It's also good to meet up with fellow Leeds United fans."*



# Chelsea fan handed three-year ban from football matches for homophobic chants

A Chelsea fan has been banned from attending football matches for three years for shouting homophobic abuse during a Premier League match against Brighton.

George Bradley, 20, plead guilty to the offence of using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour to cause harassment, alarm or distress at Brighton Magistrates' Court on Thursday.

The incident occurred during Chelsea's 2-1 victory over the Seagulls at the Amex Stadium on December 16. Bradley has also been fined £965.

A spokesperson for Brighton & Hove Albion added: "We would like to thank Sussex Police for their assistance in dealing with this unsavoury incident, and we are very pleased with the outcome."



There are members of the LGBT+ community in every part of Elland Road for each game and also amongst the amazing away support that follow Leeds United. So please always remember that homophobic, bi-phobic, transphobic or in fact any form of abusive language or behaviour is unacceptable at any time. Leeds United welcomes everyone. We are one family. #ALAW



Marching Out Together sponsor both New Armley FC and Katie Thompson, a player with Leeds United Ladies. We will bring you an update on each of these teams in our newsletter:

**New Armley FC are delighted to announce  
the birth of New Armley Reserves:**

### New Armley Reserves



We are a new Sunday League Football Team.  
We are looking for friendlies to help develop our squad.  
We are willing to travel within Leeds and happy to split costs.

Please contact our facebook page  
New Armley FC  
stating New Armley Reserves.

We are always looking to bring fresh blood into our club also,  
So if you are a player looking for a team please also send a message to our club page.

#### WPL Division One

	Barnsley	2	◀	FT 20/11
	Leeds Ladies	1		

#### WPL Division One

	Leeds Ladies	3	◀	FT 25/11
	Chorley	0		

#### FA Women's Cup · Second round

	Leeds Ladies	4	◀	FT 02/12
	Doncaster Belles	3		

#### FA Women's Cup · Third round

	Huddersfield Town	4	◀	FT Yesterday
	Leeds Ladies	1		

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Thank you for your continued support,

**Marching Out Together**