

TANGERINE ARMY

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2011/2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM



The 2010/2011 Season

a season of statues and the Premier League



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Welcome to your Blackpool Supporters Association membership brochure for 2011/12 – a season in which we hope to build upon last year's achievements and aim to return to the top flight as swiftly as we can.

Last season will live long in the memory of Blackpool fans up and down the country and all around the world. While our Premier League campaign ultimately ended in proud disappointment at Old Trafford, Ian Holloway and the players had really had taken us on *"the best trip we've ever been on."* Memories were made and dreams were lived as Blackpool fans saw us do the double over Liverpool, beat Tottenham Hotspur, lead Manchester United twice and compete with the very best while enjoying a unique brand of football.

The 2010/2011 season was special for BSA too. May 2011 saw the unveiling of the Jimmy Armfield Statue. The statue was the biggest project we've ever undertaken, and over a period of 18 months Blackpool fans, especially BSA members, played a large part in raising the £75,000 required. The statue looks magnificent in its position at the South West corner of Bloomfield Road and will serve as a fitting tribute to a true legend for generations to come.

Many of the events held in the 2010/11 season were to fundraise for the statue. These included a series of events at Punch Taverns pubs across the Fylde Coast, including a Sportsman's Dinner at the Lord Derby in St Annes in December 2010 and in February 2011 a packed Layton Institute enjoyed a hot pot supper and an evening with Jimmy Armfield. More than 20 other ex-Blackpool players attended the event to answer questions about the club and their time there.

A summer draw in August 2010 and a spring draw in April 2011 both proved to be a great success with the winner of each taking £1000. A family fun day at the Red Lion pub in Bispham on Easter Sunday 2011 also allowed our younger fans to get involved in the fundraising.

The culmination of the project was the Tangerine Tie Gala Dinner held at Bloomfield Road on 1st May 2011, immediately after Jimmy Armfield had unveiled the statue. The dinner, which saw Sir Trevor Brooking as guest speaker, was a fantastic celebration of all the hard work which had gone into the statue and was an incredible night to associate with an incredible season.

As we enter a new season, new plans and ideas for projects are being formulated and we look forward to announcing these throughout the year. We will also continue to run travel to away matches. For many years BSA have fought to offer competitive travel prices to members and we will continue to do our best to keep these costs as low as possible.

The Committee would like to thank you for your continued support and we hope the forthcoming year is a successful one for us all both on and off the pitch.

Come on you 'Pool!





Travel and Weekend Away

all you need to know about travelling with BSA



BSA will be running coaches to all away games this season. In order to avoid disappointment we recommend that you book early.

Once again we will be teaming up with Redline Travel and working with them in order to keep the prices as low as possible.

Whilst we don't anticipate the same number of fixture changes as last season we may have to make changes to departure days & times to fit in with any televised games. Please keep checking the website, noticeboard and newsletter for up to date travel information.

Please remember that all travel must be booked by calling 07753 405628 prior to payment, and all payments must be made 48 hours before travelling.

Don't forget that all BSA members are entitled to be part of our travel loyalty scheme which entitles you to £5 off your tenth trip. Make sure you get your loyalty card from your coach steward, and if you didn't fill one last season don't worry – you can carry this over.

For several years BSA have been running an end of season weekend away to coincide with one of our final away games. Last season 40 BSA members travelled to Watford to take in the Fulham game.

Having checked into the Park Inn early Friday afternoon we enjoyed several local hostelries, and a Sunday game gave us the opportunity to have a free Saturday to spend in London or elsewhere. Aside from the disappointment of a 3-0 defeat, once again a good weekend was had by all.

Information about the location for this year's weekend away will be available in due course, so keep checking the newsletter and website for information.



Supporters Bar

The opening of the Seaside bar in the South Stand in February 2011 gave us a new opportunity to host events, functions and get the fans involved in pre-match build up. Whilst we have our own ideas, we will be looking for your ideas too. Keep checking your newsletter or the website and give us feedback for anything you'd like to see happen.

2011/2012 Season Preview

what to look forward to during the next 12 months

With the Jimmy Armfield statue now completed and unveiled BSA will now be turning our attention to other projects and events.

Some of the things that we have planned for this season include:

- The next stage of the Blackpool Football Club Hall of Fame covering the years 2000-2009
- A special Wembley Winners Way section in the ground paying tribute to players who have lifted silverware in the famous Tangerine
- Functions in the new Supporters Bar
- Formation of an ex-players club
- Developing links with the BFC Community Trust
- Working with fans to develop the atmosphere at Bloomfield Road

As well as the above we will continue to run our successful **Goals Goals Goals** and Crossbar Challenge competition as well as our free Members Draw. Goals Goals Goals is a game run by BSA in which members can win prizes by matching the time the ball hits the net during Blackpool matches with the numbers on their gamecard. The first person to complete the Crossbar Challenge will win two VIP tickets to a forthcoming home match and the first person to complete their game card will win £150 cash.

Our free Members Draw takes place at half time during every home league game. The lucky member who's name is drawn out will win either £53 or two VIP tickets for a forthcoming home game. Winners will be automatically notified without the need for claims.

With many other benefits including a discount voucher for the club shop, discounts at some BFC organised events, a travel loyalty card and regular newsletters it promises to be another season to remember.



Email Communication

Many BSA members last season will have noticed that we are now sending out a lot more information by email. As well as newsletters, members who've given us their email address receive details of special offers, events and travel information via email before anyone else.

To make sure you receive this information and more make sure you fill in your email address on the form.



Clocking Up the Miles

long away trips in store for the travelling fans

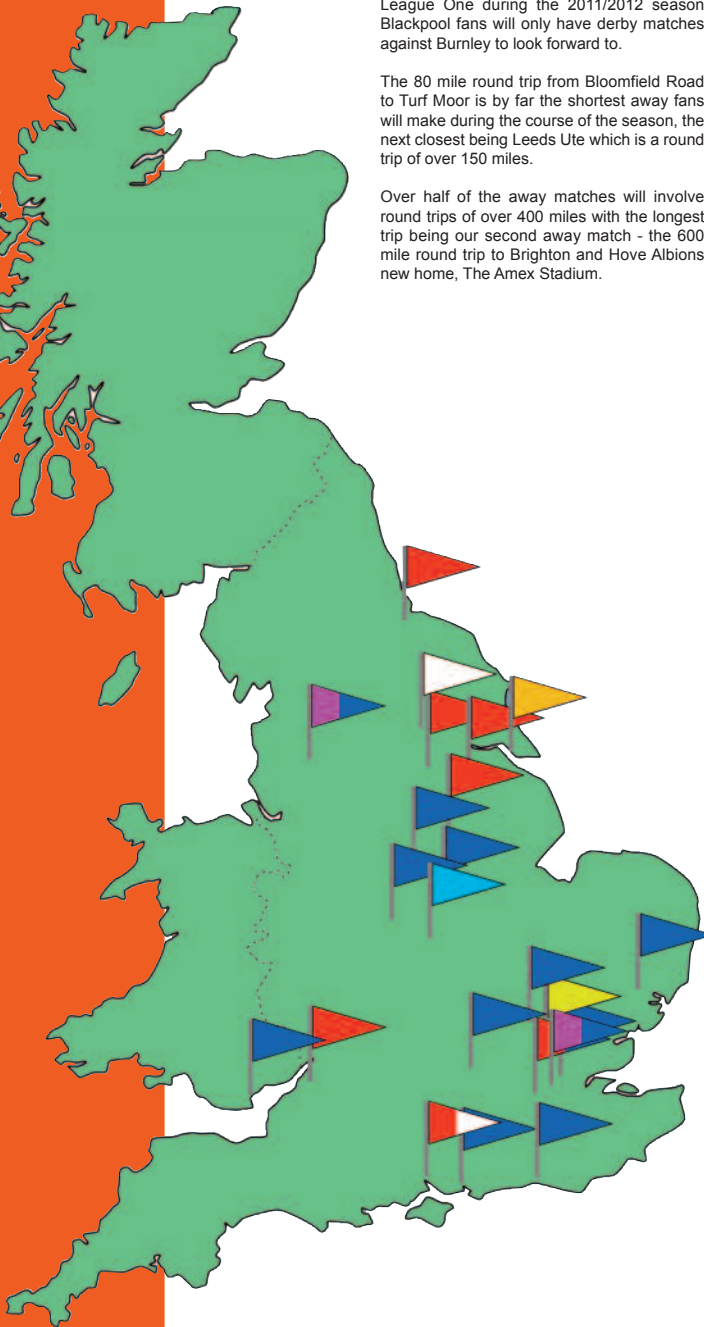
With Preston North end plying their trade in League One during the 2011/2012 season Blackpool fans will only have derby matches against Burnley to look forward to.

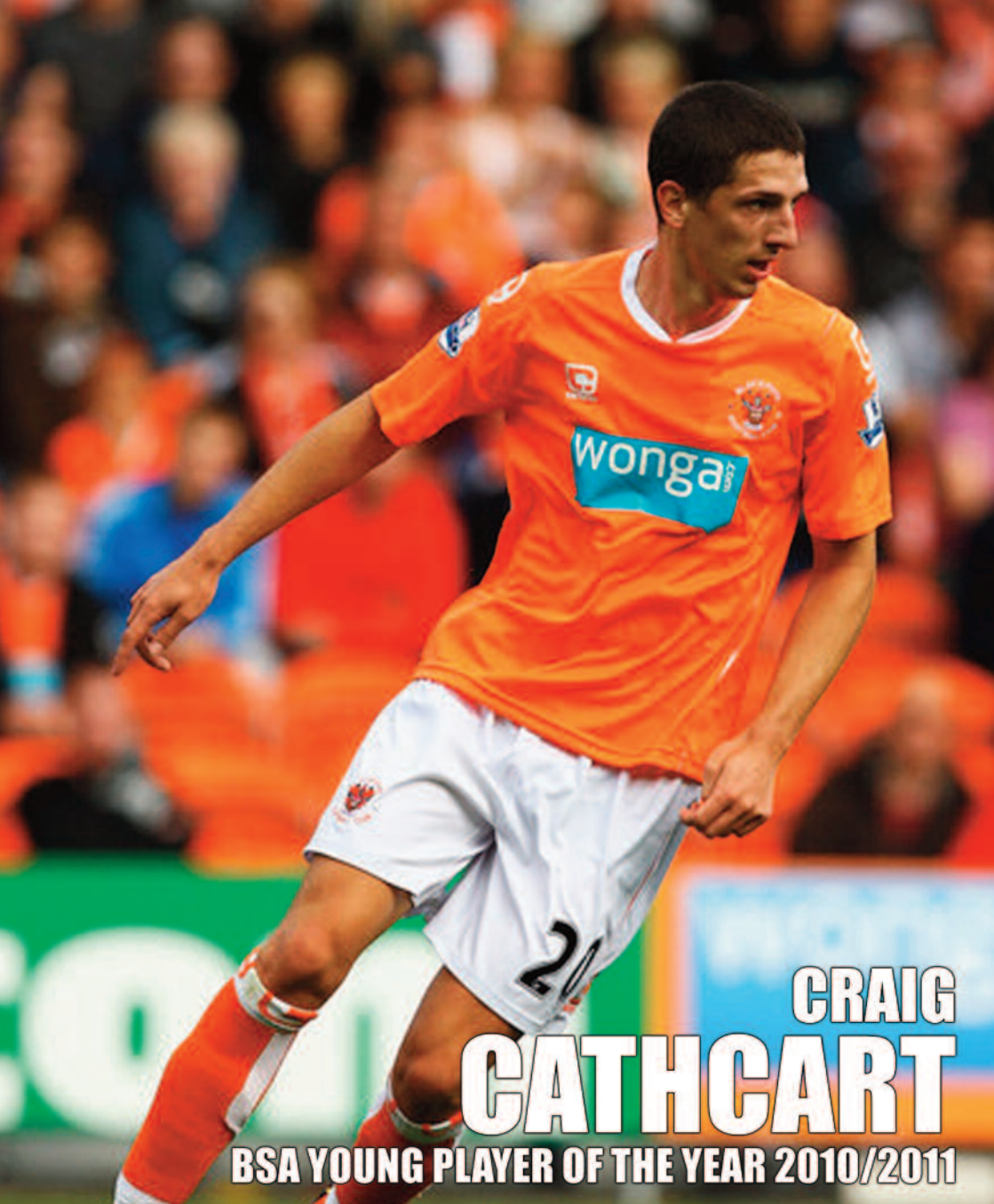
The 80 mile round trip from Bloomfield Road to Turf Moor is by far the shortest away fans will make during the course of the season, the next closest being Leeds Utd which is a round trip of over 150 miles.

Over half of the away matches will involve round trips of over 400 miles with the longest trip being our second away match - the 600 mile round trip to Brighton and Hove Albions new home, The Amex Stadium.

05 Aug	Hull City
20 Aug	Brighton & HA
27 Aug	Crystal Palace
24 Sep	Portsmouth
27 Sep	Coventry City
15 Oct	West Ham Utd
29 Oct	Burnley
02 Nov	Leeds Utd
19 Nov	Middlesbrough
29 Nov	Leicester City
10 Dec	Southampton
26 Dec	Barnsley
31 Dec	Birmingham City
14 Jan	Ipswich Town
04 Feb	Cardiff City
14 Feb	Doncaster Rovers
25 Feb	Bristol City
06 Mar	Derby County
10 Mar	Peterborough Utd
24 Mar	Reading
06 Apr	Watford
14 Apr	Nottingham Forest
28 Apr	Millwall

These dates are correct at the time of going to press. It is advised you check with BSA prior to booking.





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BSA YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2010/2011

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