

# in off the post

Your letters should be of not more than 150 words and addressed to "In off the Post", Chelsea F.C., Fulham Road, London, S.W.6.

## DECORATE THE BLUES

I'VE been a supporter for the past seven years since coming to England. After seeing Birmingham, Crystal Palace, Man. City, I think the time has arrived for Chelsea to decorate their shirts a bit (all in the Chelsea colours, of course) so as to get ready for the Common Market.

How about: blue shirt with one six-inch sash or stripe in yellow, blue, yellow; or yellow shirt, blue, white, blue, sash or stripe. I hope to see it in force before I go back to Barbados.

**Clyde W. Carter.**

70 Corrance Road,  
London, S.W.2.

## ON BEHALF OF THE OAKLEY LADS

I WOULD like to dedicate this letter to Peter Houseman. Being just a young lad living in the village, I was a keen soccer fan and Peter set up a lads' team to play in the local league at Basingstoke.

He also brought me to the Bridge for about the third time in my life and has transformed my life into being a true Chelsea fan. Thank you once again, Peter—not only from me but I am sure from all the Oakley lads.

**David Smith.**

24 Water Ridges  
East Oakley, Basingstoke.  
(Chelsea Big Pool Agent 4100.)

## BLUES IT IS

MY friend and I are having an argument about Chelsea's nickname. I say it is the Blues but he has it as the Pensioners from a football review, so I am asking for an answer, please.

**Paul Dendy.**

6 Grove Crescent,  
Hanworth, Feltham, Middx.

● *We dropped the "Pensioner" as our emblem when Ted Drake became manager in 1952 and have since become the "Blues".*

## SECOND-CHOICE COLOURS

A FEW seasons ago Chelsea and Everton started to wear yellow and blue as their second colours. Now, so many other teams have copied them—including Tottenham, Arsenal, Manchester United, West Bromwich, Huddersfield and Southampton—that I think we should introduce a different second strip and see how many other teams follow us again.

Perhaps other fans would like to send in suggestions.

**Stephen Back.**

580 Hanworth Road,  
Hounslow, Middx.

## MEMO TO "MICK"

LAST August I met a Chelsea supporter on holiday at Dymchurch, Kent. All I know is that his name is Mick and comes from Abbey Wood, London S.E. (if it helps, I support Tottenham Hotspur).

This might all sound a bit off the football mark, but if it wasn't for Chelsea I would never have met him, so could I ask him through your programme to get in touch.

**Shirley Plumb.**

124 Spencers Croft,  
Harlow, Essex.

**Athletics night:** Chelsea have entered the second London Football Clubs' Athletics at Crystal Palace on Monday, April 10 (7.30 p.m.). Events will be the 60 yd. dash, 100 m., 200 m., 400 m., the mile, 4 by 100 m. relay, high jump, long jump, long throw-in, penalty prize and target soccer. Tickets (£1 seats, 50p ground) available from Crystal Palace Sports Centre or from Ray Davis Promotions, 1 Curzonfield House, 42 Curzon Street, London, W.1. Please enclose stamped, addressed envelope when applying.