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# REPUBLICATION

News, views, and the occasional bruise from the world of  
*Republica Internationale FC* (Edition: March 2020)

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**WHAT'S THIS?** After several years in the wilderness (facebook?!), Republica's very own newsletter has been resurrected so you never miss our goings-on again. There are no rules\* about what we can include; it's your club and your newsletter. So if you have ideas, stories, features, photos, jokes, cartoons, news, announcements, rumours that you think we should know about, get in touch! The plan is for a new issue each month, so here goes March. Enjoy! (\*There are rules, don't break em.)

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## Republica – past, present, and future...

Republica... trying to play football since 1983 believe it or not. But for Republica it is and always has been more than football. Our founding members were keen socialists (and boozers..!) and the club has a proud history rooted in a shared passion for football and left-wing politics. This is still what brings us together today, and we are committed to using the club as a vehicle for positive social change and challenging all forms of discrimination. We don't expect everyone to be card-carrying socialists, or even know what that means. But we hope this is a club that allows those that share our values to find a home, learn from each other, organise, socialise and grow together. And play some football!

If you want to know more about the club's history, have a look on our shiny [website](#). For the enthusiasts, old member Mick Totten has written a great piece following the ups and the downs of the club's journey, have a look here: [tinyurl.com/sx3phlx](http://tinyurl.com/sx3phlx)

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## International Women's Day - #EachForEqual

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, a Republica contingent headed over to Bradford for a 5-a-side tournament for IWD, everyone playing under the banner of #EachForEqual.



We didn't make it to the final but we did have a lovely kick-about with other women in Yorkshire! Thanks to Keira for organising.

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**Re-pub-lication quiz #1:** which esteemed member of Republica proposed (successfully!) to their partner via a powerpoint presentation?

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Back in December, Republica supported the **#RainbowLaces** initiative during a 7-a-side friendly as part of a campaign for LGBT equality in sport. Look at all those lovely laces. If you too want some lovely laces to show your support, there are plenty to be had from Tania, £3 a pair with £2 going to the African Rainbow Family.

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## Summer tournaments – update

Everyone loves the summer, mainly for playing in all sorts of tournaments over land and sea with our mates. Here's some dates for the diary, listen out for more info on the airwaves. For those that haven't been to a tournament before, they come in all shapes and sizes and are always a lot of fun. They're also a good opportunity to get involved with the club beyond the normal league football and meet like-minded teams from around the UK/world... Unless specified, teams are mixed. Get involved!

- **11 April:** Easton Cowgirls (women's)
  - **25 April:** 0161 Festival, Manchester
  - **9 May:** Republica Mayday tourni @ CCC (see next page for more info)
  - **12-14 June:** Antira 2020, Hamburg
  - **4 July:** Yorkshire St Pauli summer tourni, Leeds.
- (If anyone knows of other tournaments, let us know!)



From the archive: Republica's AntiFA tournament in 2015... always antifa, sometimes antiFA... unlike the FA, we will always support mixed football for everyone!

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**Want to contribute to the Republication?** The plan is to have a new issue each month, which relies on you reading this, telling us it's worthwhile, and chipping in with some content... Please send all items, be they stories, match reports, photos (old and new), upcoming events, etc., to: [republicanews@hotmail.com](mailto:republicanews@hotmail.com)

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### Republica's Mayday 2020 tournament

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year running, we are hosting a 6-a-side mixed tournament at the Caribbean Cricket Club. Mayday is the international workers' day and has been an important date in the club's calendar over the years. Recently, we have been running the tournament in memory of Bod, an old member who sadly took his own life a few years ago. We'll be raising money for two local mental health charities (Andy's Man Club and Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Centre).



**HELP REQUIRED!** Tournaments don't run themselves nor spring up overnight... There's lots to do in the weeks running up to the day and then on the day itself. **If you have time to get involved in any way, please do.** Speak to someone on the committee and we can work out what needs doing and when. E.g., beforehand we need equipment checking, program designing, prizes for raffle, ...; on the day, we'll need help building goals and setting up the football, serving food, running stalls, team registration etc. It always works out, it's always DIY, and it's always a good day!

### Fixtures round-up

It's fair to say it's been a bit of a washout this winter. Despite Ciara, Dennis, Ellen, and Jorge (what happened to Fred, Gertrude, Horace, and Ingrid?!), the women managed 3 games in February, going down 5-2 to Silsden in the cup (Tania and Alice with the goals) before succumbing to Huddersfield Ams in a double-header (yes, 2x 1hr games back-to-back... what will they think of next?) on a single Sunday afternoon. Back to winning ways in March though, with a 6-1 home win vs Boroughbridge (scorers Alice, Kamilla, Jane x2, Anna, and Tania). Big shout out to everyone for a huge performance and Kamilla for player of the match!

The men's section managed only one game in February at a wet and boggy Scott Hall Wembley. But it was an important one, with a hard-fought 3-1 victory over New Armley Res in a top-of-the-table clash (Mourad, Tom E, and Santos with the goals). The game was chosen for special coverage in the YEP!



The good form continued into March with a 4-3 win over Sporting Pudsey under the lights at Fleet Lane – special mention to Mohammed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> half hat-trick and Tom K for taking a bloody one in the snout and battling through til the end. Three days later, the men overcame division 2 side Athletico Bramley in the cup on a shocker of a pitch, final score 1-0 and Moh with his fourth goal of the week. Two semi-finals await!

Upcoming fixtures on league website (plus keep an eye out for some men's section friendlies): Women [tinyurl.com/rx8evc2](https://tinyurl.com/rx8evc2) and Men [tinyurl.com/v34pqt8](https://tinyurl.com/v34pqt8)

### Women's social football sessions

From this month, the women's social football sessions we've been running in conjunction with Yorkshire St. Pauli will be **every week!** These are open to anyone who identifies as female or non-binary, and are well-suited to anyone new to football or looking to play and practice skills in a relaxed environment. Big thanks to Molly and Georgia for getting this going! If you know anyone who might like to get involved, then please pass on... details and customary daft photo below!



**What? Women and non-binary casual football.**  
**When? Every Saturday 1-2pm.**  
**Where? Powerleague central, Leeds.**