

# PETER BONTHRONE

Pete was born in Streatham on 14th August 1935 and attended his first Palace match on 7th September 1946 against Bristol Rovers after the Second World War delayed his introduction to the Glaziers. He still has the programme!

Apart from doing his National Service in the mid 1950s, he has only missed one home match since then which is an unbelievable attendance record! He has barely missed an away game for decades and can also be found watching the under 21s and attending friendlies.

He's seen Palace play in Sweden, Ireland (where Damien Delaney bought him a pint) and twice in the USA. He bought a long term season ticket under the previous ownership of the club but, when CPFC2010 took over, he bought another one to show his support for the new regime.

Pete is an inspiration to us all, and unlike most of us old fans he never moans. He really loves Palace and is enjoying the club's recent success enormously. All his friends at Palace would like to wish him a very Happy Birthday.

Cheers from:

- Steve, Sophie, Ben, Sam, Jack and Ollie Browett
- Steve P, Martin, Jeremy & their families
- Phil and Mandy
- Paul, Chris, Dave and Joss – Viva Palace
- Dean, Brighty, Bernie, Damon, Max, Gary, George and all the Boardroom fanatics
- Simon and Mark from the Cronx
- James, Andy and the team at FYP
- Barbara, Barry and Brummie Allan
- Neil and Sue Witherow



- Hoover, Rick and Neil Everitt
- Chris, Nigel and Kath
- Baldy, Colonel Britain, Trevor Weldon, Thirsty, Celtic Dave and Big Bad John
- Darrell Bourne, Richard Moore, Graham Atterway, John & Angela Vince, Vince & Fran Keaney, Michelle and Andy Wagon
- Alan, Keith and the team, especially Damo who named you "half pint Pete" in Waterford
- And all the thousands of Palace fans who have met you over the last eight decades

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# JOE LEDLEY

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Here, Joe Ledley looks back at a derby game with a d



**CELTIC 1-0 RANGERS**

**SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE | 28TH DECEMBER 2011 | CELTIC**

**Scorers:** Joe Ledley (Celtic) (52)

**Celtic:** Forster, Matthews, Ragne, Mulgrew, Ledley, Brown, Kayal (Ki 77), Wanyama, Forrest, Hooper (Stokes 86), Samaras.

**Rangers:** Bocarreg, McCulloch, Jelavic,

**F**or me the best derby I've ever played in is the Old Firm. There's so much passion between both sets of fans because of religion and the city – it really feels as though one side is blue and the other is green and white. The fans live and die for that game.

That year we didn't have a good start to the season and at one stage we were 15 points behind Rangers but we pulled it back and if we won that game we'd go top ourselves so there was extra incentive to the match.

The whole build-up during the week was amazing and the minute we walked out the noise was deafening. We did a huddle before kick-off and you couldn't actually hear what the captain was saying and he was only a yard away!

I can still remember the goal vividly. Charlie Mulgrew whipped the ball in from the right side and I just managed to get away from

my man and head it in on the 1-0, went top of the league a

After the game the Ce drinks given my way, I didn't was great in the gap between remember that goal now, an life - it was a special momen

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