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MONTHLY NEWSL September, Zim Zi

Welcome to what we hope will be a monthly news update for Senior Tigers. During these strange days it does look as though we are unlikely to meet up in the normal way for some time. Your Committee felt we had to keep you all in touch. Paul Bryan has kindly offered to continue with the personal calls at the beginning of each month. The Committee will meet via Zoom in the following week and just before the end of the month we will send you this Newsletter, with some hard copies mailed to those who are not on email.

We all miss Burnsie!

It is so encouraging to see the team make a really good start to the season but how frustrating to not be able to listen to live commentary by Burnsie & Swanny on Radio Humberside. For away matches I now sit with Sky Sports scoreline in front of me, along with BBC Sports updates on the Tigers on my mobile phone and Hull Daily Mail updates on my tablet. That's being rather desperate!

What we wanted you to know is that whilst we avoid making an issue with the club, we have sent a personal letter to David Burns to let him know how many of you miss his commentaries. Paul, in his personal calls earlier this month, found that this was something that came up from a great number of you. Burnsie relates to us and, as many Senior Tigers struggle with loneliness issues during this pandemic, Burnsie is a reassuring friend. We wanted him to know that.

Player of the Season

You will know that Jarrod Bowen won the Trophy for the second season running and despite him leaving us at the end of January no player took the opportunity to overtake him. We are currently exploring ways in which his award can be sent to him at West Ham United.

Meanwhile, we start again. Every Senior Tiger is invited to nominate their choice for Player of the Month, each score will count at the end of the season as we find our new Player of the Season.

Pat Betts has very kindly offered to continue the task of receiving all nominations. Sadly, this will have to continue 'on line' although we hope we may yet return to our monthly meetings - in time.

Please do let Pat know at the end of each month who your nomination is. When we did this at the restart of last season not many took part - I guess we all found it difficult to nominate anyone as things unfolded. Well now it's all different. Our team have made a promising start and there are already a number of shining performances that will have caught the eye.

You can vote now for your September PoM. To vote please email or phone Pat. Paul Bryan may also remind you when he calls early in October!

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Putting a face to a voice

This is **Paul Bryan**, our Wellbeing co-ordinator, who rings you at the beginning of the month. Bless him!

The Tigers' Trust

The Tigers' Trust are looking to make real contributions to the problems of lock-down and isolation during these Covid-19 times. Once they are agreed we will let you know about them. They hope to include on-line Quizzes & Coffee mornings along with Bowls and Walking activities. They are focussed on meeting the issues of Loneliness with some positive responses

If you want to contact any of the Committee, please go to our website (www.seniortigers.org.uk) , click on *About*, then *Committee* & then *Committee Members*.



Safety meeting at the KCOM

Barbara Wilkinson was invited to attend a recent Safety meeting at the KCOM as they explored the possibility of a return to crowds on matchdays. At the time there were still hopes of a return starting with a 1000 crowd for a test when City hosted Crewe. Events, of course, took a turn and we must remain patient before any matches might be witnessed by crowds.

What Barbara could confirm is that our club is working hard to ensure that crowds will be welcomed back at the earliest opportunity. It had already been agreed that any passholder coming to future matches would be expected to adhere to a special Code of Contact. Passholders will be allocated a seat in advance, but probably not the seat they would normally sit in. On arrival they would have to wear a mask, those who would not be medically able to wear one would need to wear a safety visor instead. Arrival times may also be staggered with those at the rear of a stand likely to be called earlier than those who sit near the front. Similar procedures could also be expected at the end of the match. You would be expected to remain in vour seat although access to the services and facilities would still be allowed.

As things stand it may well be into the New Year or beyond before we are allowed this privilege. Live streaming of matches will continue to be available and we are expecting that Season Passholders will be granted free access. The new streaming service is a massive improvement on the one in use at the end of last season.

Website Update

The Coronavirus pandemic has significantly slowed down the progress of increasing the collection of memorabilia displayed on our website following the launch at our February meeting. The time spent in lockdown has not been wasted though. Work behind the scenes has continued and improvements to the presentation of the memorabilia are being made and hopefully an updated and expanded gallery of memorabilia will be available in the coming months.

In the meantime, there is still a large collection of Team photographs from 1904 until the present on our website –

https://www.seniortigers.org.uk/gallery/ 1900s_teams_page1/gallery.html

For a quick look at the 1960s photos click -

https://www.seniortigers.org.uk/gallery/ 1960s_teams_page1/index.php#&panel1-1

These photographs have name tags on the faces and there are still quite a few names to be added, especially in the more recent decades, so if you have some time to spare, please browse the photos and add names to the faces that you recognise. I hope to give a more comprehensive update later in the year **Rob Wilson**

Our Secretary goes down Memory Lane

In September, 1969, a team of theological students were sent on 'mission' from St John's College, Durham, to St Martin's Church, North Road, Hull. I was on the team and this would be my first ever visit to Hull. The city made some impression because I would return and spend almost my entire ministry here.

On that occasion I took the opportunity to watch Hull City at Boothferry Park for a Div. 2 match against Bolton Wanderers. We won 4-2 with 2 goals from the great Chillo', whilst Waggy & Butler added the others. Chris Chilton was a late addition to the team on the day. How do I know that? I looked it up on our website and found the programme in full. The front line in the matchday programme was Blampey, Waggy, Wilkinson, Houghton & Butler, no Chillo'. I then turned to Match Information and noted that Chillo' did play, replacing Stuart Blampey & scoring twice!

Always worth looking things up – before I couldn't even remember who we played on my first visit to Boothferry Park! I do hope that you have enjoyed receiving this, our first Member's Newsletter. Our intention is to continue doing so until we get to the end of this pandemic and can return to our normal monthly meetings. "Normal", what a lovely sounding word!

If you do have any concerns please do get in touch. My contact details are at the top of the Newsletter whilst other committee members can be contacted via the website (see bottom of front page)

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