



SENIOR TIGERS

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome and what a great start to the new season! Following the gloom over our capitulation in the Championship I doubt if anyone could have predicted the transformation now that we are in League 1. Six wins from the first seven matches and everyone with a clean sheet, this has to be something of a Club record. Just that one set back at Fleetwood otherwise a perfect start. "Come on you Tigers!!"

We do, of course, miss watching the games live but the new live screening service via **iFollow**. For those who continue to pay their membership fee it is also available at no cost – and well worth it! You do have to enter you banking details every time but no problem, once you quote the match code it will show no fee. Non-members can still use the system but will need to pay the required fee – so too those members who have taken the option of paying only half-price membership fees. This offer allows them to keep their personal seat in the stadium and reclaim it when stadiums reopen without any Covid-19 restrictions, it does not, however, allow them access to the Membership Benefits, like free *iFollow* for home fixtures. Realistically we are unlikely to use our personal seat for the foreseeable future, even when some crowds are allowed back, they will be

need to use a seat allocated by the club that allows social distancing.

The TIGERS' TRUST

They are looking to put on a series of events and activities to support their Isolation and Loneliness Project which includes walking football, table tennis, pool etc, and maybe coffee mornings and quizzes indoors. COVID restrictions are affecting this initiative so these are just at the proposal stage except for walking football, which is taking place outside, and quizzes via Zoom sessions and emails.

Last month, as a token of our appreciation, we sent flowers to Kayleigh Jackson & Ellie Tanser of the Tigers' Trust. They have given fantastic support to our members. *(photo shows Kayleigh)*



Player of the Month:

With goals going in and a defence holding solid there have to be many possible Player of the Month nominations. Strangely less than 30 members registered their vote in September, we can do better than that! To nominate your PoM for October you need to do one of two simple options.

Ring Pat Betts on **01482 898715**
Or send her an email patnor82@yahoo.co.uk

Voting reopens following our match v. Swindon on 31st October. Please vote, every vote sends a message of support to the club.

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Meanwhile, here is the personal Trophy that was recently sent to Jarrod Bowen at West Ham United after he was voted the Senior Tiger PoS for season 2019-2020



Wishh – an update:



You will recall that the Senior Tigers recently donated a gift to **Wishh** and the following article, which appeared in the Hull Daily Mail, shares how things are progressing.

Staff fighting on the frontline of the **coronavirus pandemic** will be boosted by a new health and wellbeing facility at **Castle Hill Hospital** thanks to a huge number of donations. Money donated by members of the public, as well as businesses and charities, during the pandemic means a designated area for the hard-working staff to relax and unwind can be created.

The £130,000 facility has been part-funded by the charity WISHH (Working Independently to Support Hull's Hospitals) which welcomed

donations from **Hull Live** and Hull Daily Mail readers. (and, of course, Senior Tigers)

Staff at both Castle Hill and Hull Royal Infirmary showed tremendous dedication and courage when treating seriously ill patients during the low points of the pandemic and are expected to be called upon again as case numbers begin to rise once more. The aim is for Hull Royal to also have a facility built, following on from the first phase at the Cottingham site.

Pete Maltby

We are sorry to report that former Senior Tiger, Pete Maltby, recently passed away. As well as a Senior Tiger and an avid City fan, many may have known him as the proprietor of the family business on Hessle Road, the long-established Maltby's Pet Supplies store.

Our letter to Burnsie:

Paul Bryan wrote, *I am the Wellbeing Coordinator for the Senior Tigers. Since lockdown I have rung all 232 members to check they are doing well and coping, starting the first Monday of every month. This has taken place six times from April to September. This month's round of calls (Sept.) was different. The main topic of conversation was the fact that you and Swanny could no longer commentate on Tiger's games. It is obvious to me that your commentaries mean a great deal to our membership. Some of us are unable to attend the matches due to, infirmity, disability, and finance. You have been an essential link between our club and our members. I feel that this contact goes beyond an interest in football and into the areas of isolation, loneliness and in general, mental health. Our committee are very keen to ensure the wellbeing of our members, particularly in these difficult times. You, perhaps unknowingly, are an essential part of this ideology. I wish to thank you for all you and Swanny have done for our membership and hope that in the future we can again listen to you reporting on our team and giving our members that matchday contact which they hold so dear.*

Burnsie replied and mentioned that he had passed our e-mail up the BBC management chain "as

we're trying to make representations to the club on the impact of no commentaries". He went on to encourage us to keep in touch and sent us his "Cheers!"

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