



# SENIOR TIGERS

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome – this time last year we wished each other a “Very Happy New Year” but I guess few will look back and feel they had one! So let’s try again, it is now 2021

### *A Very Happy New Year to one and all!*

#### **The Christmas Raffle:**

The response to the Christmas Raffle was wonderful, so many kind appreciations – and not just from the winners! The big winners, the three hampers, were ...

**Dave Cormack, Eric Vollans & Derek Brooks**  
and we send them our hearty Congratulations!

Paul Bryan delivered the hampers the following day and clearly there were many smiles, behind the masks!



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner, Dave Cormack**



**Eric & Derek**

A lovely response from Derek, who felt there were many others in real need a helping hand, so he generously donated his hamper to the Hull Food Bank (part of the Trussel Trust) – but kept the bottle of wine!

#### **Flowers of encouragement:**

Before Christmas I had the happy opportunity to take a bouquet of flowers to the Chilton family. It was a committee decision to send some positive encouragement to them and especially to Margaret, Chris’ wife. The recent fundraising has been a real ‘God-send’ for the family and secured Chris the place he needs in a local Care Home, at least for some time.

When I delivered the flowers Margaret was resting, having had a fall at home the previous day. She was very shaken but should be OK and I am sure the flowers were going to help her greatly. It was their son Gary, as the photo shows, who gratefully received the flowers on her behalf.



*Gary Chilton with our flowers for the family*

#### Our other Raffle winners were ...

**M&S Vouchers:** Stewart MacMaster: David Lang:  
Charles Frankish: Craig Simpson: Elizabeth Clague:  
Richard Bentley: Sandra Thorpe: Josephine Beaumont:  
Kim Sykes: Pete Wilson

**Sainsbury vouchers:** Graham Jackson: Gwen Byass:  
Barry Fleetwood: Colin West: Barbara Fumage:  
John Marsters: David McGowan: Pam Wilkinson:  
Peter Lincoln: David Brewster:

**£20 Meat voucher:** Brian Nickson:

**£10 Meat voucher:** Robert Cooper.

#### Your Christmas e-Card:

There were a number of warm responses to the Christmas e-Card that all members on the internet received before Christmas. In these strange days of lockdown we wanted to give something to all our members that would be reassuring and welcome. Sadly we could not send these to those members without internet access – but they didn't miss out. Every one received a traditional card in the mail.

#### .... Turkey & Tinsel?

When Paul rang round the members last month he received a suggestion that when we are able to return to 'normal' that we might like to consider holding an out of season Christmas Luncheon, just to make up for

something that we have lost during the pandemic. Let it be known that the Committee warmed to the idea and will certainly discuss the options with the catering team at the KCOM. Not sure that they'll manage a Christmas Tree but turkey, that should be no problem!

#### Sad news:

Last month we shared the sad loss of two of our regular members, **Gerry Ashton & Ron Philips**. Both families appreciated our supportive condolences. One good thing is that Ron's son, David, has now joined the Senior Tigers and will be bringing his mother, Joan, to our future meetings.

Since then we have heard of another two former members who have passed away in the build up to Christmas. **Shirley Cross** was one of our original members and served on the first Committee. The other loss was **John Lilley** who was also a member in the early years. John was also a member of the executive club when the club moved to the KC Stadium and a lifelong Tiger, boy & man.

We send our love and prayers to all their families.

#### Player of the month (PoM):

Many thanks for the great response to the Vote Button, it really made a difference. From just a handful of votes we suddenly had a deluge! 121 members cast their votes for their November PoM so watch out for the Button which will be with you shortly. Then you will be able to record your December PoM.

For those not on the internet you can still ring your vote direct to **Pat Betts** on **01482 898715**.

#### Looking back to 2018 ...

##### Our trip to Bomber Command Memorial in Lincoln:

After a very dull and dreary January, on Thursday January 18th, 2018 the clouds cleared and 57 of our members left the KCOM stadium for the South Bank.

Our first stop was the Hemswell Antiques' Centre at Hemswell Cliff. We were there for morning coffee with time to look round some of the exhibits. Being the largest antique centre in Europe, it is impossible to see everything even in a day, so hopefully some would go back again.

We then went to The Dambusters Arms at Scampton. We were greeted by co-owners Steve and Greg and enjoyed a buffet lunch with a chance to try their

home-brewed ales and a talk about the Dambusters history. The surprise of the day was a 2 hour display of the Red Arrows team, as they were training around the area. It was a bright clear day, and so viewing was extremely clear and lots of photos were taken.

We continued our journey to the International Bomber Command Memorial at Canwick Hill, Lincoln. Although the Visitors' Centre was not officially opened until the next month, we were given a guided tour and talk about the memorial, which was a very moving experience. (JAB)

*Please see the back page for a selection of photographs taken on the day. This story is one of many that you can always find on our web site.*

## **Anagrams**

**DORMITORY**

**ASTRONOMER**

**THE EYES**

**THE MORSE CODE**

*Answers on page 3*

## **SENIOR TIGERS MEMORABILIA TEAM NEWS**

The Memorabilia Team are currently working on a number of collections but one has given us a real surprise. We have been put in touch with a supporter who has put together the statistics of over 4000 Reserve Team games. Teams, scorers, notes about the games, etc. After some hard work checking the data, spellings, formatting, etc. we are planning to upload this unique record to the revamped web site.

What we now need, are the programmes to go with the stats and any other information to supplement these remarkable records. So, if you know the whereabouts of Reserve match programmes, newspaper reports, etc please let us know.

Another area of current interest is anything pre-1946. Any wartime football items involving City and anything pre-war Tigers is what we are looking for. Programmes, newspaper cuttings and memorabilia. We did appear in a FA Cup Semi Final (1929/30) and gain promotion (1932/33). Plus, some great players represented the club. We believe there are items hidden away in homes, attics and garages round the region.

As we enter 2021, I invite you to take a look at the Senior Tigers web site and view a programme from 100 years ago. I am sure you will find it interesting. To find the programme go to the Senior Tigers web site, click on "HULL CITY MEMORABILIA", click on "ENTER GALLERY", click on "Match Programmes", search and click on "1920-21" (coloured green), look for 05/03/1921 (again coloured green) and click on. You will now be able to read the programme for the home game against Preston North End and see a glimpse into life in Hull 100 years ago.

In addition to the football notes and information take a look at the adverts. One could visit The Lyric, The Grand Theatre, The Tivoli or Alexandra Theatre for a night out. Or may be go for tea at the Grosvenor Hotel. You may be dressed in clothes from Lion Clothing Co Ltd, Asbestos or Waistell & Co. You may have picked up a bargain from Ward & Abercrombie. To get home you could have taken a taxi from Hull City Motor Carrying. If however you felt under the weather you may have stayed at home with the latest edition of the Sports Mail, priced 2d and taken a dose of Owbridge Lung Tonic.

Where did all those businesses go? Isn't it ironic that in a 100 years time our relations will be saying the same thing as familiar names to us in the High Street will have disappeared.

Good luck to all in 2021 and stay safe.

**Tony Conway.** Memorabilia Project Coordinator





To see and read the whole programme you only need to go to our website!

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## Anagrams

The answers .....

Dormitory      Dirty Room

Astronomer      Moon Starer

The Eyes      They see

The Morse Code      Here come dots



The Red Arrows in flight (2 photos)  
Senior Tigers arriving at the Memorial  
Presentation to the Memorial Trust  
The Bomber Command Memorial & view of Lincoln Cathedral through the Memorial





**Our Memories of a wonderful  
January day in 2018 when we visited  
the new Bomber Command  
Memorial in Lincoln  
and saw the Red Arrows on display**