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Message from your Chair:

Hello everyone, I thought it was about time I brought you all up to speed with what your committee has been up to over the past year. As there is very little news or events we can enter in this news section I thought a communication from your chair might be in order. Now that you all should have or about to have your vaccination against this dreaded Covid-19 bug, I hope you are all starting to feel that there may be light at the end of this long, long pandemic road. I am sure like me you are all looking forward to the time we can hug our family and friends and get back to some sort of normality. Although it may be some time yet before we can all meet up and continue with our usual Senior Tigers Thursday afternoon meetings and social activities, we do miss them. Over the past year, your committee has been having Zoom meetings on a regular basis in order to think of ways we can keep in touch with you all. Your Wellbeing Coordinator, Paul Bryan, has been a star over this past year as he has kept in touch every month with each and every one of you, making sure you are all ok. We can't praise Paul too highly for what he has had done throughout this difficult period. Under the leadership of Allen Bagshawe, the introduction of a monthly

newsletter is a welcomed addition and appears to have been well received by everyone. Also, the feedback we have received from the raffle that was held at Christmas was fantastic so our thanks go to Ernie, Barbara and Peter Wilson for making this possible, not forgetting Paul for delivering the hampers to the winners. Rob Wilson came up with a simple way of voting for your player of the month, which goes towards choosing your player of the season. This voting system has proved very popular with well over 120 votes being cast each month. You can still of course ring or email Pat Betts to register your vote if you prefer. We have decided that our website needs a refresh so over the next few weeks we are carrying out an in-depth assessment of the site so be prepared for a new look to some of the sections before too long. Rob Wilson and Memorabilia Coordinator, Tony Conway, and his team have been given the task of redeveloping the Memorabilia Gallery. This long-awaited section is getting close to being released and should be ready for your eyes soon. I have seen little snippets of it, in my opinion, I tell you now it will be well worth the wait. For those who may not be aware, the Tigers Trust hold an open forum via a Zoom session when various topics are discussed. It could be on your favourite player, the Tigers last match or on items of memorabilia. Also every Thursday morning, again via Zoom, the Tigers Trust hold a wide-ranging quiz. You would be made most welcome to join the guys and gals on either day. For further information contact Ellie Tanser from the Tigers Trust via her email ellie.tanser@tigerstrust.co.uk. A great time and plenty of laughs is the order of the day for those taking part.



Let's hope we are able to return to our usual Senior Tigers meetings before the end of the year. In the meantime, take care, stay safe.

From your chair, **David Jackson**

Wellbeing:

Welcome, whilst I'm sure we are all still feeling the loneliness of isolation, most of us will see the 'light at the end of the tunnel' with our Covid vaccinations in place. Paul, our Wellbeing Co-ordinator, calls every single member of the Senior Tigers at the beginning of each month. It is a remarkable commitment but one, which we are sure, is greatly appreciated among the members. After his February calls he wrote ...

I have completed the 11th round of phone calls. The majority of members who are over seventy have had their vaccinations or are booked in to do so.

The membership is doing well with many of them grateful for the excellent newsletter and the chance to keep in touch with the group. Of course, my update must be tempered by the loss of Ken Atkinson, a lovely man and a friend, bless him. We have a couple of members who are having serious health problems which are not Covid related. I will keep in regular contact with them over the next month. It has become obvious to me that the existence of our group and the committee's efforts to keep it going in these difficult times is playing a very important part in the life of many of the membership and is very much appreciated.

Paul Bryan

Club Points:

At a recent Committee meeting (via Zoom) we were asked how many of us had made use of the Points which are provided for all passholders. Club Points can be used, when circumstances permit, for buying tickets for Home & Away matches. They can accrue to quite a substantial amount which can then be spent in the Club Shop. David had accrued over £100, and Pat admitted it had helped her to buy many Christmas presents!! I had to admit that I had not given them a thought! They must just be accruing! Before they can be used in the leisure shops your Membership Card needs registering with Tiger Leisure. This can be done by contacting the football club. Even though the shops are currently closed (due to Covid restrictions) they are still accessible via on-line.

So, we thought, there may be other passholders in the Senior Tigers, who have overlooked this little honey pot.

Memory Lane & The Tigers that travel the world:

The Memorabilia Team continue to be busy and in fact have entered an especially busy period. Not only have we received some new items but Rob Wilson has reached a point on the redesign of the web site that needs all the team's involvement, as we embark on a cataloguing exercise to ensure we have good quality images, the site looks good, the scripts are correct and the grammar is correct and consistent. We now have hundreds of images on the site with hundreds more being prepared for up loading. Later this year we will relaunch the site and inform the **Tigernation** about our vast collection.

One area we notice we don't have many images for are the trips the Tigers have made abroad. The most memorable in recent times have probably been the 1984 visit to Tampa Bay to play in the Anglo American Cup.

The Tigers played against Tampabay Bay Rowdies, losing 1-0 but having won the 1st leg 3-0 in Hull, earlier in the year, they won the Cup. Then the visit to China to play in the 2009 Premier League Asia Trophy, and the venture into a European competition in the 2014 Europa Cup.



The games in China against Beijing Guoan and Tottenham Hotspur really attracted the fans interest with as many as 400 reported to have accompanied the team. Sky also televised both

games. Black and amber scarves and shirts were seen all over the Chinese capital as well as on the great wall.

It is hard to believe but the Tigers made their first trip abroad in May 1908. Visiting Belgium and Holland, when 3 games were played and all 3 won. The games were against Bruges (won 3-0, A Belgium XI (won 3-2) and The Hague (won 3-0). Before the First World War other trips were made to Sweden (2), Holland, Belgium (2) and Norway. I don't expect many Tigers fans were present at these games. The last of these tours was in 1913 and between the wars only one trip was made and that was in 1924 when a 7 game tour of Sweden and Finland was undertaken.

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After the second war, with interest in the Tigers at a high point, tours were taken in 1948 to Denmark and Sweden, 1949 to Ireland, 1950 to Turkey and Israel and in 1951 to Spain. The Spanish tour saw games against high profile opposition in Athletic Bilbao, Athletic Madrid and the mighty CF Barcelona. Sadly all 3 games were lost but a crowd of 45,000 was present for the game in Madrid.

The 50's saw one other trip take place to Denmark, then there was a lull until 1971 when 2 trips were made to Scandinavia. In 1973 a colourful 8 game end of season tour was made to the Caribbean. This was quickly followed in the August by 3 games in the Republic of Ireland. It was then 5 years before another trip. Then a one game visit to Holland was made to SC Cambuur, with City winning 2-0. A year later they visited Cambuur again and drew 0-0, as part of a 7 game tour to the Netherlands.

The 80's saw 5 trips made overseas, to Gibraltar, Spain, USA (Tampa) and Bermuda, where they played the delightfully named club, Dandy Town. Between 1988 and 2008 only one trip was made and that was 1990 to Bulgaria for 3 games. At the start of the new century, apart from the trip to China, only 3 one game overseas visits were made in the first 10 years. These were to Oostende (Belgium), Atalanta (Italy) and Galway United (Eire).

From 2013, apart from a visit to Germany in 2013, most of the visits and games were played as part of pre season training camps. Either, Portugal,

Spain or Austria were visited with a number of games played against other UK teams or local teams. The exceptions were the Europa Cup experience of 2014 and a trip to Nairobi in Kenya to play

Gor Mahia in 2018. This was a game sponsored by City's sponsor SportPesa.



Details of most of the overseas games can be seen by visiting the Memorabilia section of the web site and clicking on Match Programmes and Match Information.

In these last few years fans have accompanied the team on these pre season trips and been vocal at the relevant friendly games. As I stated earlier, we do not have many memorabilia items from the Tigers overseas trips, so if you have seen the Tigers abroad and have ticket stubs, posters, programmes, team sheets, photographs, etc. and would like to share them with us, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you. This also includes the visits to China, West Indies, USA, Bulgaria or wherever you were lucky enough to witness the games.

Tony Conway (Senior Tigers Memorabilia Project Coordinator)

Player of the Month:

Be sure to vote for your February Player of the Month as soon as you receive the Red button email. Those without email should continue to call **Pat Betts** on **898715**. The current leader board is George Honeyman, followed by Jacob Greaves, Josh Emmanuel & Greg Docherty.

Live commentaries:

Because some of you have been asking about the loss of live matchday commentaries we approached the football club and they gave us this response.

"The 2020/21 season will see audio commentary, as well as live streams, available on the Club's iFollow service. The decision to retain match commentary rights was not one that was made quickly or easily. It comes as, like many businesses in the current climate, the Club finds all of its revenue streams massively impacted by the effects of Covid-19. Whilst Radio Humberside won't be able to deliver live match commentary, they will still be welcome at the KCOM Stadium to report on our matches as well as continuing to be invited to Club press conferences."

Nb. To be able to listen to the live commentaries via iFollow there is a monthly charge of £4.49.

Visit to St George's Park 16th March, 2017:

It is 4 years this month that the Senior Tigers enjoyed a memorable visit to the new FA Centre of Excellence, St George's Park, near Burton. Here are some photos to refresh memories ...





- (a) The entrance sign
- (b) A sculpture of Wayne Rooney
- (c) Members in the Sport's Hall
- (d) A lift door with a message from the Ladies!
- (e) One of the Graffiti walls
- (f) Members spotting the signatures etc.
- (g) The impressive building