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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Congratulations to our players, management & club:

Yes, we are going up! After the despair of last season's dismal plummet to relegation the club have responded in the very best way with an immediate promotion. Few could have dared to hope for such success and yet they have turned themselves round and transformed into a winning team. **Senior Tigers** thank the players for their commitment to this challenge, to Grant McCann and his coaching team and to the Club's often beleaguered owners. What has happened is a total team effort and we thank them all.

Congratulations also to Grant McCann on being awarded the Coach of the Year (League 1) and for our two players, George Honeyman & Callum Elder, who were selected for the League 1 Dream Team. There could have been more and perhaps it is because we have spread our goals across the front line that our front three of KLP, Mallik Wilks & Josh Magennis have missed out on selection. I'd rather have a front row than a single solo star!



Player of the Season:

We will soon know who is to be our Player of the season. Your votes for the April PoM have already been asked for and shortly you will receive the May PoM button – with just the two matches left.

In March your votes were heavily in support of George Honeyman with 35 votes followed by Lewie Coyle on 18 votes and Greavsie & the Doc in joint 3rd on 12 votes. With our April & May votes to come its beginning to look as though George is uncatchable – he is well clear at the moment. Those nearest to him are Jacob, the Doc (they are quite close in 2nd and 3rd) followed by KLP, Mallik & Josh Emmanuel. In the next Newsletter we may well be able to declare the winner.

Membership Survey:

Last month Paul Bryan asked all our members to take a short Questionnaire that will help us in preparing for a return to our greatly missed monthly meetings. You will, for sure, be interested to know the results!

- Q1 Do you normally attend the Senior Tigers' meetings at the KC ?
- Yes 177 No 13
- Q2 Would you be prepared to attend the meetings if there are NO Covid restrictions in place ?
- Yes 145 No 45
- Q3 Presuming you have had two jabs by next season would you expect there to be further Covid restrictions at our meetings ?
- Yes 126 No 64
- Q4 Would you object to social distance queueing to enter the room ?
- Yes 8 No 182

- Q5 Would you object to social distance seating ?
 Yes 5 No 185
- Q6 Would you object to wearing a mask or visor ?
 Yes 9 No 181
- Q7 Are there any other conditions you would like to see considered at our meetings ?

Your responses to Q7 were interesting. *Read on*

There were 93 members who wondered if it will be possible to provide teas & coffees safely at our meetings when we resume. Obviously we will be discussing this with the club. A large number (49) were wondering whether we would need a bigger room to allow for distancing. 18 members wondered if we might have to restrict numbers attending. There were a number of other comments, all of which have been discussed by the committee and will form part of our conversation with the football club. Many thanks for all your contributions and, of course, to Paul for carrying out this survey.

It is likely that the stadium will make requirements and it is so very helpful to know how you would feel about them in advance.

Memorabilia Team article: The TRAP DOOR!

If you browse through the Match Information on the Memorabilia part of the web site you will notice that over the years a number of clubs have names you don't recognise or whom you had forgotten about. These unfamiliar names may be clubs who have disappeared or have had troubled seasons and find themselves in Non-League football. What surprised me is the number of clubs that have fallen through the "trap door".

Whilst our local rivals Grimsby Town have sadly dropped out of the League, we should be pleased that we have not suffered a similar fate. We applaud our teams for achieving promotion or outstanding cup results but we should not forget that great effort is needed at times to avoid adversity. "The Great Escape" season of 1998-99 was just one of those times. How scary was that season as we occupied the bottom 2 places in Nationwide League Division 3 from 3 October 1998 to 13 March 1999. We could easily have been one of those clubs falling out of the Football League. Many will remember the 13,949 who crowded into the crumbling Boothferry Park to witness the 1-1 draw with Scarborough as Gary

Brabin's goal moved us towards safety. Take a few minutes and visit the web site to look at the match detail and the programme and remind yourselves of the team of heroes who staved off disaster. We should also not forget the times of near extinction when Administration and Liquidation were possible. Who knows what would have happened then?

Since 1905-06, our first season in the FL we have played the following clubs who are no longer in existence or who are surviving in Non-League football.

No longer around are, Burton United, Nelson, Wigan Borough, New Brighton and Bury. Now playing in Non-League are, Aldershot, Bradford Park Avenue, Chester City, Chesterfield, Darlington, Gainsborough Trinity, Gateshead (formerly South Shields), Glossop North End, Halifax Town, Hartlepool United, Hereford United, Notts County, Scarborough, Southport, Stockport County, Torquay United, Workington, Wrexham, and York City,

Some clubs changed their name, now we know what arguments that can cause! Clapton Orient (now Leyton Orient), Leeds City (now Leeds United), Leicester Fosse (now Leicester City) and Rotherham County (now Rotherham United).

There are many other clubs that have disappeared that City never played in the FL. Bet you never knew some of these towns even had a football club. A couple of the clubs played in the old Third Division South, whilst City spent many years in the Norther Section. Changes were made in 1958-59 season with the introduction of Divisions 3 and 4. These clubs are, Aberdare Athletic, Ashington, Bootle, Burton Wanderers, Darwen, Durham City, Loughborough, Merthyr Tydfil, Middlesbrough Ironopolis, Northwich Victoria, Stalybridge Celtic and Thames.

You will not find the above names on our web site but they do show that football has played a major part in the social history of the country as both past and present clubs cover the whole country. One of the aims in building our memorabilia section is to record the part played by the Tigers in the social history of our region.

Lastly, we are nearly there in our quest for promotion. WELL DONE Hull City players and staff, you have gone a long way in redeeming yourselves after last years disastrous season. No matter what position we finish in, the season will go down in history as being very successful and the one we scored a record number of away wins & away goals. It will be most remembered for the season no fans attended games. Fans in future will look at the heritage and history of clubs and wonder how we survived and kept up our support.

Tony Conway (Memorabilia Team Coordinator)

