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Welcome to our July issue with a feature on 1st matches after a break. But first a Postscript

A Postscript for Chillo



Chillo has just scored!

Not the clearest of photos but one that captures his famous hand in the air celebration

and is long remembered for.

He scored 222 goals for the Tigers – a club record.
Thanks to all those who lined Walton Street as his funeral procession went by on June 18th. Though clearly struggling with the emotions his family were so moved and so appreciative. As a postscript, I just wanted to share the moving moments of his last hours, but first about his 223rd goal.

That famous hand salute, which followed his many many goals, also marked the moment when he made his faith commitment. Encouraged to go to a 'Mission event' he went with every determination not to get involved yet when the meeting drew to its close, and people were invited to put their hand up to indicate they wanted to follow Jesus, Chris found his hand went up in the air. He even tried to pull it down but it stayed up! That evening Chillo scored his 'greatest goal', the 223rd! Faith became a very important part of his life.

Chris had his family around him at hospital but outside was his long-time pitch partner, Waggy. Strictly, it was family only but the hospital very kindly said he could come and say his farewells. For a little while Waggy & Chillo were together, Chris fully aware that his great friend was with him. Their strong bond had never broken and those moments together were so very appropriate and so special. After Waggy had gone it was just his family with him and as things drew to a close Marg & Gary quietly sang to him a lovely chorus from one of their favourite hymns. *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace".* Chillo quietly turned his eyes and slipped away into the loving embrace of His Saviour.

God bless him, he was very special.

MEMORABILIA CORNER

With the 2021/22 fixtures now announced, excitement took an upward turn as the new season looks a lot nearer. If restrictions allow, the new season will have extra purpose as we will see the Tigers in the flesh for the first time since February 2020. It's not only the game to look

forward to, its all the many players we haven't seen.

However, your excitement may be tempered if we are allowed to attend but you have the decision to make whether to attend or not. *Continued over*

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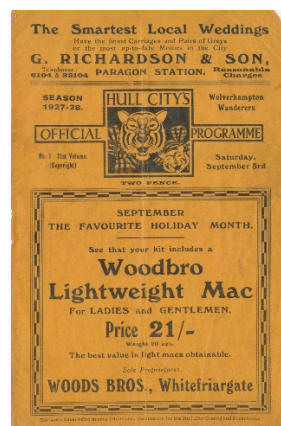
Many of us have avoided crowded places during the pandemic so it might not be an easy time. We have only missed 18 months so imagine what it was like for the fans after the 2 world wars. When years passed without competitive football to witness.

The first home game of every season brings that added expectation and excitement. There are new signings to see, the weather is usually good, the pitch is in great shape, old friends to meet and a newly designed shirt to comment on.

The Match Information section of the Memorabilia Site has all the information of each game plus the match programme section has copies of many of the opening games. I will mention a few here but why not visit the site at your leisure and reminisce on games gone by.

Monday 29 August, 1904 saw the first official friendly game for the then newly formed Hull City. City played a District XI at The Circle, winning 5-0. 3 days later we played the first game against a league team. Notts County were the opposition at the Circle. Rushton scored both goals in a 2-2 draw. On 2 September, 1905 we played our first ever league game at The Circle. We won 4-1 in front of 8,000 spectators.

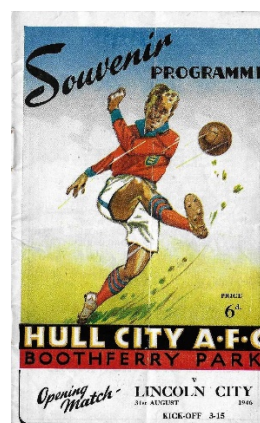
The first game after World War 1 was on Saturday **30 August 1919** away at Birmingham City. We lost 1-4 in front of 20,000 Brummies. 2 days later we returned to Anlaby Road in front of 10,000 fans, winning 3-0 against Stoke City. Although the Football League was suspended during the war years, City did play in the Midland Section Principal Competition and the Midland Subsidiary Cup for 4 seasons. However, attendances were often as low as 1,000.



Programme cover: Tigers v. Wolves, 3rd Sept. 1927

In 29/30 season the Tigers suffered their first relegation, so **30/31** was the first season in Division 3 North. A host of new teams visited Hull, the first was on 6 September when Gateshead were beaten 4-0 in front of a respectable 8,644. It took us 3 seasons to gain promotion and on **26 August 1933** we returned to Division 2 with a home game against Notts County, only to loose 0-1 in front of 13,441 supporters.

World War 2 again interrupted football for 6 seasons with City not taking part in any competitions for 4 of them. So, imagine the excitement on the return of football in **August 1946**. There were new owners in the Needler family, led by Chairman Harold. A new ground in Boothferry Park plus nearly all new playing staff. The first game of the new season in the new ground was home to Lincoln City. A crowd of 25,586 witnessed a 0-0 draw. It didn't matter no goals were scored, football was back after many difficult years and the expectation of a new era for football in Hull was born.



Programme cover: Tigers v. Lincoln, 31st Aug. 1946

Crowds of over 20,000 regularly attended, then in **48/49 season** Raich Carter took City to Division 2.

The first game in Division 2 was at home to Bury in front of 42,666 excited supporters. They saw City win 3-2 with Moore, Carter and Burbanks the scorers. Interest was at fever pitch for a few years and the opening home game crowds for the following seasons were impressive. 41,494 (1950 v Barnsley), 37,053 (1951 v Barnsley), 35,064 (1952 v WHU), 26,511 (1953 v Everton) and 32,071 (1954 v Leeds Utd). The momentum was not maintained and some quieter seasons followed. *Continued ...*

Then in 64/65 3 major signings of Wagstaff, Houghton and Butler, joined the impressive Chris Chilton and a new chapter in the club's history dawned.

Promotion in 65/66 meant the 66/67 season couldn't come quick enough, despite the national team winning the World Cup. **31 August, 1966** brought the first home game against Bury and 20,438 enjoyed a 2-0 win. Real success failed to materialise again and by **81/82** we found ourselves in Division 4. Only 4,246 turned up for the first game against Bradford City. Mediocre seasons followed, then Adam Pearson appeared on the scene and the **P** word was reborn, Potential was the buzz word.

We left BP for the Super Stadium at the KC, interestingly it was built on the site of the former grounds at The Circle and Anlaby Road. The first full season at the KC kicked off with a 4-1 win over Darlington. The scorers were the popular Ben Burgess, Jason Price, Alton Thelwell and Danny Allsopp. 2 promotions in consecutive years saw us into the Championship and interest in football in the area increasing. 22,201 attended the first game against QPR, which ended 0-0.

The good times had returned and they reached unbelievable heights when promotion to the Premier League was achieved. Who will ever forget **16 August 2008**, the first **PL** game in the club's history. A 2-1 win at home to Fulham sent us crazy. The world's sporting press was in attendance, the Premier Bell was rung and all was good in the Hull City world. It had taken 104 years but wasn't it worth the wait?

Enjoy visiting the Memorabilia web site.

Tony Conway (STC Memorabilia Coordinator)



Chillo & Waggy share a joke together

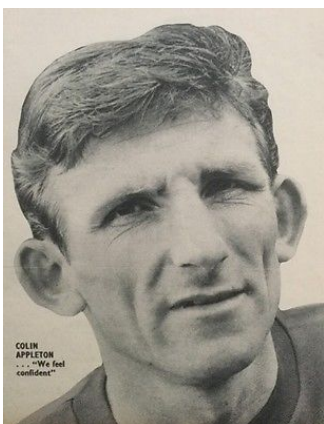


10th October, 1970

Chillo scores the winner against Leyton Orient



A more recent profile of Chris



... and a memory of Colin Appleton who passed a way just a few days after Chillo. Colin led the Tigers to promotion with Chris as his Assistant Coach.

Two great heroes of the Tiger's story and they will not be forgotten

A note from Barbara, our Treasurer.

Please feel free to ring me on 07941 691 595 if you have any questions.

After great consideration to the present pandemic, and the handling of cash at our meetings (also the prevention of queuing,) I have set up a bank account for you all to be able to pay into.

The raffle will continue and cash will be involved, as usual, but we are still considering the safest way of implementing it.

This new account is an ancillary one to our main account, and I cannot (and no-one else can) use this for payments out. All money that is deposited into this account will be transferred into the main account, as and when I give instructions.

There is an 18 space facility for narration – ie your membership number, name and reason for the deposit. Details of your bank account will not be shown.

We are hoping to use this for subs, outings, meals etc, when we begin to function as a 'proper' group again.

You will be able to deposit money into this by

- ❖ Internet Banking
- ❖ Telephone Banking
- ❖ Over the counter at your bank.

It is an HSBC account.

Sort Code 40-18-16
Account 81504932 (Business account)
Name Senior Tigers Club

Below is an example of an 18 digit narration (includes spaces)

148 Wilkinson Subs

SENIOR TIGER's SWIM SESSIONS

Babs writes ... We have now had 3 weeks of social swimming at Albert Avenue Baths. For those who have attended, it has been a very enjoyable experience, and the consensus is that we keep it going. Sadly, though, we are about 6 + people short, to make this viable. Can I make an appeal to members that if you are interested, you contact me directly on **07941 691595**.

The maximum we can have is 28 at each session, which is great for space in the pool. Lanes have been set up for the more advanced swimmers, and a large wide area for those who just want to potter up and down – and have a 'chat' on the way (that's me by the way!) We have some who are happy to stay in the shallow end, and they are enjoying it too.

New friendships have been formed, and there is a very safe and spacious area for changing facilities. There is plenty of free car parking spaces on site, and vending machines for drinks and snacks. Obviously, at the moment, lingering afterwards inside is not allowed. We have the pool and changing rooms to ourselves, which adds to the appeal of this venture, on a **Tuesday afternoon 1pm to 2pm.**

Please have a think about it and if you decide to join us, I am sure you will enjoy both the swimming and the company.

Kind regards, **Barbara**

And just to endorse that we have this from **Janet Slater:** *I just want to say how much I am enjoying the Senior Tigers hourly swimming*

sessions on a Tuesday. Swimming in a flat pool with no shrieking, splashing and multiple kids banging in to you is a real pleasure. I am not a strong swimmer, I like to poodle up and down a few lengths and talk to other members in between. [more swimming than talking!] I can do my aquarobic exercises, jumping jacks, knee bends, running & walking against the water which all frees up my arthritic joints with plenty of room. It's so nice to have the pool to ourselves and only friendly Senior Tiger members in the pool. The elite strong swimmers have their lanes to plough up and down and the rest of us have a large area to do what we want [the men talk as well] I do hope we can get some more people to join us so we can continue with the sessions, I would be really disappointed if the sessions had to cease through lack of support.

Janet