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Welcome, we are days away from the new season and levels of optimism are increasing. After the success of last season we must have hopes and expectations for the return to The Championship. We have some new players to welcome to the club and we sincerely wish them every success as they settle down and look to express themselves on the pitch.

There is also a Welcome back to all our Senior Tigers too. After some 16 months we are ready to return to 'live' meetings and look forwards to meeting up very shortly. After giving long consideration, the Committee decided to hold back until September, so no August meeting.

Our first Members' Meeting is planned for **Thursday, 2nd September**. The doors at the MKM Stadium (Kingston Suite) open at 12.45 pm. The meeting includes our **AGM** and full details of that will be emailed to you shortly. We hope to also welcome a speaker but we are not in a position to announce who it might be. We'll keep you all guessing! We will have measures in place that respect the pandemic that has changed our lives.

Please see the attached extra sheet which explains the procedures for the meeting.

Outings:

We know that many of you have missed to regular outings and I can promise you that Barbara has some exciting ideas for future months. She has, however, planned a short trip to **Filey & Thornton le Dale** on Thursday, 16th September. This was mainly to test the appetite for trips after such a difficult time. She had no need to worry there as you snapped up the places very quickly!

Lost friends:

In our previous issue we noted the sad loss of Chris Chilton & Colin Appleton. More recently we have heard of the passing of another former manager in Mike Smith and that of Jeff Barmby.

Mike Smith had been the Manager of the Welsh national team, the first Englishman to hold the post. He joined the club late in 1979, just months after I had been appointed Club Chaplain. It was my privilege to get to know him over the two years he spent with us.



Mike Smith (former Hull & Wales Coach)

Jeff Barmby deserves to be remembered for more than being Nick's father. Although he never played for the first team he gave years of support to the club after his playing days, mainly at Scarborough, were over. He was a major driver of the Ex-Tigers Association and helped arrange many games, organised fundraisers & testimonials and raised large sums of money for charitable causes. He also provided his skills as an electrician to the football club, being the 'sparkie' who ensured that the lights would stay on! Chris, Colin, Mike & Jeff. They have all contributed

greatly to our club and they will all be sadly missed.

MEMORABILIA CORNER

Legends

The recent sad passing of Chris Chilton had many Tigers fans looking back over his career with many calling him a legend. It got me thinking, what is a legend? And how many other former players of our club would you also call a legend? But first, what is a legend? The Oxford Dictionary refers to “collection of lives of saints or similar stories”. “A traditional story popularly regarded as historical, myth, such literature of tradition”. “A non-historical or non-verifiable story handed down by tradition from earlier times and popularly accepted as historical”. Chris certainly wasn’t a myth, or non-verifiable as we witnessed his exploits. However, he will become historical for the club and city.

Google tells us the dictionary definition of legend certainly doesn’t apply to sport. However, it goes on to give a definition of a legendary team because of performance, statistics and records. The sports world routinely recognises legendary teams and seasons. A legendary player will usually have a career of above average length, with some significant accomplishments in the form of individual statistics or championships. Being in a Hall of Fame helps but performing well over an extended period is usually enough to earn a “Legendary Tag”. Therefore, Chris is definitely a legend.

The redesigned Memorabilia web site will give access to the biographies of over 1000 players who have represented the club at first team level.

A legends section is not planned but the Tigers official web site does have a Hall of Fame. The players listed are, **Ian Ashby, Billy Bly, Chris Chilton, Andy Davidson, Pete Skipper and Ken Wagstaff.**

Contenders for admission (as of 7 December 2020) are, Nick Barmby, Raich Carter, Keith Edwards, Stuart Elliott, Warren Joyce, Gareth Roberts, Billy Whitehurst, Justin Whittle, and Dean Windass.



Horatio S Carter – Inside Right

Born in Sunderland. Gained Schoolboy International honours & signed professionally for Sunderland in 1931 at the age of 17. Represented England on 30 occasions, being capped against Scotland in 1934 & 1937, Ireland in 1934, Hungary in 1934 & 1936 & Germany in 1936. Gained a First Division Championship Medal in 1935/6 whilst playing with Sunderland & possesses two FA Cup Winners medals in respect of the 1936/7 & 1945/6 Finals. Was transferred to Derby County in 1945 after playing for Sunderland for 14 years. Joined Hull City as Player-Manager on 31st March 1948. Is fond of all sport & has gained many honours at cricket having played against the Australian, South African & West Indian Tourists for the Durham Minor Counties XI. Has toured Europe with the FA XI playing in France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, Hungary, Czechoslovakia & Portugal. Main hobbies are reading & walking. Height 5ft 8inches. Weight 11 stones.

From a heritage and historical point of view there are serious omissions as there are no pre 1939 players being considered. Something the Senior Tigers may want to take up with the club in the future. When we get the Biographies on line we may be able to gauge better who should be included from the first 35 years of the club's history. (Currently you can view the biographies of the players by visiting www.oncloudseven.com. Plus there are a few books written about City's history which are very interesting.



What legends may be here on a poster from 1933?

Here are some names that caught my eye;-

Matt Bell - 12 seasons, 423 Apps and 1 Goal. Left back, Assistant trainer and Cap't of 1930 semi-final team.

Tommy Bleakley – 12 seasons, 402 Apps and 7 Goals. Left half and 1930 semi-final team.

Douglas “Dally” Duncan – 122 Apps and 50 goals. Winger, 1930 semi final team and gained 14 Scottish caps after leaving City.

Jimmy Lodge – 83 Apps and 0 goals. 50 seasons as a full back, assistant trainer and specialised on treating injuries for many years. How many can recall seeing Jimmy on the side lines in a white coat? Could be given the title of Mr Hull City? Jimmy also gained the Military Medal during the battle of the Somme in 1916.



Hull City: 1913-14

Bill McNaughton – 92 Apps and 59 goals. 42 of them in 1932/33 season. Centre forward.

George Maddison – 14 season, 456 Apps, 0 goals. Goalkeeper.

Paddy Mills – 10 seasons, 291 Apps, 110 goals. Centre forward who experienced 2 spells with City.

Cliff Woodhead – 11 seasons, 375 Apps, 0 goals. Full back who went on to coach the Juniors for many years, winning the Northern Intermediate League title in 1953.

Gordon Wright – 8 season, 168 Apps, 14 goals. Left winger and mostly as an amateur, plus gained 20 England Amateur caps. Famed as being the only City player to gain a full England cap.

Other players worth reading about are George Browell, David Gordon, John McQuillan, David Mercer, William Mercer, Ronnie Starling, Arthur Temple, Russell Wainscoat and Sam Weaver.

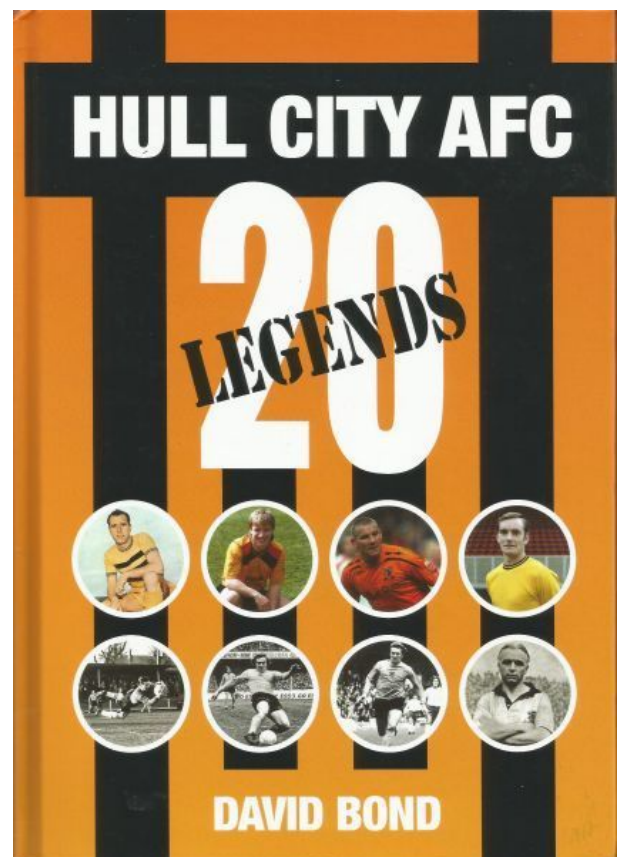
I believe some of the above are worthy of more recognition. Have you any other names that were passed down to you by relatives, etc?

Lastly, after nearly 3 years work the redesigned web site is getting nearer. This will hopefully mean greater interest in the Tigers history and heritage. As Covid restrictions relax and you have some time to spare and like what we are doing, why not think of joining us. We are looking for additional help as work commitments, health issues, etc impact on the team. Plus, we feel we need some new blood in the team to take our work to another level.

Please contact myself or Rob Wilson for further information.

Enjoy the new season and let's hope some more records can be achieved.

Tony Conway (STC Memorabilia Coordinator)



Your membership fees will be welcome!

Our thanks to all those who have been sending their membership fees over the recent weeks.

Last month we mentioned that we will no longer take cash at our meetings but want members to use the internet to pay memberships, outing fees and luncheons.

It is really encouraging that so many have already tested the situation and found how simple it can be. Even so, you can also go into your local branch (if you are lucky enough to have one!) and make a payment, you can also make similar arrangements over the telephone.

Which ever method you choose to use you will need to give the following details of our special account.

The annual fee remains at **£10**

Sort Code **40-18-16**

Account **81504932 (Business Account)**

Name **Senior Tigers Club**

And remember to identify yourself so that Barbara can credit the payment to you – rather important!

Use your membership number (ie 148) Name & description, ie. Subs

Example: **148 Wilkinson Subs**
(maximum of 18 characters including spacing.)

If you need help, Barbara is waiting for your call.

Barbara 07941 691595

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Manner of speaking:

"Are your father and your mother in?"
asked the vicar when the small boy opened the door.

"They was in," said the youngster. "But they is out."

"'They was in. They is out.'
Where's your grammar, young man?"

"She's gone upstairs, for a nap!"

