

# **SENIOR TIGERS**

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Welcome

#### How about a **Derbyshire Adventure?**

Barbara recently announced a visit to MATLOCK BATH and the famous Heights of Abraham on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.

On arrival you will be escorted to go up the <u>cable car</u> - 6 per car and fabulous views. At the top there is plenty to keep you occupied for 3 - 4 hours. All the views are wonderful, but we have access to two show caverns with guided walks through the **Great Masson** and **Rutland Caverns**.

There is a Willow Sculpture trail, cafe, restaurant, shop and much much more. Please search the web-site for lots more details.

The deal is - Discounted Heights of Abraham tickets £17.50 (fully inclusive) plus Coach cost £15.50. Making a total of £33 per person.

Extra good news, we are not restricted by numbers on this outing, but you are encouraged to contact Barbara to get your name on the list.



The Cable Cars



Inside Great Masson Cavern

### **Beryl Marshall**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of one of our longest standing members, Beryl Marshall. Beryl was a lifelong Tiger and regular on those Away Trips to all parts of the country. Her partner and fellow Senior Tiger, Ken Franks, has sent an open invitation to all her friends that they are welcome to attend the funeral which takes place in her local church, St Andrew's, Paull on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10.45 am. Beryl had deep connections at the church where she served as Churchwarden & Organist for many years. Please note that the following cremation will be a private one.

# Player of the Month (January)

Our reigning Player of the Season, George Honeyman has taken the lead following his strong support from you for January. He led the way with 53 votes, behind him was Tom Eves (who had a fabulous month) on 25 and Sean McLoughlin on 22.

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Honeyman now leads the way for the season with 143 followed by Matt Ingram (110), Nathan Baxter (84), Jacob Greaves (69) & KLP (65).

#### **Tiger's Trust:**

We were all thrilled to listen to Catherine Bishop, CEO of the Tiger's Trust, when she addressed our January meeting. It underlined what a fantastic organisation they are as they help take young people forward. We were, therefore, encouraged when the club and our new owners made a special focus at the recent fixture with Fulham. Special shirts were worn by the players, thanks to the kindness of Giacom who are our current shirt sponsors. Frequent adverts on the large screens were a reminder to the fans to support the Trust. We played our part and presented a cheque for £100. This was handed over to Richard Dexter by Babs at the Walking Football on 14th February – well we really do Love Them!



#### MARCH MEMORABILIA ARTICLE

The exploits of Boreham Wood winning at Bournemouth and Kidderminster Harriers beating Reading recently got me thinking how embarrassing it is for League clubs to lose to Non-League teams in the FA Cup. Hull City have suffered some embarrassing results in their history but more of that later.

Tottenham is the only team from outside the Football League to win the FA Cup since its foundation in 1888. In 1901 they were a Southern League team and beat Sheffield United 3-1 at Burnden Park, Bolton after a 2-2 draw at Crystal Palace.

Some other notable wins by non-league teams are;-

1949 Yeovil 2 Sunderland 1: 1972 Hereford 2 Newcastle Utd 1: 1978 Stoke City 2 Blyth Spartans 3: 1980 Harlow Town 1 Leicester City 0: 1983 Cardiff City 2 Weymouth 3: 1986 Birmingham City 1 Altrincham 2: 1989 Sutton U 2 Coventry City 1: 1991 WBA 2 Woking 4.

The Tigers have played non-league teams on numerous occasions and have suffered defeat.1n 1997/98 they lost 2-0 at Hednesford Town in round 1. This looks like a really poor result until one realises City were 3<sup>rd</sup> bottom of the Football League and Hednesford were top of the Conference. So only 2 clubs separated them in the pyramid. Much more of a shock was in 2000/01 when they drew 0-0 at Kettering and lost the replay 1-0 at home.

Another defeat of interest was back in the 1904/05 season just after they had been formed. League status had not been granted and the club played a series of friendlies, so they were a non-league team themselves. They did enter the FA Cup and were drawn to play Stockton from the Northern League in the Preliminary Qualifying round. They were drawn at home but the Boulevard (the home ground that season) was not available owing to Hull FC being at home. So, the Tigers went to Stockton which was City's first-ever away fixture as well as their first in the cup. They drew 3-3 on 17 September and returned for the replay on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and lost 4-1. Both games had reported attendances of 4,000.

The following year saw a unique event that would not even be thought about today. City was now a League club in Division 2 but had not been excused from the FA Cup qualifying rounds. On 28 October 1905, they were scheduled to play Manchester United (then the top of the league) in a league fixture at home. On the same day, they were drawn to play Denaby United in the cup, following a thumping 8-1 away win at Grimethorpe in the previous round. At the time home fixtures were played at The Circle or the Boulevard. On this date, the Circle was not available so the Man Utd fixture was played at the

Boulevard and a Reserve team was sent to Denaby to play in the cup. The First team lost 1-0 in front of 12,000 and the Reserves won 2-0 in front of 3,000 and progressed to the next round to play Leeds City. The events resulted in the FA rewriting the cup competition rules and to my knowledge, this has not happened since.

In the 1980/81 season, City had a real battle to overcome with **Blyth Spartans** from the Northern League in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. They drew 1-1 at Boothferry Park with Keith Edwards scoring, 2-2 in the replay with Edwards and Norrie on the score sheet and the 3<sup>rd</sup> match at Elland Road Leeds resulted in City winning 2-1 with goals from Norrie and Croft. One major outcome from the tie was that City bought Les Mutrie from the Spartans for £30,000 and he went on to score 50 goals for the Tigers and become a hero for many.



Another notable game against non-league opposition was on 3 November 1962 when **Crook Town** the then Amateur Cup holders from the Northern League visited Boothferry Park. This turned out to be one of the most gripping games in BP's history. City went in front on 11 minutes through Ray Henderson but by the 50<sup>th</sup> minute, Crook led 4-1.



In many City games, this would have signalled the end but McSeveney scored within 2 minutes and the fightback was on. It took another 20 minutes before City scored again with a superb header from Chris Chilton. A minute later McSeveney scored his second to equalise. Crook Towns fitness ebbed away as the Tigers dominated and with 11 minutes left Ray Henderson scored the 5<sup>th</sup> and winning goal. A standing ovation was given to the amateurs and relief was on all the city faces.

Another epic tie was in 1996 when City was drawn away at Whitby Town. The police moved the game to the more secure surroundings of the Scarborough football ground. On Sunday 17 November 3,337 watched a gritty 0-0 draw. The replay took place on 26 November at BP in front of 2,900 fans from both clubs and they were treated to a 12 goal thriller. With 30 seconds of the 90 minutes remaining Duane Darby scored a dramatic equaliser to make the score 4-4. Extra Time saw City score 4 more goals and win the tie 8-4. Darby scored a record 6 goals that night with Richard Peacock and Neil Mann scoring the other 2. City won the tie but all the credit went to Whitby for their display.



The FA Cup is a magical competition loved by thousands but as well as providing great games against the top sides we often get great games against the lower clubs.

If you want to read the programmes or look at more match information on cup matches, etc then visit the Memorabilia section of the website. Please watch out for major changes to the site as we hope to launch the redesigned site and greatly improved Memorabilia and Heritage section very very soon.

# Tony Conway.

Senior Tigers Heritage and Memorabilia Coordinator.

# SENIOR TIGERS CAUGHT ON CAMERA



**Dave & Denise Beel** make a return for the Barnsley game and they don't look too impressed! (Taken from the Fan's Gallery)

Now pictures from our visit to the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre at Spilsby









Legendary Guy Gibson's Record form showing his Flt Eng, Sgt John Pulford from Hull. John was later lost in action and is buried in Northern Cemetery

(below) Louth Parish Church with the tallest Parish Church spire in the country

