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Welcome

The big treat for March was the long day trip to see **the new Spurs Stadium** in North London. A rather early start – but no one was late (including me!)



We all are very proud of our relatively new stadium in Hull but this was something rather special! A pitch that can completely disappear in 20 minutes! Lost under the stands where it has its own solar power, lights and irrigation! Once the pitch goes away it reveals the artificial pitch that is then available for Concerts and America Super Bowl.

Other treats are an in-house brewery which supplies real ale to the fans as they stand at the longest Bar in English football. I'll drink to that!

A definite hit – many thanks to Barbara for setting it up. *Photo montage at the back of this Newsletter.*

Player of the Month (February)

We had a new name emerging from our February poll, Brandon Fleming. What a joy to see another of our young players catching the eye. Brandon polled 57 votes, a clear leader. Behind him, on 35 votes, came KLP whilst Jacob Greaves took the third place on 24 with Geo Honeyman next on 18 votes.

George holds on to his overall lead with a season's total, so far, of 161 votes. Matt Ingram (112), KLP (100) & Jacob (93). As you read this you will be placing your votes for the March pom. Next issue will show how the 'race' is hotting up!

Tiger Points

"Use them or lose them" goes the saying and that is true of the Tiger Points attached to membership. Whilst some members have taken advantage others (like me!) have yet to do so and the accumulated points will disappear in June. They are not trivial, you could treat yourself and partner to matchday hospitality and have plenty to spare! Here is a list of what you can use your Points for.

- **Club Shop purchases**
- Match Day tickets (home & away)
- Tiger Travel to away games
- Food & drink on the Concourse
- Matchday Hospitality

It was asked whether members could donate them to Senior Tigers, who could in turn buy gifts from the shop for the Raffle. Unfortunately this can not be done, the points are only valid to the individual club member. Of course, a member could use them in the club shop and then 'gift' the purchases to our Club. First, treat yourself, you deserve it!

Table Tennis

Pat Ellis has said how delighted she is to see the Table Tennis making a solid start. In addition to the 1st Monday session at the Arena they are now booked in for a weekly session at the Haltemprice Sport's Centre. This is each Wednesday at 2.00 pm.



Call Pat on 651467

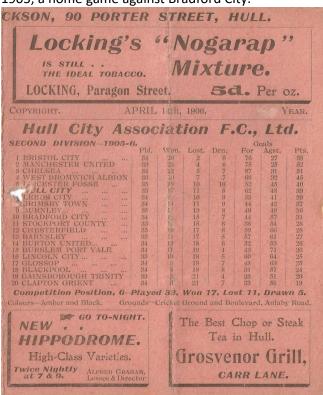
APRIL MEMORABILIA ARTICLE

These monthly articles usually have a theme connected to our much-loved football club's history. This month will be a bit different as I tell you a little more about what you can find on the redesigned **Memorabilia Gallery website.**

The Memorabilia Team are very proud of what they have produced, the contacts they have made and the presentation of the various sections. Whether it be the programmes, match information, team pictures, match action pictures, memorabilia items, etc. There are hundreds of images to look at and much information to read, to help you reminisce or remember good times as well as some bad. What you see now is great but please note we have about 1000 items still to upload and 20 collections still to process! So over the next few months, the site will expand even more. Plus we are still looking for more items and information, especially anything before 1946.

Over the next few paragraphs, I will guide you through the sections and hopefully encourage you to look at the site regularly and let your friends and relations know about it. The first section you come to is the **Matches, Programmes & Tickets.** This has been extended greatly to separate the league, cup, friendlies, pre-season tours, testimonials, Reserves, Juniors, A-Team and Boys. Plus we will eventually have a section on Non-Hull City Matches and Events at the stadiums.

The oldest programme we have is from 25 November 1905, a home game against Bradford City.



Programme from later that season against Leicester Fosse same adverts

It's not only the teams and league position which are interesting but the adverts. A tobacco advert for Lockings "Nogarap" Mixture. The New Hippodrome was showing high-class varieties, twice nightly at 7 and 9. The Theatre Royal in Paragon Street showed plays and before going to the theatre you could visit the Grosvenor Grill for a Chip and Steak tea.

Currently, the oldest Reserve game programme is from 18 December 1954 from a match against Grimsby Town Reserves. The second oldest is from Christmas Day, also in 1954 for a Midland League fixture against Frickley Colliery. The kick-off was at 2.15, I wonder how many fans were tempted to Boothferry Park after their Christmas Dinner for such a game? Well, we don't have that information but if you go to the Fixtures and Match Information column, move down to Other Teams- Reserves, click on the green button, click on the 1954-55 season, find the games against Frickley you will see the Hull City team, scorers and that we won 5-0. Plus there is a Note at the foot of the page about the game. How fantastic is that and there is similar information for hundreds of games?

The oldest ticket is from January 1963 for a 3rd Round FA Cup Replay against Leyton Orient. The next oldest is from November 1983 for an away cup tie at Penrith. We are aware of more tickets and they will be uploaded in the near future.

We are currently researching a section for Non-Hull City matches and events at the stadiums. Plus we are looking for memorabilia from these events. Did you know that Leeds United played Tottenham Hotspur at Boothferry Park in Division One game and that Northern Ireland played Spain? There have been concerts at the KC Stadium, squash matches, polo games and even show jumping. But these are for the future.

The next area to visit is **Teams, Players, Match Action** and more. Here you will find team photos for nearly every year since 1904, biographies of over 1000 players (courtesy of the Oncloudseven website). One feature we are particularly proud of is that as you look at a particular team you can hover your cursor over a player's head and a square will pop up with the players' name. Click on "click for player profile" and you will be taken to the Oncloudseven website and you can then read the player profile.

We are grateful to Oncloudseven for this link as we are with Tigerbase for a link to their programme collection and match information. We have built up a friendship with both organisations and have also allowed them to use many of our images, plus we have helped with the exchange of other information. Individual collectors have also contributed vast amounts of statistical information and images and we are proud to be able to provide them with a platform to show off their work.

Next, we visit **Club Documents** where we are gathering club accounts, letters, share certificates, etc. Then on the contents menu, you will see a section entitled **Football Grounds**. We have some images from the ... 3 stadiums the club have played home matches in, the oldest being a drawing from 1906 of the Anlaby Road ground.

We have a small collection of **Trophies and Medals** but hope this will expand in the coming months. Match Souvenirs sees a varied collection of items from balls, badges, pennants, season passes, etc.

Kits and Clothing again sees a variety of items, including ties, scarves and shirts. The earliest shirt we have is one worn by Billy Wilkinson in the 1960s. It is a little known fact that when an Academy player first represents his country they hope that the shirt worn in the game is donated to the Academy at Bishop Burton. We have pictures of many such shirts. It is a pity that these important games don't always get the publicity they deserve so you may be surprised by what you see. Once again, we have contact with supporters who have shirt collections and we are endeavoring to obtain more.

Books and Media is a section guite well populated with autographed items, books, brochures, magazines, newspapers, picture cards, posters, etc. Some of the images are of items from the 1930s and we have Sports Mail articles from the 1950s and have recently heard from a supporter who has acquired 170 issues of the Green Sports Mail covering the years 1950 to 1969. We also have the possession of Hull Daily Mail pages from 2000 to about 2014, a golden time in our history. The problem here is finding the equipment to scan them. If anyone knows where we can locate the use of an A3 scanner please get in touch. We really would like to share these newspapers with you. Picture Cards appear to be a popular collector's item and we have approximately 300 to load to the site.

We gather up items that don't fit into the above sections and call them **Ad Hoc Items**. We have rattles from the 1940/1950s, Christmas cards, a watch and a few other novelty items.



Lastly, everyone who has contributed an item gets recognition in the Contributors List and we would like to thank them all for taking the trouble to contact us. Plus if you have sent us an item and it is not yet on the site, thank you for your patience and be assured we will get round to uploading it soon but resources are scarce and the team is doing the best it can.

Enjoy the site and look out for regular updates regarding newly uploaded items.

Tony Conway.

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Our Day at Spurs







