



SENIOR TIGERS

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NEWSLETTER

October,

Welcome



What a joy, after 18 months, to meet up for our first meeting. September was the moment of new beginnings and more than 130 members came!

Members were also able to see the wonderful League One Trophy ..



.... and Ernie's Raffle was back!

September Raffle winners:

Bakery products	338	Martin Convery
Chocolate box	83	David Corp
1 L Bell's Whisky	97	Keith White
Budwiser pack	98	Michael Roberts
Bottle of Wine	196	Janet Brown
Vermouth	149	Ken Wilson Greaves
worn shirt	295	Joyce Harman
Chris Chilton signed book	299	Josephine Beaumont
Nike kit bag	391	Colin Peers
Framed team photo	287	Tom Wilkinson
Next Gift set	154	Pete Lincoln
Tiger Scarf & soft toy	255	Shirley Cormack



Then we had **George Honeyman** as our special guest, and what a lovely person he was, so warm and clearly happy to be among us. Pat Betts presented him with the **Player of the Season (20/21)** Award and David with his take home replica.



Please see further for more of the photos taken during the afternoon.

Diary Dates

Thurs. 7th Oct. Members' Meeting
Thurs. 21st Oct. Trip to Ripon (*fully booked*)
Thurs. 4th Nov. Members' Meeting
Thurs. 2nd Dec. Annual pre-Christmas Luncheon

MEMORABILIA AND HERITAGE NEWS MANAGERS

No team can be expected to be successful or win a league or cup without a good manager and coaching team. Unfortunately, in the modern game, they also need some money to spend and at times it appears that money is the real key to success. At Hull City, this is probably true as we seem to get on well when the owners and director provide funds.

In our 117 years history, we have had 48 Managers including today's Head Coach, Grant McCann. There have been 6 Caretaker Managers, including Billy Russell who held the post 3 times. Ian Dowie was called a Temporary Management Consultant and Mile Phelan became Head Coach in October 2016 after being a Caretaker Manager from July. There have been 5 from Scotland, 4 from Northern Ireland, 1 Portuguese, 1 Dane and 1 Russian, with all the rest being English.

The first manager was **James Ramster** who was appointed shortly after the club was formed in 1904. He only managed for the first season in which the team only took part in friendly games. He was succeeded by **Ambrose Langley** who managed for over 300 games until 1913. Only 3 managers have had a win percentage of over fifty per cent. These were Fred Stringer (43 games, 1914-1916) with 51.16%. Bobby Brown (19 games, March 1982-June 1982). Colin Appleton (91 games, June 1982-June 1984). Haydon Green came very close with a win rate of 49.59% (123 games, May 1931-March 1934). Of note in the pre-war times was Billy McCracken who took the Tigers to their first FA Cup Semi-Final in 1930.

Only 4 managers have reached the heights of managing a championship winning team. They are **Hayden Green** (Division 3 North, 1931-32), **Raich Carter** (Division 3 North, 1948-49), **Cliff Britton** (Division 3, 1965-66) and **Grant McCann** (League One, 2020-21).

There have of course been other successful managers. Bob Brocklebank (1958-59 Division 3 runners up and promoted), Terry Neil (1973 Watney Cup Runners up), Colin Appleton (1982-83 Division 4 Runners up and promoted and Football League Trophy Runners up), Brian Horton (1984-85 3rd in Division 3 and promoted), Peter Taylor (2003-04 League 2 Runners up) and (2004-05 League 1 Runners up), Phil Brown (2007-08 Championship Play-Off winners), Steve Bruce (2012-13 Championship Runners up, 2014 FA Cup Finalists, 2015-16 Championship Play-Off winners), Mike Phelan / Marco Silva (2016-17 EFL Cup Semi-Finalists).

I think it's fair to say that in the modern era many of us consider **Steve Bruce** to be our most successful manager, closely followed by the much loved **Phil Brown** and **Peter Taylor**. However, all eras would have had their heroes. My Dad would have said Raich Carter, what do you think?

The new memorabilia website will have access to the biographies of 1111 (current figure) players but there are no plans for a section on managers. Having researched this article, I found some interesting and fascinating facts so probably we will have to give this more thought. Please visit the Senior Tigers website to read more about the Tigers history and heritage.

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Ambrose Langley

Date of Birth: 10th Mar, 1870





Senior Tigers – the Return!
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