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Welcome

The players are back in training, fixtures have been released and optimism is ever rising. We just want to see the completion of transfers that will give us a strong and competitive team.

AGM

Our next members' meeting will be on **THURSDAY, 4th AUGUST** and it will be our **AGM**. Full details will be with you shortly but please do mark the date in your diary or on your calendar.

Our trip to Durham

Were you with us for our recent trip to Durham? Another wonderful outing and again we owe our thanks and appreciation to our dear Barbara. For me it was a personal trip down Memory Lane as I spent 4 very happy years in Theological College in the city and that was now over 50 years ago! I was in Cranmer Hall at St John's College which was situated on the Bailey, a road that runs up and past the Cathedral. For 3 years I had a room that was three flights down the river bank, glorious views of the river in winter and when the trees and shrubs returned a constant sound of birdsong from the plethora of visitors to my 'Peanut Vending Station'! I remember Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Coal tits and so many more. They were happy days.

The return refreshed those memories. Visiting Durham Cathedral was very special, a quite awesome building that is pure Norman, substantially built to completion in just 60 years. It was great to pay homage, too, at the grave & shrine of St Cuthbert. Then we found the Undercroft and I have to say that the Cream Scone was truly excellent!



4 pictures of the Cathedral including the famous Sanctuary Knocker and one of the more recent windows.





And that glorious view of the Cathedral from the river

July MEMORABILIA ARTICLE

The Origins of Hull City afc

Hull City recently celebrated their 118th birthday. They were officially formed on 28 June 1904. Coincidentally that is also my birthday but I came into the world some 42 years later, in a Nursing Home on Anlaby Road just a goal kick away from the MKM Stadium. As my father and grandfather were massive supporters so I suppose it was written in the stars that I would be a lifelong fan of the Tigers, and so it has turned out to be.

In 1904 Rugby League was the most popular sport in East and West Yorkshire but the interest in football was gathering pace throughout the country. In Hull and district there had been a growing interest as you will read later. On 23 June 1904 at the AGM of the East Riding of Yorkshire Football Association, held in the Manchester Hotel in George Street, the committee endorsed and agreed that a better class of football should be played in the city.

25 years earlier in 1879, football was being talked about. On 4 October 1879 12 members of the Hull Town Cricket Club met at the Crown and Cushion Hotel at 3 Land of Green Ginger. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways the cricketers could occupy their leisure time during the winter months. The group was led by Lamplough (Laps) Wallgate, the club professional and an ex-Yorkshire player. One may have thought they would have chosen to play Rugby Union which was popular at the time. However, they may have been influenced by wanting to stick with a round ball which they did and chose a larger version to play football under the Association rules.

Membership was restricted to Hull Town members and it was further agreed that the footballers would not use the cricket square or do any damage to the cricket ground. A sub-committee was formed to run

the football and subs were agreed at half a crown (12 and half p). A President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were elected along with a working committee. Club rules were drawn up, the most striking of which was the Rule 11, which stated "The club colours shall be Amber and Black". Remember this is 25 years before the Tigers were formed. In 1883 Hull Town reached the final of the first county competition, The Scarborough & East Riding Cup. They lost to local rivals Blue Star, they also entered the FA Cup in 1883/4 and 1884/5. Losing to Grimsby Town & Lincoln City. By 1887 the club had fallen into decline but a year later a Harry Sugden revived it but it only lasted a couple of years.

Another club called Hull Association FC was formed in December 1889 but only survived until 1893. Despite the setbacks the game was growing, especially in the local schools. Local leagues were being set up to accommodate the number of clubs. Hull Association declined and the mantle was taken up by Kingston Amateurs FC but a club called Albany put the game on an even higher level.

In 1895 a great change took place in the Rugby world when a number of Rugby Union clubs in the north of England broke away from the Union to form what became Rugby League. Hull FC joined the breakaway but Hull Kingston Rovers stayed with Union until 1897. At this point Rovers could not afford a second team and some of the players changed to soccer and joined Albany FC. At this point Albany renamed themselves Hull Town and arranged to use Rovers ground on alternate Saturdays.

This brought about a new ambition and a programme of friendlies was arranged against teams from out of town in Leeds, Bradford, Grimsby and Scarborough. The new Town club had some success and reached Scarborough & East Riding cup final and the final of the Hull Times Cup. The following year they reached the Hull Times final and lost to Grimsby Humber Rovers at the Boulevard in front of 3,282 spectators. Unfortunately, the club disbanded in 1898.

However, the game was still growing and clubs such as Harlequins, Brunswick, East Hull. Sculcoates Amateurs and Hull Comet sprang up. Some failed whilst others took their place. Players and administrators moved around and some from these clubs and their personnel were involved in the development of the game and in particular the formation of a professional club. Of particular note was the rise of Hull Comet who played at Bull Lane off

Stepney lane. The club recruited players from out of town and showed great ambition. In August 1901 they changed their name to Hull Association FC but a further name change to Hull City took place in 1902, noting that Hull had been granted City status in 1897. A new ground had to be found as Bull Lane was needed for a housing development. They rented Albert United Cricket ground at Dairycoates.

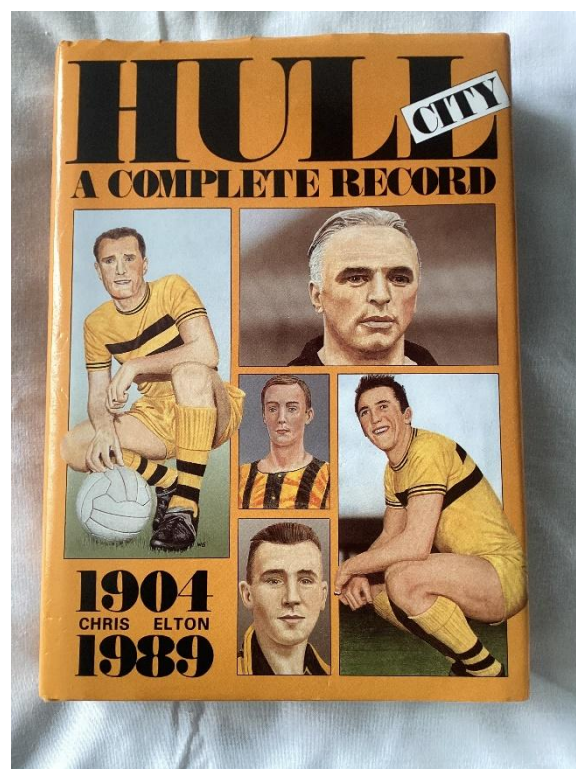
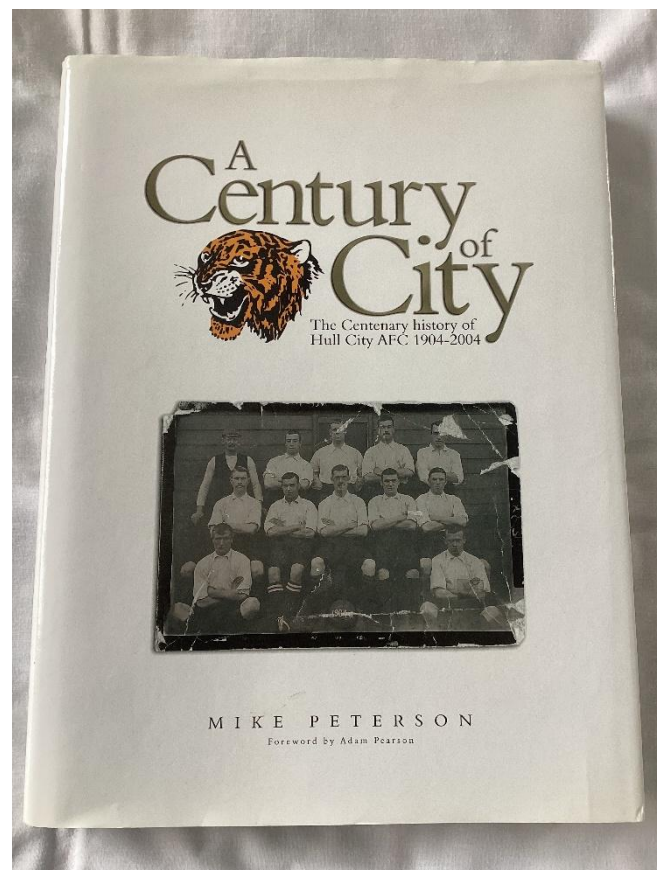
They tried to join the Midland League without success and an invitation to join the Sheffield and Hallamshire League was turned down, probably because of high travelling costs. The following year they again failed to get enough votes to join the Midland League and on the eve of the 1903/04 season the club announced it was disbanding owing to a lack of funds. The majority of the players joined Hessle and they became the first local side to reach the 1st round of the FA Amateur Cup. Significantly the clubs committee were undaunted by the clubs failure to succeeded and they formulated a bolder scheme to resurrect the name of Hull City as a professional club. Steps were taken and with the help of Hull FC, who offered the use of the Boulevard the committee's objectives were achieved and Hull City AFC Co Ltd came into being on 28 June 1904.

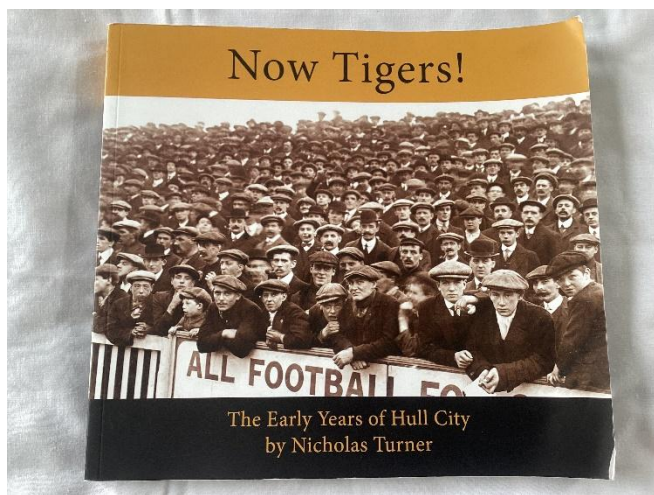
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Acknowledgements: the information for this article was gleaned from Chris Elton's book, "Hull City a Complete Record" and Mike Peterson's book, "A Century of City".

I can recommend both books and Nicholas Turner's book, "Now Tigers – The Early Years of Hull City". If you want to read about more detail about the formation of our beloved club these 3 books will give you more information.





PS from Allen

Thanks to those Senior Tigers who attended the recent "Concert for Ukraine" at Newland Trinity Methodist Church. Four choirs, Hull Ladies, Hull Male Voice, Opera 17 & Priory Park came together to sing for Ukraine – including their National Anthem in Ukraine!

*On 29th June we were able to present to **Hull4Ukraine**, a locally based charity working out of the old Staple's building, a massive cheque, one which included £1200 raised on the night with a bucket collection – taken by one of our own! The amount?*

.... £3084.48