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KCOM generosity:

KCOM has very generously donated 50 tickets for the Easter Monday (10th April) fixture with Millwall. The committee decided it would be best to spread them around our many contacts, which include the Tigers' Trust, the local Youth initiative (HYFC), a doctor working alongside young people in Bransholme etc.

The usual four matchday tickets, which KCOM donate for every match, are not affected by this gift and we have four Senior Tigers already lined up to enjoy that matchday experience.

Player of the month/season

The results for February saw Sean McLoughlin come out on top with 28 votes. Behind Sean were fellow defenders, Alfie Jones on 21 and Jacob Greaves on 15.

The running totals for the season continue to show Regan Slater at the top (161 votes) followed by Jacob Greaves (141), Jean Michael Seri (113) & Oscar Estupinan (109).

Committee change:

John MacKay, who joined the committee as a co-optive member has, unfortunately, had to step down for work commitments. We do thank John for his contribution and appreciate that he will remain a keen member of the Senior Tigers.

The Visit to Land Rover-Jaguar

Last month we had a full coach for the Land Rover Experience – and not just any coach, we were taken in style by Acklams, on board City's Team Coach.



A fabulous trip with a bit of the WOW factor.

Three of our lads certainly added the WOW by booking for a special Driving experience. Pete Beaumont, Adrian Ellis & Ian Puckering,



This is Adrian's account.

Thursday 16th March saw us Senior Tigers take a trip to the Land-rover / Jaguar factory. Three of us had paid extra to have an 'off road experience' after the factory tour.

Ian, Pete, and myself had the pleasure of meeting Paul, who would be putting us through our paces on the off-road course.

Paul had served in the Navy for a number of years before joining the fire service and then retiring, not for long though, as he then joined Land-rover & Jaguar as a driving instructor some 5 years ago. *Continued over*

We each took turns for around 35 minutes behind the wheel, doing as instructed.

I soon realised why these vehicles cost so much, as the technology and power that is available are truly incredible, you are driving a computer that can change power from one wheel to another, based on the surface and terrain you drive over.

We tilted the vehicle to an Angle of 35 degrees whilst climbing a hill, going through water up to the door windows, and then descending a steep decline whilst the vehicle drove itself.

Would I do it again? Absolutely I would and probably pay more money to have longer. A once-in-a-lifetime adventure ticked off the bucket list.

Adrian



Ian & Pete going through the experience.

MEMORABILIA TEAM ARTICLE for APRIL 2023

The memorabilia table at last month's Senior Tigers meeting created quite a lot of interest and discussion so in this month's article I will give you a flavour of what you can find on our website and some information on the exciting items that we have still to process.

Let's start with **Matches, Programmes, Tickets** and more. The oldest programme we have is dated 25 November 1905 for a home 2nd Division game against Bradford City. A very flimsy publication (*see pictures on next page*) of only 4 pages. The adverts are very interesting as they are in all old programmes as they reflect the social life of the times. The names of the team in the league are worthy of note. Manchester United and Chelsea are familiar names in world football now but Glossop and Gainsborough Trinity are not. With the aid of our friends at Tigerbase, Martin Batchelor and Matt Wales, we have been able to

complement our collection of programmes with those held on the Tigerbase website. This means we have access to every programme from 1946 to date. Also, access to Tigerbase has allowed us to link to the actual match details for each of the programmes.

The oldest ticket in the collection is for an away game at Liverpool on Saturday 6 November 1954. This was a Guest Ticket, similar to the second oldest which is a Complimentary ticket for the game at Rotherham on Saturday 19 February 1955. The earliest home ticket is for the FA Cup tie against Workington on 24 November 1962. It is interesting to note that in the promotion season of 1965-66 a seat in the North Stand at BP would have cost you 6 Shillings. We don't have many old tickets but one should remember that not many tickets were issued as there were few restrictions on attendance and it was mainly cash at the turnstile.

The **Fixtures and Match Information** part has details of most 1st Team games played (League, Cup, Friendlies and Testimonials) since 1905. There's even information on a trial match in 1946. The information includes The Tigers Team, Subs, Manager, Result, Scorers, Venue, Attendance and any important notes. Well worth a look for your most memorable games.

A recent addition is almost a complete record of every Reserve game played since 1905 thanks to the impressive research by Paul Chapman. David Bond has provided a fantastic collection of Reserve team programmes and teamsheets from 1954 so altogether this represents a unique part of our history which is largely unknown to the majority of our fans.

The second Section is headed **Teams, Players, Match Action** and more. In this section, we hope to give a flavour of the club's history in pictures. With the help of the Hull Daily Mail, Hull City AFC and other resources we have a team photo from nearly every season since 1904/5. The Team Photos have a unique feature of name tagging the player's faces. You can make suggestions online for those unidentified players so please have a look and help us complete all the names. With the fantastic association with Mike Scott and the oncloudseven website, we have access to the biographies of every player who has appeared in the 1st Team. The number currently stands at 1132. Player's names in the Team Photos already have a link to their biographies and we hope to introduce the same feature when more Picture Cards have been uploaded.

The third Section is **Club Documents** in which we are gathering Annual Accounts, the earliest being for the year ending 21 May 1934. This records Gate Receipts

of £15,942 9s 6d and sales of Season Passes of £634 14s 0d for the year ending 21 May 1933. In Documents, we have Billy Bly's Player Agreement from 1937 in which he agreed to be paid £2 10s per week from August to May. Plus £1 per week when in the 1st Team. How times have changed! There are other interesting items in Documents, Letters and Other.

The next Section is titled **Football Grounds**, in which we are trying to obtain detail and pictures of the 3 main grounds City have played in. The earliest here is a drawing of the Anlaby Road ground from 1906.

Next, we have **Trophies and Medals** from both the Senior and Academy teams. In fact, the latest addition to the website is the pictures of the contents of the cabinet that stands in the West Stand Reception. We still have some more articles to upload to this area in due course.

Moving on we have **Match Souvenirs** in which we have a variety of items you the fans have collected and shared with us. From signed balls, Fixture Cards, Pennants, Season Passes, etc.

This is followed by **Kits and Clothing**, again we have several images to upload. However, it is surprising we haven't obtained more for this section, given City appear to change 3 kits each season. Perhaps you can help us here? Of particular interest are the Academy Players International shirts and the match-worn shirts from 1st Team players.

Next, we have the most populated Section, **Books, Media and Culture**. This section features a brochure from 1929 called Hull City Bazaar. Newspaper cuttings feature heavily and include the reporting of some dark days in the 1980s and 1990s as well as the good in the 1960s and 2000s. One should appreciate that we have had difficulty in scanning newspapers because of the condition and size of the item. The magazines are also interesting especially the Tiger Mag magazines from 1949.

The **Ad-hoc Items** Section displays a variety of items that don't fall under a specific category and have been supplied by you the fans. The items include Rosettes, Badges, Records, Cartoons, Mugs, a Jigsaw, Greeting Cards, Key Rings, Masks, Rattles and more. Later in the year, we hope to have a unique collection of Mugs and a really expensive Car Number Plate.

Lastly, we come to you the **Contributors**. If you have contributed to the Collection we have provided links to navigate and view the items just for the named contributor. This is a way of making your contributions

visible and thanking you and recognising your help to us to make this the most varied and in-depth collection of **Hull City Memorabilia**.

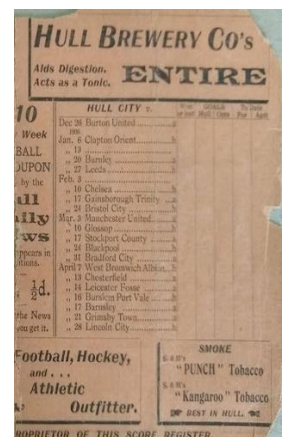
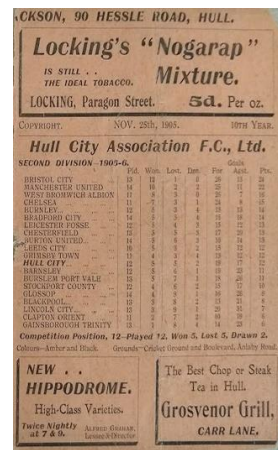
We already have a fantastic collection with more to be added but we are always looking for more so please check if you, your relations or your friends have some memorabilia tucked away you had forgotten about.

This season the Club's heritage and history have featured heavily in the Club's match day programme, called The Tiger. Our friends at Tigerbase and oncloudseven have contributed some really interesting information. Not to be left out we at the Senior Tigers are also featuring some items under the title of Tiger Items. This indicates the new owners recognise the importance of the Club's heritage and only recently Tan Kesler the Vice Chairman was featured in the Hull Daily Mail and stated a museum is in their plans for the future. Bring it on.

Lastly, none of this would be possible without the hard work, dedication and skill of the Memorabilia Team. So, a big thank you to Rob Wilson, Stuart Tomlinson, Helen Carter, Brian & Brenda Beck and Lorna Gibbin. You are amazing.

Tony Conway.

Senior Tigers Heritage and Memorabilia Coordinator



1905 programme: Tigers v. Bradford City

Our special Senor Tigers' Day at the MKM

Rob Milner loses his hair for a good cause



*And our special March guest, **NICK BARMBY**
with Richard Beachell*



Rob surrounded by his Walking Football colleagues.



our blessings to you and your families for this special season