



# SENIOR TIGERS

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### Welcome

A positive start to the new season, with some brilliant goals from Ozan Tufan and early scores from Aaron Connolly too. I am confident that we are in for a promising season. **Come on you 'ull!**

### Members' meetings:

Our monthly meetings are clearly the heartbeat of the Senior Tigers! This month we meet on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September and our guest speaker is **Les Motherby**.



Les, a serious Tiger fan, co-hosts the **"Football Kit Podcast"** which gives a big clue as to his main hobby – you've guessed it, football kits! He is believed to have the largest collection of used Hull City shirts. Hopefully, Les will be bringing a selection of shirts and sharing many stories about them.

On the back page of this Newsletter, you will find the latest issue of the **Medical and Evacuation Emergency plan** for the MKM Stadium. It is hoped that all members of the Senior Tigers will make themselves aware of what procedures are in place should the unwanted happen during one of our meetings.

Can we also remind our members that when they leave the **Dugout**, they should take with them any rubbish or place it in one of the bins provided? Leaving empty cups on the floor means we have to remove them!!

### Acklams – our sponsors.

Local coach company, Acklams, have been generous in their sponsorship and helpful with the provision of coaches for our regular monthly outings. In turn, we are always ready to share their holiday brochures, which will be available at our September meeting.

Acklams have also been generous in offering a 5% discount to members of the Senior Tigers, but only on bookings that are made directly with them. Unfortunately, the discount cannot be claimed when bookings are made through a third party – travel agents etc. If you are booking with Acklams, quote the discount code – **tigers**. This applies to booking in person, over the phone or online.

### Membership cards:

Barbara had done an excellent job in preparing the 2023-24 Membership cards for the recent AGM. However, not everyone collected them. Please look out for the table at the September meeting, all unclaimed cards will be available. They will also be in alphabetical order – please don't move them around, that could confuse other members!

### Your September Memorabilia Article

There are not many people who have been employed by Hull City AFC who have had such a long association with the club as **Jimmy Lodge**. 50 years of service needs some recognition and in this article, I hope to give you a flavour of the man and his dedication to the Tigers.

Those of you who have watched the Tigers since the 1950's and 1960's will remember the ex-player in a white coat, leaning against the tunnel entrance at Boothferry Park during matches. That was Jimmy.

He was born in Felling, Gateshead, on 11 January, 1895 but was orphaned as a baby and raised by his grandparents, with their name. They adopted him and gave him the name WILLIAM BARRASS. It was only in 1921 when he registered to be married that he learnt he was adopted and his real name was JAMES WILLIAM LODGE. He took this name for the rest of his life.

On leaving school he became a coal miner, at age 16 he joined the Territorial Army and played football in the North East at a Non-League level until the outbreak of WWI. William joined up in 1918 serving as a Lance Corporal in the Signals Division of the Royal Engineers, serving on the Western Front for the full duration of the war. He was a brave soldier, injured 4 times and honoured 4 times. He received the Military Medal in 1916 at the Battle of the Somme and later had a Bar added at Ypres.

Later he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal to which he also had a Bar added.

He played some football during the war but in 1918 on leaving the Army he played Non-League football for Newburn and Scotswood. Hull City were alerted to him and he signed for the Tigers in 1919, making his debut at left back in a 7-1 defeat by South Shields. He had serious competition at left back from Matt Bell and his first team appearances were restricted. He did however eventually get games at right back until the club signed Jock Gibson. In July 1924 he moved to Halifax Town and later served Nuneaton Borough, York City and Scunthorpe United. He returned to City as an Assistant Trainer and Reserve Team player. Jimmy played a total of 81 times for the Tigers from 1919 to 1924.

In a career change, he trained to be a Physiotherapist and Masseur. He took up scouting duties and was responsible for bringing a young Sam Weaver to Hull. Weaver eventually played for Newcastle, Chelsea and England. Surprisingly, Jimmy used his Physio and Masseur skills to also help Hull FC, Hull KR and Yorkshire County Cricket Club. He suffered a massive setback in his life in December 1938 when his 18-year-old daughter died. Plus, with the onset of WW2, regular football closed down and Jimmy became a Civil Defence Officer and instructor with the Royal Signals, using his experiences in WW1 to great effect.



*Barras/Lodge is on the back row, 2nd from the right. The picture is the team that beat Burnley in an FA Cup game in 1921. At the time Burnley was on the longest unbeaten run in the League. Hull City were presented with the ball and still have it to this day.*

After the war, he resumed his duties as Hull City's Reserve Team Manager and Trainer. He was part of the rise of the club under Harold Needler and Raich Carter but in the late 1950s, he concentrated his work on treating injured players and as Masseur. 1965 saw him reach the age of 70 and he took up part-time duties but remained a stalwart at the club. In 1970 he was awarded a Testimonial and a game was arranged against Derby County which was drawn 2-2. The game was attended by Hull-born Alan

Hardaker, the Secretary of the Football League, and an old friend from their Hull City Reserve team days. Jimmy died in October 1971 and his high regard in the football world was evident with both Alan Hardaker and Sir Stanley Rous, FIFA President, attending the funeral. Harold Needler wrote in a match programme at the time, "Very few clubs have had the good fortune to have a Jimmy Lodge."

We are lucky at the Senior Tigers to have a member who actually met Jimmy. Roy Bly, son of Billy, recalls meeting Jimmy, and I quote Roy's words;

*"On my first visit to Boothferry Park, me and my Dad walked down to the North Road player's entrance. I was about 8 years old, it was 1957, and as we turned in between the houses toward the entrance there was a stocky man with black hair, a rectangular moustache and he was wearing a white medical coat. He was leaning against the door frame. He had a self-rolled cigarette "tab" stuck to his upper lip and as he spoke the ash was being blown away. He said to my Dad, " Now then you f-----. What's wrong this time." (he swore). As a young lad, he gave me a fright !!*

*But, as I met him a few times in those days, he really was a gentle Geordie. I also remember learning he played in his youth for Coxlodge before he signed for Scotswood, Coxlodge was an area not far from the Walker an area of Newcastle where my Dad was born and lived."*

*"In more recent years Chris Chilton told me about Jimmy's gas stove and pan! When a player was pretending to be injured, having weighed the player up, Jimmy would connect his gas pipe to a gas tap and to the small single alloy stove, he would then boil some water in his small alloy pan and cut a suitable amount of "felt" material and placed it in the pan, as it boiled he applied some kind of ointment (heat paste) and spread some of his paste onto the felt and slapped it on the injured area of the player. The player would never try it on again. The player would jump up and shout out at the agony he experienced at the hands of Jimmy Lodge !!"*



*Jimmy (right) treating Billy Bly*

Jimmy certainly appears to be a character and worthy of being part of Hull City's heritage.

I thank Roy Bly, Stuart Tomlinson (ST Memorabilia Team) and the oncloudseven website for help with this article

**Tony Conway.**

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## Medical/Evacuation Information

<b>Client Name:</b>	Senior Tigers
<b>Room:</b>	Dugout or Kingston Suite

### Evacuation Procedures

Upon Hearing the Fire Alarm, please vacate the building in a calm and safe manner. If safe to do so the duty manager on site will come and help vacate the room

### Where the emergency mustering area is

For the Dugout, the mustering area is located in the South Stand Car Park. Clearly sign posted. The car park is directly in front of the entrance door to the Dugout (please also see map below)  
Kingston Suite is the West Stand Muster Point and is directly opposite the Main Reception. (please also see map below)

### First Aider on site

Your duty manager on site who will introduce themselves at the beginning of the event to the main organizer is your first aider.  
Contact them by calling 01482 358327

### What to do in a medical emergency

Call 999 immediately. After calling emergency services please contact your First Aider on 01482 358327 and a staff member will be with you straight away

### Main point of contact in an emergency

Please call 01482 358327 which is a 24-hour manned line. This staff member will then report the emergency

### Where is the de-fib and procedure to access

One de-fib is located near the changing rooms in the west stand and a staff member will get this if needed.  
Second de-fib is located at the top of the stairs in the main reception, west stand for the general public to access

