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Welcome

Our October Meeting:

We are delighted that **LIAM ROSENIOR** will be our special guest at our meeting on Thursday (5th October).



Liam played 161 games for the Tigers and was always a great fans favourite. What a joy it was when last November the club brought him back as our Head Coach. Since then, he has been promising to join us and, at last, that moment is about to happen.

We are rather expecting a bumper turnout on Thursday so please allow time to get to the Dug Out. Remember the special details, previously circulated, on how to approach the stadium due to Hull Fair.

It is important to **register** when you arrive. Some, try and 'dodge' that request (naughty, naughty!). It does slow up entry but we are expected to have a list of members in attendance for safety reasons – particularly in the unlikely event of an emergency evacuation. It also helps us to know not only who is present but also who is not! If we find members are not attending meetings we can then make enquiries to ensure that they are in good health. We care.

To help Shirley with the check-in will be her husband, Dave, along with our newly appointed "Doormen", Geoff & Peter. Showing your Membership Card can usually help Shirley to speed up the procedure.

The other reminder is that Liam will be with us at around 3.00 pm. The opening part of our meeting will deal with announcements, details of the pre-Christmas Senior Tigers' Luncheon and an introduction to Cliff Edens who has joined the club staff with responsibility for Safety issues. The Raffle will then take place before the refreshment break.

Liam will then be with us for the remainder of the meeting. It may even be nearer 4.00 pm before we close, hopefully that will not give members problems.

Away matches:

I'm sure that members on the recent trip to Leicester were extremely delighted to come back having seen another winning performance from the Tigers. At our October meeting, Ernie will be taking bookings for two upcoming away matches at Middlesbrough & Sheffield Wednesday.

The 'Boro fixture is on Wednesday, 13th December and ticket prices will be £21 (Concessions – over 65's). Full adult price is £29 and for under 16's £16. The coach price has to be finalised but expect around £23.

The fixture with the Owls is on New Year's Day at 3.00 pm. Prices have yet to be agreed but if you are interested please let Ernie know.

Player of the Season (August)

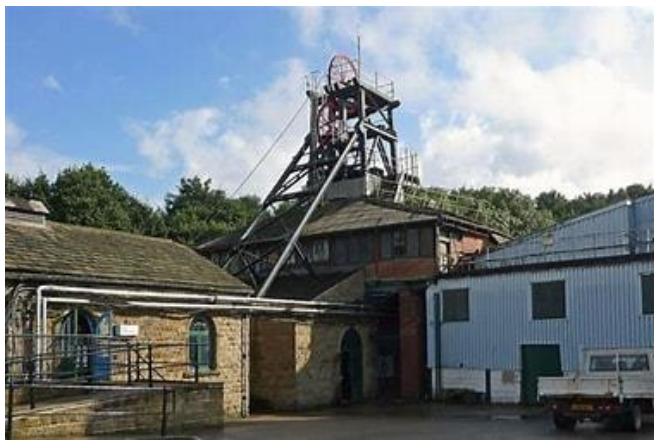
Our first PoS poll saw a record response, the highest number of votes since we started 3 years ago.

We have an early leader, after the votes for August. **Ozan Tufan** attracted 67 votes, but that only reflects what a massive contribution he brought to the early fixtures. **Lewie Coyle** is in second position, polling 40 votes and new boy, **Liam Delap**, is in third place with 17 votes.

Sandra Smith:

We are very sorry that one of our treasured members passed away recently. No illness and very unexpected. Our love to her family and those who were close to her.

Our next Outing:



The National Coal Mining Museum in Wakefield:

This trip is on **Thursday, 19th October** and will include free time in Wakefield City Centre before we make our journey to the Museum, which is on the sight of the former Caphouse Colliery in Overton (Wakefield). Barbara has a few **vacancies** for this trip so please give her a quick call if you would like to join us. The trip costs just £17 + £7.40 if you would like to go 'underground' to the coal face.

Meanwhile ... here are some reminders of last month's trip to the **Standedge Tunnel** at Marsden on the Yorkshire/Lancashire boundary.



Our October Memorabilia Article from Tony Conway

our Memorabilia & Heritage Coordinator.

Memorable Cup games

Three weeks ago I attended the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round cup tie between Tadcaster Albion and Chester FC. When not watching Hull City I can be seen at Tadcaster. Taddy are 3 tiers below Chester and the attendance of 777 was 4 times greater than their average. The game was also shown on BBC which added extra spice and attention to the game. On returning home I watched parts of it on the iPlayer. Further interest was that the co-commentator was Alex Bruce and he told of his experience in the 2014 Cup Final along with clips from the game. It got me thinking about **memorable cup games** I have seen in my 70 years of supporting the Tigers and the various competitions they have been involved in.

So, let's look back over the club's 119 years and pick out which games may have been memorable to the fans at that time. The FA Cup is obviously the one that catches the imagination and the competition we all look forward to. Unfortunately, we have never won a major cup, the best so far are Semi-Finalists in 1929-30 and 2013-14 and Finalists in the same year when we lost 3-2 to Arsenal aet. Other notable achievements are

Football League Semi Finalists in 2016-17 (Lost 3-2 on aggregate to Manchester United). FA Trophy Runners up 1983-84 (lost 2-1 in the final to Bournemouth at Boothferry Park). Watney Cup Runners up 1973 (lost to Stoke City at Stoke 2-0). Football League Full Members Cup Northern Final finalist (lost to Manchester City over 2 legs 3-2). We have of course had a venture into Europe in the UEFA Europa League losing on the away goals rule against KSC Lokeren from Belgium.

In the FA Cup, we made our first appearance on 17 September 1904 when we drew 3-3 away at Stockton. Unfortunately, the replay had to be played in Stockton and City lost 4-1. The first home tie was played in October 1905, at the Circle, with the Tigers winning handsomely 8-1. This led us to be drawn against Denaby United and a unique situation occurred as the club was required to play 2 games on the same day, 28th October 1905, and the authorities would not allow either of the games to be postponed, City won the cup tie at Denaby 2-0 but lost a league game at the Boulevard 0-1 against Manchester United in front of 12000 fans. In the following tie City beat Leeds City 2-1 in a replay.

The following few years saw us play some top names, in 1907 we lost to Spurs in a second replay. In 1908 City drew 0-0 at Woolwich Arsenal and won the replay at Anlaby Road 4-1 in front of a crowd of 16000. In 1909 we lost to Chelsea in a replay in London, we were also beaten by Chelsea in 1910 and Newcastle away 3-2 in 1911. In the next few years, nothing of note happened and WWI intervened in football.

In the 1920-21 season, the Tigers hit the headlines when they played Burnley from the First Division. Burnley were on a long unbeaten run spanning 20 games when they visited Anlaby Road and in front of 26000. City won 3-0 with goals from Tom Brandon (2) and Henry Wilson. The Daily Mirror reported the game as follows, "Wonders will never cease in the Football Cup, Burnley after holding an unbeaten certificate since the early days of September were unceremoniously routed and ousted from further interest in the English Cup ties by lowly placed Second Leaguers at Hull. Such results add to the charm and produce the disease known as Cup Fever among lovers of "Soccer", especially those who follow the fortunes of the professional clubs." Don't you just love the way the press reported football over 100 years ago? Burnley was gracious in defeat and presented the match ball to City with a plaque commemorating the great win. City still has the ball and you will be able to view it shortly

in the Match Souvenirs section of the Memorabilia Gallery.



The next tie of note was in the 4th Round in 1927. The Tigers were still in the 2nd Division and drew 1-1 with First Division Everton at Anlaby Road, the reply was also drawn, 2-2 and a third game at the neutral venue of Villa Park was won 3-2. City went on to lose the 5th Round tie at Wolves 1-0.

3 years later the impossible happened **when City reached their first FA Cup Semi Final**. Having disposed of Plymouth, Blackpool, Manchester City and Newcastle they came up against the mighty Arsenal at Elland Road. 47549 witnessed a 2-2 draw. In the replay at Villa Park in front of 46200, the Tigers lost 1-0 but it was hailed as a creditable performance from a team that 2 months later would be relegated to the Third Division North. *(turn to page 4 to see the covers for both those 1930 Semi-finals)* It would also be 84 years before the feat was repeated when Steve Bruce led out the Tigers at Wembley in 2014 to play Sheffield United.

Another unspectacular footballing period followed, including the intervention of WW2 but in 1949 City hosted the game many of our parents talked about and one or two of you will have attended. The 6th Round home tie against Manchester United. Raich Carter and colleagues had got the area in a frenzy with their performance in the league and cup. A record attendance at Boothferry Park (BP) of 55019 witnessed a 0-1 defeat but it was a day still talked about today. You can see pictures and read about the great season in the Tiger Mags that are on our website.

1953-4 saw us get as far as the 5th Round and a tie at BP against Spurs. A 1-1 draw in front of 46879 was followed by a replay in London which City lost 2-0 in front of another large attendance of 53936.

We now enter a time when I started to watch the Tigers and clearly remember being among the 24155 crowd

at BP to see City win 2-1 against York City in 1956. Brian Bulless scored both goals. I recall cup games having a special atmosphere and buying a rosette in North Road. In 1958 City were drawn away at Sheffield Wednesday in the 4th Round. It was to be my first away game at a First Division ground but on arrival in a wet and grey Sheffield with my Dad and a couple of his friends we were greeted by the news that the game was cancelled owing to a waterlogged pitch. Not to be outdone and miss a game we swiftly moved to Rotherham to see them take on Grimsby but that was also called off. Our game was played on Wednesday 29 January, under lights in front of 51834. Sadly, I was not there but City played well and lost 4-3 with goals from Stephens, Bulless and Bradbury. If City had won, they would have played in the dramatic first game for Manchester United following the Munich air crash.

1960-61 saw City play in a remarkable 2nd Round tie with Darlington. The tie took 5 games to settle with City eventually winning. The sequence of games was, Darlington away - drew 1-1 (Price), replay at Hull - drew 1-1 (Chilton), 2nd replay at Elland Road - drew 1-1 (Price), 3rd replay at Belle Vue Doncaster - drew 0-0 and finally the 4th replay at Ayresome Park Middlesbrough - won 3-0 (Clarke, Gubbins and King). The reward was a home tie against First Division Bolton Wanderers which was drawn 0-0 followed by a 5-1 defeat in the replay.

This has turned out to be an interesting and extensive subject and will be continued at a future date

You can check on all cup tie information players involved and in many cases read the Programmes on the Memorabilia Gallery of our website at www.seniortigers.org.uk. Enjoy reading more about the Tigers' heritage and history.

Tony Conway.

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Opposite: the two matchday programme covers for City's Semi-final against Arsenal. The first at Leeds and then the replay at Villa Park. Followed by the programme cover for the 6th round tie with Manchester United in 1949.

