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Welcome

February Player of the Month:

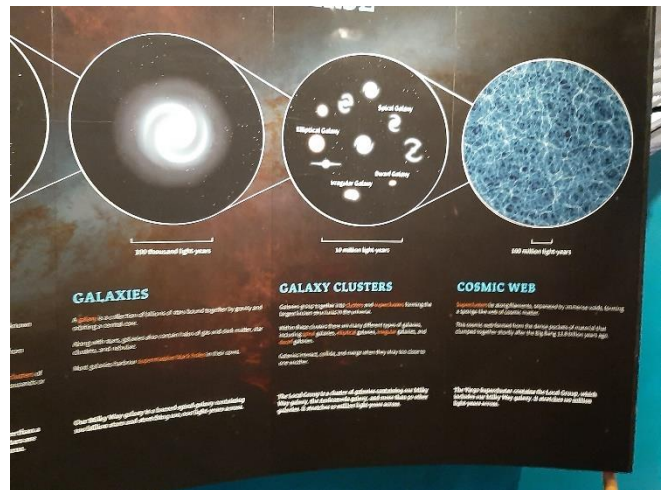
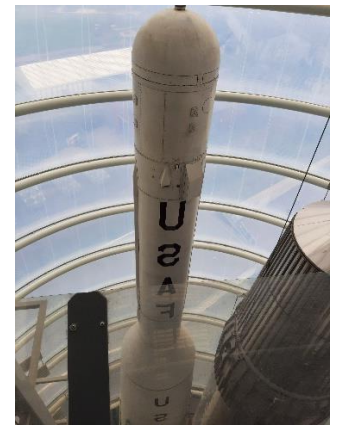
With 186 votes, February saw more Senior Tigers registering their choice than in any other month this season. **Jacob Greaves** led the way with 98 followed by Captain **Lewie Coyle** with 54 votes. Some way behind, but in 3rd place, is **Jaden Philogene** who claimed 12 votes. That was, however, still enough to keep Jaden in the overall lead for the season with 229. Lewie is next with 214 and Morton Tyler holds off Jacob for 3rd spot - Morton with 131 and Jacob with 130.

National Space Museum visit:



A full coach party of Senior Tigers recently enjoyed a fascinating visit to the National Space Centre near Leicester. Our first view was the welcome from the Space-walker (photo)

I have a deep fascination with the Universe, it is so massive you really cannot contain it! Light years by the million, stars and galaxies by the billion. It just blows the mind. Certainly, no one left without some sense of WOW!



KCOM Drop-in Sessions:



The latest IT Drop-in Session at the KCOM Learning Zone in Carr Lane on the 18th of March was another success. The Senior Tigers who attended included new and regular attendees.

These sessions have been of great help to those who have attended. The sessions can be used to fix problems and to learn new skills face-to-face with KCOM Customer Champions.

The next session is scheduled for **Monday, 15th April**. Click [here](#) to see the Calendar entry.

APRIL 2024 MEMORABILIA ARTICLE

I have recently been in contact with **David Bond**, local sports author and former Hull City reporter for The Hull Daily Mail. He informed me he is currently writing a book on East Yorkshire cricket. If you are interested or have played local cricket it will be worth noting and waiting for. Several City players have participated over the years and will be featured.

David is an excellent source of information on Ex-Tigers and tells me **Gordon Nisbet** now lives in Portugal. Gordon made 220 appearances and scored 2 goals for the Tigers between September 1976 and December 1980. City signed him from WBA where he was initially a goalkeeper. After leaving the Tigers he played for Plymouth Argyle and Exeter City. After retiring from football, he spent 18 years in the Devon and Cornwall police. He continued to have connections with Hull as his daughter graduated from Hull University, with a first in Physics. He also kept in touch with **John Kaye**, the manager who brought him to City. Golf was a major reason for their friendship but Gordon had to give up golf following surgery on a wrist and his back.

Dave Roberts lives in South Wales, Dave signed for City in February 1975, made 98 appearances and scored 4 goals before moving on to Cardiff City in 1978. In 1981 he left Cardiff and for 2 years played for Tsuen Wan in Hong Kong.

Mick Matthews is currently working in Manchester United's Academy and Frank Bunn is Wigan Athletics Under 18 Manager.



Gerry Summers (photo above) a member of the 1965/66 Division 3 title-winning squad died on 13 March in a care home in Leicester, aged 90. Gerry also played for WBA, Sheffield United and Walsall. He later managed Oxford and Gillingham. Cliff Britton signed Gerry for

£12,000 in April 1964 from Sheffield United. Gerry made 65 appearances and scored 2 goals for the Tigers before moving on to Walsall. During his time at Hull, he formed a friendship with **Mick Brown** (photo below). They formed a management team at Oxford with Mick being Gerry's assistant. Mick replaced Gerry as manager in 1975. Gerry was also an FA Staff Coach and had previously coached Hull University's squad whilst with the Tigers.



Mick Brown joined City in 1959 and left for Lincoln City in July 1967. He competed for the full-back positions with **Frank Harrison**, **Jock Davidson** and **Dennis Butler**. This restricted his first-team appearances to 9. Over the 8 years with City, he was mainly employed as Reserve Team captain. However, he went on to have a distinguished career in management and scouting. He managed Oxford for 187 games, then moved to WBA where he was appointed Ron Atkinson's assistant. The pair later moved to Manchester United. On the appointment of Alex Ferguson Mick became Phil Neal's assistant at Bolton Wanderers. On leaving management he became a scout for Coventry City and Blackburn Rovers and returned to Manchester United to work for Alex Ferguson. He worked for 4 more clubs before giving up the role at the age of 81.

Bondy believes **Brian Cripsey** (photo on page 3) is the oldest surviving player. Born in Hull on 26 June 1931, he grew up in Coniston in Holderness. After National Service, he played for Hull Brunswick and joined the Tigers in November 1951. He had strong competition for his favoured position of left wing, from Eddie Burbanks and Brian Bulless. He made his debut on 3 January 1953 away at Brentford aged 21. His first goal came on Boxing Day 1953 against Lincoln City. In the 1955/56 season, he became a regular member of the team. City was relegated from the Second Division that season but Third Division North football suited Brian and he soon attracted attention from First Division sides. Moves to Newcastle and Sunderland broke down because makeweight players coming in the opposite direction refused to move.



Brian Cripsey

In 1957/58 Brian scored 8 goals but as City's promotion season got underway in 1958, he was sold to Wrexham for £4,000. He scored on his debut against Mansfield and spent 2 seasons at the Racecourse Ground but injuries limited his appearances and he eventually returned to East Yorkshire. Brian made 159 appearances and scored 20 goals for the Tigers.

On his return to this area, he played for Bridlington Town, Bridlington Trinity and Goole Town, whilst working as a Laboratory Assistant in a dairy. In August 1963 he emigrated to New Zealand and played for North Shore United, continuing his career as a Laboratory Technician. He still lives in Tocopuna near Auckland.

All City fans wish him all the best.

Thanks go to [David Bond](#) and www.oncloudseven.com for information on all former players.

The planning for our Memorabilia and Heritage event is gathering pace. Please note your diaries and tell your friends and relations that the event is not to be missed if you are a City supporter. The event is on 6 June in the Kingston Suite at the MKM Stadium, more details will be released in due course.

Tony Conway.

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March's Members' meeting report please click [here](#)

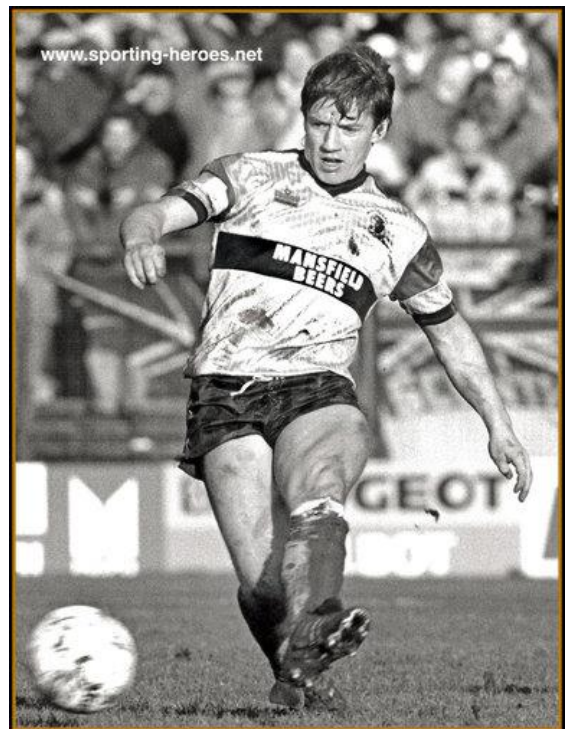
April's Members' meeting

Thursday, 4th April

With special guest

GARETH ROBERTS

The meeting starts at 1.45 pm.



Gareth Roberts