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Welcome to this month's Newsletter. Let's begin with a reflection on the recent Members' meeting.

Our very special October meeting: THE SPECIAL LINKS BETWEEN HULL & EVERTON.

Ernie Addy, who played an important part in setting up the day, felt it was a brilliant afternoon. He has collated for us some of your responses following the meeting.

"Enjoyable and very interesting"

"Wonderful, astounded by the number of players associated with both teams"

"Interesting, with a different approach to other meetings"

"Thoroughly interesting, brought back a lot of memories, especially season 63/64"

"You could hear a pin drop; the audience were transfixed"

"It was one of the best meetings the Senior Tigers have put on"

The collaboration between **Jamie Yates** *(Everton Heritage Society),* Rob, Richard and Ernie was truly amazing. We thank them all for everything they did to make this occasion happen.
Footnote: Jamie spent his teens living in Hull. His mother has remained here. Ernie said that we had 173 members plus 14 guests at the meeting, a record attendance for a meeting with a guest speaker.

Ernie concluded his report by adding, *"On the first of October, I met Nick Barmby and thanked him for his time spent with Richard in doing the video presentation. THEN I WOKE UP!"*



Jamie Yates (Everton FC Heritage Society)
with John Britton (son of Cliff Britton) and Ernie

A special note to The Senior Tigers from Jamie:

Many thanks on behalf of Everton FC Heritage Society to all at the Senior Tigers for giving me and **Lewis Royden** such a warm welcome at your October social gathering at the MKM. It was an absolute pleasure to share my research into the connections between Hull City and Everton with you all. Who knew there were so many links going right back to our first encounter in 1904?! Keep an eye out for the footage of the event, which we are already working on editing and will share once we have approval from all parties.

I hope all members who attended enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did, and I look forward to seeing some of you again in future. If anyone is interested in appearing on our edition of the matchday **Everton Heritage Show** (available to view free on YouTube) to be recorded when City visit Hill Dickinson in May, please get in touch via Ernie Addy. We usually have a couple of guests on the sofa to talk about their club's history and the match ahead.
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Although I didn't make it to the match on 11 October, I was pleased to see our teams battle out an entertaining 2-2 draw. How fitting that a Scouser opened the scoring for City! Best of luck for the rest of the season and thanks again for your warmth and hospitality.

Jamie Yates

To view Jamie Yates's event report, please click here.

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To view the latest News from KCOM, please click here

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Useful links to explore our Football Club's Heritage

To view Team Photos from 1904, many with named players and links to their biographies, please click here

To view all the biographies for every player who has played for the first team, please click here

To view the Picture Cards, which we all enjoyed collecting in our younger days, please click here

To view programmes from 1905 onwards, please click here

To view photos of match action from the 1960s from the Daily Mail and others, please click here

The Memorabilia Story – to view the history in videos and images, please click here.

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October Memorabilia Team Article

MY MOST MEMORABLE HULL CITY MATCHES AND TIMES (*PART 1)*

As we get engrossed in this unexpected Premier League season, the fine display against Manchester United got me thinking about other memorable games I have witnessed over 72 seasons of my life with the Tigers. Although memories fade with time, I hope I can remember the main facts, plus with a little help from the publications I own. I have little memory of my first game, only that on 16 January 1954 my father took me at half-time to Boothferry Park, where City were playing Doncaster Rovers in a Division 2 match. My dad was a regular attendee but did not intend to go to the game, as my Grandad, a season ticket holder, had passed away a few days earlier. The family had gathered that afternoon at his home, and the roar of the crowd could be heard. I recall my dad saying, "We're doing no good sitting around; I'll take you somewhere special". That turned out to be Boothferry Park and the seed was sown. For the rest of that season my dad took over Grandad's pass, and I regularly accompanied him to the seats in the West Stand. They were long benches, so a little seven-year-old climbed over the turnstile and was allowed to squash up with the very friendly supporters.

For my second memorable game, my memory is also not good, but I do remember standing on Bunkers Hill for an important game against Leeds United in late April 1956. Leeds had to win to gain promotion to Division 1, and City were almost relegated. The crowd of 31,123 was larger than usual, being boosted by thousands of Leeds fans.



I stood on my stool *(Pictured above – he still has it!)* as I had done for a couple of seasons, to see over the heads of the men. Boys usually stood at the front, but I preferred the view from a higher position. There was no segregation, and the banter was extraordinary to a young boy. The great John Charles had a great game, running the show and scoring 3 goals.

At the end, the Leeds fans were ecstatic as promotion was won, and the Tigers faithful were downhearted as Division Three North beckoned.

My third notable game took place on Easter Saturday 1958 in Division Three North, against Oldham Athletic. By this time, we had moved from Bunkers Hill to the halfway line in the East Stand. Plus, I had dispensed with the stool and stood at the front or, more usually, leaned on a barrier. In the three previous games, City had scored 4 goals, but what happened that afternoon

was still a great surprise. I remember City were leading 4-0 at halftime and continued to terrify the opposition with 5 more goals. A crowd of 11,007 witnessed the fantastic display, and something I have not witnessed since. The goal scorers were Bill Bradbury 3 (my favourite player at the time), Colin Smith 3, Doug Clarke, Brian Bulless and Brian Cripsey. Two days later on Easter Monday, City entertained Bradford City. The attendance increased to 16,763, nearly double the season's average. Cripsey put City ahead early on, and the large crowd prepared themselves for another goal fest. Guess what, in typical Hull City style, they lost 3-1. City finished the 1957/58 season in 5th place and so qualified for the newly organised Division Three as they were in the top half. This meant they had to play 12 teams from the top half of Division Three South. The bottom halves of the regional leagues formed Division Four. It was forecast that it would be difficult in the new Division, as all the teams had finished the previous season in the top half of their respective leagues. City only went on to finish second and won promotion to Division Two.

The first game of the 1958/59 season was at home to one of the southern teams, Plymouth Argyle. Despite the promotion, they made only one signing. It was Vic Metcalfe from Huddersfield Town. Vic was 36 years old and had 2 England caps. It was thought he would bring experience to a young squad. The Tigers drew 1-1, with Colin Smith scoring in front of 14,318 fans. City only won 1 of the first 7 games, but a run of 4 wins in September, in which they scored 14 goals, altered the expectation. In late October and November, they enjoyed a better run of 6 consecutive wins. My lasting memory is that, with 3 games to play, we went to Doncaster on a Thursday evening. This was my first away game and a real experience. City won 2-0, with goals from Bradbury and Smith. The result guaranteed promotion, along with Plymouth. I travelled with my dad and two of his friends, and on the way home they wanted to have a celebratory drink and stopped at a pub in Thorne. As a 12-year-old, I was not allowed in a pub at that time of night. They left me outside with an orange juice and a bag of crisps. I remember standing by the roadside watching the many supporters' cars passing me and honking their horns in celebration. They weren't long, and my dad was not a drinker, but when he came out of the pub, he made me promise not to tell Mum I had been left outside the pub, in the dark.

Metcalf only played in that first game, missing the rest of the season with an injury. By coincidence, the first game of the 1959/60 season in Division Two was also at home to Plymouth, who had won promotion with the Tigers. Metcalfe was fit to play and scored 2 goals in a 3-1 win. He only played 6 games for the Tigers but scored 3 goals. With no new signings until late October, City struggled all season and were relegated back to Division Three.

1960/61 was an average season; City finished 11th. My only memory is the FA Cup second-round games against Darlington. City drew the first game 1-1 at Darlington, with Dudley Price scoring the Tigers' goal in front of 8,613 spectators. The game included a heated exchange as the Darlington goal was given by the referee, after the ball had gone over the bar. Bernard Fisher, City's goalkeeper, retrieved the ball from behind the goal, but the referee maintained the ball had entered the net and gone through a hole in the netting. He appeared to be the only person in the stadium who saw the hole. The replay at BP was 2 days later on a Monday night. In those days, City played most of their evening games on a Monday. I was at the game on a murky November evening, but the largest home attendance (18,125) of the season turned up to witness another 1-1 draw after extra time.


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F.A. CUP—2nd Round Replay

HULL CITY

versus

DARLINGTON

MONDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, 1960

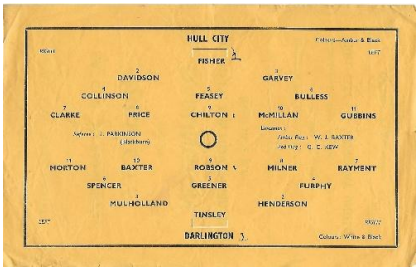
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Football League

Saturday next, December 3rd Kick-off 3 p.m.

HULL CITY v. TORQUAY UNITED

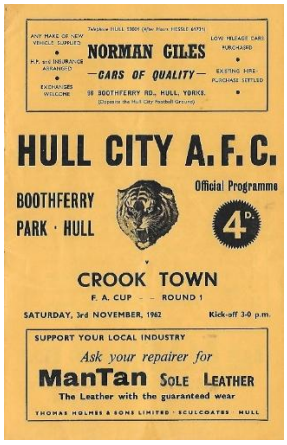
Official Programme 1d.



A young Chris Chilton, in his first season in the first team, scored the goal. Chilton would score 20 goals in his first season and so started a great career. A second replay at Elland Road, Leeds, also ended 1-1 with Price scoring the goal. The tie was now starting to attract attention, and the fourth game was played at Doncaster. The stalemate continued with a 0-0 draw after extra time. The fourth replay went to Middlesbrough and attracted a massive crowd of 19,366. City won 3-0 with goals from Clarke, Gubbins and local lad Dave King. The prize for winning was a home tie against Bolton Wanderers of Division One. A gallant performance ended with Bolton winning 1-0.

City had already played Bolton earlier in the season in the first Football League Cup match. After drawing 0-0 at BP, City lost 1-5 in the replay.

Season 1961/62 was not great either, with some home attendances not reaching 4,000. At times it was a tough watch, but City still finished 10th. The 1962/63 season would be remembered for a game that I have never forgotten. City were drawn at home in the 1st round of the FA Cup to **Crook Town**, the FA Amateur Cup holders and a member of the Northern League. City started well when Ray Henderson scored after 11 minutes. City failed to take advantage of the lead and their status. On 30 minutes, Crook scored and managed another 2 by half-time. BP was in shock, and 4 minutes into the second half, Crook scored a fourth. The shock had turned to horror. Some teams might have collapsed, but City managed to hang on and eventually showed a real tigerish spirit. McSeveney took advantage of a defensive error.



The score remained 2-4 for over 20 minutes. The amateur side started to feel the pressure, and a typical Chris Chilton header increased the pressure. McSeveney scored his second, and Ray Henderson scored his second, with 11 minutes remaining. I recall it could have been more as the 90 minutes approached, as Crook wilted but the "Great Escape 1" was completed. City had won, 5-4, but it's not often one witnesses the home crowd applauding the opposition, but Crook Town's ovation was well deserved.

The 1963/64 season was a copy of the previous one, with a similar league season and a cup tie to remember. I can remember being excited about this game from the day the third round was drawn. It certainly was one of the ties of the round as **Everton** were the English Champions and Charity Shield holders. Away victories over Crewe and Wrexham were well rewarded with this draw. I think it was the first "All Ticket Game" in Hull I attended, which added to the build-up. The Hull Daily Mail also played their part with numerous pages about the Everton stars and focusing on **Cliff Britton**, who had managed the Toffees for 8 years. He oversaw 336 games, winning 124 and drawing 91. His win rate was 36.9%. For the Tigers, he managed 419 games, winning 172 and drawing 105. His win rate was 41%. The game was great and lived up to the build-up. The attendance was 36,478, and all were surprised at how good City played given their mediocre season. The Tigers took the lead in the 12th minute, when the in-form Billy Wilkinson scored from a Doug Clarke cross. Billy was actually upended 3 times in the penalty area, but no spot kick was awarded. Everton equalised in the 50th minute through Scott, but the Tigers kept up the pressure to the end.


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Div. III Tigers every bit as good as League champions Everton

CHILTON HAD A FINE CHANCE TO CLINCH IT!

Wilkinson sent sprawling three times in box, but no spot kick!

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By BRIAN TAYLOR

TODAY'S RESULTS

Brian Taylor wrote in the Sports Mail after the game, "All honour to the Tigers. They put up a great display against the First Division Champions Everton and on some occasions outshone them with the quality of their football".

In the replay, the reports stated City were great and only lost 2-1. McSeveney scored for the Tigers. A massive crowd of 56,613 witnessed the game, and City gained a lot of credit from the national press for their two performances. At the time, the home game was the biggest I had seen at BP. The weather was wet, cold and misty, a typical January day but ideal for football, and it was certainly one to remember.

Space does not permit me to continue, so next month I'll continue further into the 1960's as City entered exciting times with Waggy and Co.

Tony Conway. Senior Tigers Heritage and Memorabilia Coordinator.

Player of the Season – *September votes:*

You have made your votes, and some players are beginning to move ahead. **Mohamed Belloumi** took the most votes (88), well clear of the rest. **Konstantinos Tzolakis** registered 38 votes, and the third and fourth places were taken by **Regan Slater & Semi Ajay**. Our voting system awards the top 4 players 25, 18,15 & 12 points.

After two months, these players are also our leading four. **Semi Ajay** has 37 points and sits at the top. The other three places are taken by **Tzolakis** (36 points), **Belloumi** (31) & **Slater** (30).

NOVEMBER Members' meeting:

Please note, our meeting on Thursday, 5th November will be in the LEGEND's BAR, in the North Stand (opposite the car parks).

We had planned for both KCOM and HOME INSTEAD to join us with a Help Desk. Due to the lack of space, these have been put back to a later date. Details of the meeting will, of course, be sent to you very soon!

CHRISTMAS MEAL - Thursday 3rd December:

Bookings have already reached 160, so please don't miss out; book with Barbara asap.

Full payment of £30 before our November meeting, please.

Doors will open at 12noon, in the Kingston Suite, on **Thursday 3rd December** - when the bar will be open – card payments only! BUT please bring cash for the bumper Christmas raffle

Some other messages about our future Outings from Barbara.

First, a reminder about our outing to **The Black Country Living Museum** on Thursday, October 22nd.

We will leave my house at 7.30 am and the MKM at 8.00 am. Hopefully, traffic permitting, we should arrive about 11ish, and hope to leave at 4ish.

As it's a longish journey, I suggest you take snacks and drinks with you - you can leave bags, etc. on the coach while you are in the museum. The canal trip leaves at 2.00 pm, but you are asked to make your way there at about 1.45 pm.

We will be having a Quiz, Bingo, and Bus Stops on the journey, so please bring £1 coins and a pen!!!!

I do have spaces on this if anyone else would like to come. Please ring me on 07941 691595 for further details.

The Outing to the Christmas Markets at the Piece Hall in Halifax is full, and further details will be sent later.

LEEDS VARIETY THEATRE PANTOMIME.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I have availability for this. It's a really fabulous adult pantomime, very skilful with talented musicians, and is extremely funny.
Afterwards, we are going for a 3-course meal at Murgatroyd's fish and chip restaurant in Yeadon.

Thursday 17th December - show begins at 1.30, so we will leave the MKM about 10-ish, and you will have time to get lunch etc. beforehand.
Total cost is £57.50 (including your meal)!
This is so popular, and I had to book it in January this year to get our seats.
Please let me know if anyone else is interested ASAP.

CROFT PARK - Lunch and entertainment January 21st. Booking is by a £10 deposit paid to our bank account, please. Everyone welcome!!

DO ANY OF YOU FANCY LONDON BY TRAIN IN MARCH?

I need to know ASAP, in order to get the deal.
This is a great day out, and hopefully will be of interest to some of our new members too.
Pick-up from Beverley about 8.00 am - Cottingham - Hull - Brough, etc
We usually arrive in London about 11.15 am and leave again after 7.00 pm.
We have a carriage to ourselves, and the cost will be in the region of £55/£60 return.

The day gives you a chance to visit exhibitions, museums, rides, shops and even take in a matinee of your choice - all of these you will book yourselves! I understand the exhibition of QUEEN ELIZABETH II: Her Life in Style at Buckingham Palace finishes in April, so this may be a good opportunity to see it.
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I am proposing a group booking for those of you who would like to tour Wimbledon Tennis Club that day, a change from football stadia this time.

Please let me know if you are interested at babs@bwilkinson.karoo.co.uk as soon as you can.

Walking for Health – East Hull

The scheme is a series of free guided walks for all ages and abilities, aimed at anyone interested in walking or who wants to slowly introduce exercise into their daily routine, whether as part of rehabilitation from illness or injury, or to get fit. We offer a 30-minute walk. The most important thing is that you start where you are and gradually build up to longer walks. We meet at **St. Andrew's Church, Paull** and start the walk at 10:30 am. We follow the walk with tea or coffee and biscuits and a natter.

Walks on the first, second, fourth and fifth Monday.

Ken Franks (Senior Tiger member)
Tel. no. 07508 771062

HULL CITY FIXTURE CHANGES

SKY/TNT schedules are altering our fixtures. To keep track of the changes, please click here

Our recent trip to Whitby via the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

As promised last month, here are some photos from our excellent trip on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, en route to the charming Whitby.

Photos on this page:

(a) our train (b) passing the Viaduct near Whitby
(c, d & e) passing the wonderful 'Omaha'.

Photos on the next page:

(a & b) our train, Repton, in Whitby Station
(c) Abbey Steps Tea-rooms
(d) Sue, enjoying afternoon tea in the Tea Rooms
(e & f) looking down and looking up
(g) St Hilda's Church and (h) Sea View.

The Journey:











The Arrival in Whitby:















