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120 YEARS and STILL ROARING
Preserving Our Heritage



Senior Tigers Memorabilia & Heritage Day
Thursday 6th June 2024, 10-30 am – 7-00 pm
Kingston Suite, MKM Stadium

Come and view a treasure trove of Hull City AFC memorabilia and bring your own unique and historical items to add to one of the largest collections of Hull City memorabilia ever assembled!

Light refreshments will be available in the Raich Carter Suite



Welcome

I do hope that you are looking forward to our **Memorabilia & Heritage Day** on June 6th. It is the largest display of Memorabilia that has ever been seen by the fans of Hull City. On the day, there will be so much to see, it will try and blow your minds! I must say that this could never have happened without the commitment of **the Memorabilia Team, The Committee** and the incredible **group of volunteers** from the Senior Tigers' members. They have been working on this project for the past 18 months. They have been **INCREDIBLE!**

I am sure you will all want to show your appreciation to them. The best and most satisfying response will be to turn up at the MKM Stadium and spend time looking at the various collections of souvenirs and heritage memorabilia, watching some of the special films that have captured memories of the past and especially of members of the Senior Tigers, who have recently been sharing their recollections. The latest film, set up by KCOM and Nova Studios, will be aired for the first time on the day. We expect some special guests including former players of the club, some have agreed to be interviewed by Richard, our brilliant host-master.

Acklams are hoping to support us on the day by bringing the current Team Coach. As you arrive this will be outside the West Stand Reception and accessible for all fans to board and look around.

The doors will open at 10.30 am and to give opportunity for those who will be working we will remain open until 7.00 pm. Our **Lord Mayor, Cllr Mark Collinson**, has agreed to join us at 11.00 am.

Bookstall (Memorabilia Day):

Donations of Hull City-related books, of all types, will be welcome at our special event. Please bring along on the day. A special table will be set aside.

They will be sold via a donation box and all proceeds will go to the brilliant work of the **Tigers Trust**.

Any books remaining will be kept by the Tigers Trust to be used in their work within schools etc.

A Memory Jog:

Who can remember the days when a large Tiger was carried out and placed in the centre circle at Boothferry Park, before each match? You will have to go back some 60 years and more! We understand it was being used in the early days of Boothferry Park, including that memorable day when Manchester United came.

The brilliant news is that the Tiger is still "alive" and will be joining us on our **Memorabilia Day!**



The photo above) shows it being held aloft by Neil Kirk in May, 1966 – 58 years ago!

And here is a photo as the family brought it around to Barbara on Friday (31st May)



Senior Tigers Player of the Season:

At our recent End of Season Lunch, it was announced that our Player of the Season, and recipient of the **Gerry Ashton Trophy** (season 2023/24), is Club Captain **Lewie Coyle**.

Since August 2023, a total of 1474 votes were cast, including 11 void submissions.

The results for the top 3 players were:

Lewie Coyle	302 votes
Jaden Philogene	236 votes
Jacob Greaves	221 votes

We hope to invite Lewie to one of our meetings and make the presentation.

May Luncheon:

Do you want to recall that fabulous meal to mark the end of the season? All you need to do is go to our website and look for Shirley's brilliant report. It recalls the Quiz (thanks Tony!) and that wow interview with Tommy Coyle (thanks Richard). There are also eleven photos from the occasion. Here is one of them.



Please click [here](#) to view the report and photos

D-DAY 80th Anniversary:

On Sunday, June 9th, a coach party of Senior Tigers will head for the exciting new **North Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre** in Hibaldstow, Lincolnshire. The Centre is a fledgling new development and we will be the first coach parties to visit.

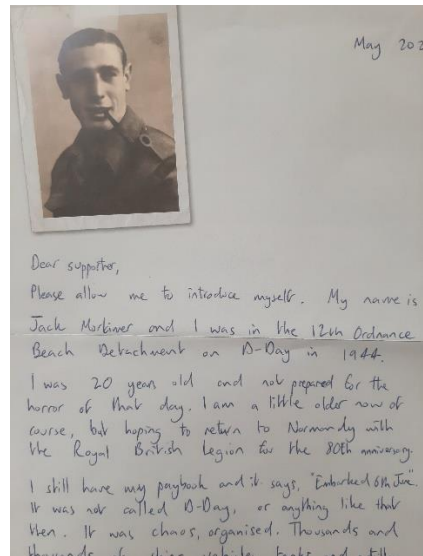
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The day also marks the **80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings** in France – considered to be the pivotal moment in the 2nd World War. I want to share, therefore, a letter written by one of the few remaining survivors of that day. **Jack Mortimer** was then a 20-year-old soldier but his letter is the recollections of a war veteran now 100 years old. A remarkable letter, one which the Royal British Legion has shared.



Dear supporter,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jack Mortimer and I was in the 12th Ordnance Beach Detachment on D-Day in 1944. I was 20 years old and not prepared for the horror of that day. I am a little older now of course, but hoping to return to Normandy with the Royal British Legion for the 80th Anniversary.

I still have my pay book and it says, "Embarked 6th June". It was not called D-Day, or anything like that then. It was chaos organised. Thousands and thousands of ships, vehicles, tanks and artillery. Everybody knew which part of the beach they were supposed to be at. It was noisy, smelly. You could have died anytime.

On 6th June, I will be paying my respects to my fallen comrades who did not make it back. They are the real D-Day heroes. I have never forgotten their sacrifice and am reminded of them in the courage and dedication of the men and women of our Armed Forces today. The decades may separate us, but just as mine did all those years ago, their generation stands strong in an uncertain world. I will always be grateful to the Royal British Legion for giving me the opportunity to return to Normandy. They do so much to help our Armed Forces community, past and present, and that is why I support them. I hope you will too.

I would like to leave you with these words that I often tell myself: "So grateful to be alive, so grateful to have survived, so sorry so many had to die, so many heroes and there they lie, in Normandy".

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for supporting our Armed Forces community on this momentous occasion.

Jack Mortimer.