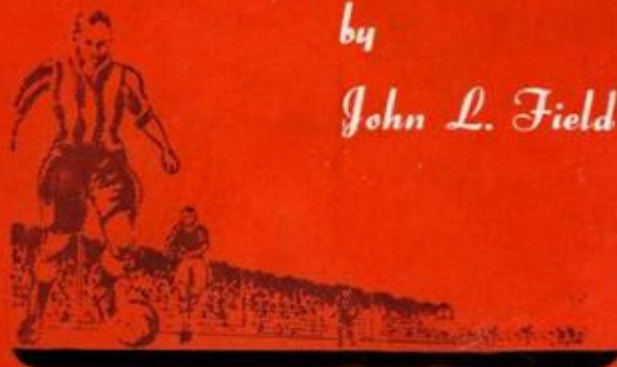


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The Writer . . .

Born in Chelmsford, Essex, moved to Quorn in 1923 and was educated at the Rawlins Grammar School. Had an immediate flare for sport and encouraged by the Headmaster, the late G. Keith Thomson, an ex-Scottish amateur international, gained a place in the then renowned school eleven on his 13th birthday and thereon the team won every game for 3 seasons. Awarded his colours the following season, then being pivot made a vow to score at least one goal per match and kept to it. The days of an attacking centre-half now seem to have passed!

The foregoing records tell of progress in more adult soccer, and its administration; and in fact the Villa and Huddersfield at one time showed keen interest in his abilities as a wing half, but he preferred good-class amateur soccer.

Wartime saw service with the Royal Air Force, playing together with many well-known professionals of that time, Eddie Hopgood, Frank Hill, Hugh and Frank O'Donnell and Bert Williams to name but a few. Awarded "a mention in despatches" for his part in the 1944 offensive for his devotion to duty and sporting and organising abilities.

Since demob. has devoted his spare-time to assisting village activities, with main interests other than soccer being centred around the Quorn Parish Church for whom he is a Church Councillor and Sunday School Superintendent.

Married and with two daughters he has found time to also serve on the Loughborough Alliance Executive and charity committees and also greatly interests himself in the work of the Oddfellows movement in his capacity as Secretary of the Village Lodge, The Loyal Blooming Rose.

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Introduction

Although I was, of course, an enthusiastic member as far back as in the early 1930's, it was not until I undertook secretarial duties again in 1949 that it really began to dawn upon me what a history the club possessed and what amazing achievements had been accomplished over the years past. Other than through minute books and memory, it seemed such a pity that a permanent record was not established and I was determined at sometime or other to create one. An accident in 1954 which meant a "rest" of 3 weeks enabled me to relax from my many interests, and to start writing. . . . The foregoing pages are the outcome of this "breaking of the ice."

I do hope it proves interesting reading not only to the footballing fraternity, but all who are interested in the life of the village. I hope too that it does bring back some very happy memories to the many players who have donned the Quorn jersey as well as club officials and supporters; whilst to those who are not so conversant with the club, a general insight into club life and administration will be established.

There can be no surer way of creating good fellowship than through a sports club with its competitive games and spirit . . . and for myself, I shall be for ever grateful to association football for giving me unbounded happiness and hundreds of friends all over the country.

For a novice, I hope I have not made this too difficult and uninteresting a summary of club life. There will no doubt be inaccuracies . . . please forgive me if there are and let me know of them and of your opinions — but minute books, hearsay and memories are all I have been able to rely upon; and also those friends, to whom I am grateful, who obviously possess a better memory than I have. So please let me know if you recall any particular item that may be of interest, the opportunity for a supplement to this edition may arise!

I thank you for your support and generosity, and should a profit arise from this publication I am sure you will approve of my intention of sharing it with the club's Ground and Pavilion Fund; National Playing Fields Association; L.F.A. Benevolent Funds and local charities in which I am interested.

As a footnote to this introduction, may I please mention the help and encouragement I have received from my dear wife, Phyllis, over my many years in this life of football. She has, together with Valerie and Judith had to put up with many inconveniences for my sake and the club's and I here record my deep affection and appreciation for their patience and many sacrifices for my benefit.

JOHN L. FIELD

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Messages and Tributes

From The President of the Leicestershire & Rutland County Football Association, Mr. W. G. Needham.

I am honoured, and thank you for asking me to include a paragraph in your publication. Your enterprise most certainly deserves every success and I hope that it will be well distributed and purchased throughout the County.

It is, I believe, the first attempt of a club of your standing to produce such a valuable record; and not only should it prove to be an admirable souvenir for those who have played for, and administered your club over so many years, but will be of immense interest to other clubs and their officials, and can be the fore-runner of similar publications. Coupled too with these advantages is that it will enable those who are not so familiar with the game to realise the amount of voluntary work and enthusiasm that does go into the administration of every club to keep the game alive.

The smaller, "every Saturday" amateur clubs such as yourselves, are undoubtedly the life-blood of the game and do give such an admirable opportunity for the young men of today to enjoy a healthy sport and exercise and thus enable them to utilise and improve their skill and abilities for the betterment of this grand sport of ours.

Your club, like thousands of others throughout the Country, is doing a fine job for soccer, and I do wish you all at Quorn continued enjoyment and success.

From The President of Quorn Football Club, Mr. Marius Wright.

Although having only just recently become even more closely attached to the Quorn Club, I am particularly happy to have this opportunity of recording my appreciation of the wonderful history and reputation the Club has achieved over the years and I have most certainly followed their progress for a long, long time with great admiration.

The determination of its officials and players to always maintain a high standard in County amateur soccer and in its administration, is a great asset to the life of the village, and I am particularly proud and honoured to be associated with such a fine village organisation in my capacity as Club President.

The Club has undoubtedly deserved its many successes and a permanent record of this nature will surely cheer the hearts of many past and present members and bring back so very many happy memories; as well as to the ordinary fan give a perfect insight into normal club life.

I am always looking for a complete return to the time when a village team comes in fact from *that* village only. Quorn, I know, aims to achieve this end but a ruling for our whole area is necessary to help them make this possible.

I wish your venture every success and to the Club itself, continued success and prosperity for the future.

From The President Leicestershire & Rutland Referees' Society, Mr. Joseph R. Taylor.

My association with Quorn F.C. commenced many years ago when I first refereed in the Leicestershire Senior League and I found it added to my pleasures to be in charge of their games. From then on a strong bond of friendship was created between myself and Quorn which included not only club officials and players but many of their citizens.

In particular was the companionship established with Mr. Jack Fields, and today it is as strong as ever.

After refereeing I took up reporting so as not to lose my interest in sport and also to keep up my many acquaintances in the different activities in Leicestershire. Quorn was one of my allocations. This side of my interest improved my knowledge and esteem of the Quorn people and I can never forget the many kindnesses given to me. The officials and players of the club over all these years have proved themselves my friends and sportsmen, and always greeted me with a welcome.

To a small extent I was able to repay them with visits by Leicester sportsmen and businessmen to their club meetings and thus still more friendships were formed with the Quorn F.C.

My appreciations go to all their players but I must mention that great-hearted personality, Mr. Len Sutton, who, in his long career, has established himself firmly in the County as one of the finest amateur players who has ever played. No one else has enjoyed his game with such relish and no other player I know has put back into the game so much as he has. It mattered not whether it was a Quorn player or not, Len Sutton gave his best, in time and labour, for all in soccer.

My time has been well spent and rewarded by knowing Quorn F.C., and I wish them as happy a future as they have enjoyed in the past.

From The President of Leicestershire Senior Football League, Mr. L. T. Shipman.

As President of the Senior League I feel it is my duty to congratulate the club on their wonderful record over the years. I can never praise enough the work of your excellent Secretary and his Committee. Quorn people must feel proud of them.

From The Chairman and General Secretary Loughborough & District Amateur Football Alliance, Mr. H. O. Pell, J.P. and Mr. G. Martin.

We are both very pleased to be associated with the publishing of this very fine booklet upon the achievements of the Quorn Football Club.

The Club whose membership is particularly valued in Loughborough and District Amateur Alliance circles have achieved Championships and Cobbin Trophy honours on many occasions which clearly indicates a very active organisation.

We are pleased that they have been noticeable for their endeavours to encourage the youth and it must be appreciated that it is from such clubs of junior standing, that our national game is kept alive.

The author, John Field, has been connected with the club for many years, in about every capacity possible, with the exception of

Chairman, and his valuable services have been greatly appreciated.

We take this opportunity of extending best wishes to the club for the future.

From The General Secretary, Leicestershire and Rutland County Football Association, Mr. J. T. Evans.

I look forward with great interest to your publication. Although a comparatively "new boy" in the County administrative circles the outstanding qualities of the Quorn club have been frequently very noticeable throughout the years in our County. I do sincerely congratulate them. I wish them long life and continued success and enjoyment in their games.

From The Secretary of the Leicestershire Senior Football League, Mr. E. R. McLachlan.

From their early beginnings till they joined the Leicestershire Senior League in 1938 the name of Quorn or Quorn Methodists as they then were has stood for all that is best in village football. Badly placed from a soccer viewpoint between Leicester and Loughborough Quorn have always had a hard struggle and over the years have built up almost a legend for loyalty of players and officials alike. Players of all ages seem to come quite naturally to this team of high tradition, and their successes in soccer's minor spheres, is a tribute in itself to the confidence youngsters have in the Quorn club.

From The Manager, Leicester City Football Club Ltd., Mr. Matt Gillies.

In my capacity as Manager of Leicester City Football Club, I need hardly assure you that I take a special interest in all local football clubs. They are the lifeblood of the game and their success may well mean our success in the realm of League soccer.

We look to the local clubs as a medium of supply for the stars of the future. And incidentally Leicester City do not forget that one of the most popular players who donned the royal blue jersey in the post-war era came from Quorn Methodists. The player I refer to is, of course, Jack Lee, whose skill and with it modesty, is well recalled at Filbert Street and who, of course, was in the City team that played in the Cup Final.

I look forward in due course to more such players finding their way to Filbert Street from Quorn and other such clubs in our midst.

I congratulate you on your enterprise in compiling this souvenir, which I hope will be well received and prove a token of further success for the Quorn F.C.

From The Secretary, Leeds United Football Club, Mr. Cyril J. Williamson (ex-Secretary Leicestershire Football Association).

To think of the Quorn Football Club is to readily appreciate the efforts, help and contribution they have made and given towards the development of Association Football in a community famous for its many sporting activities and sporting characters. Many of these I have had the pleasure, and a very great pleasure it has been, of meeting, for not only were they down to earth, but they were also very determined and very loyal, particularly to the Football Club. Although it would be unfair to mention just a few names, and space

would not allow me any further latitude, I feel I should be most remiss in not paying a signal tribute to the man who has been mainly responsible for this written record of the Club.

Johnny Field graced the Quorn Football Club as a very young player and later became a valuable playing member of that very famous old Amateur Club, The Nomads, and now for many years has guided the fortunes of the Quorn Club as its chief executive officer. All will agree that he has done a fine job of work.

May I also be allowed to convey to all associated with the Club, the Officers, Management Committee and its Members, Playing Members and Supporters my very sincere wishes for your future development, and above all, to reflect on the field of play the spirit, tenacity and discipline of those who guide your fortunes off the field.

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The First Fifteen . . .

For some unknown reason, the village of Quorn always seems to be able to produce most capable clubs in all its national sports—its football, its cricket, and tennis and even bowls, have all been a successful part of the life of the village. And one mustn't forget too, the famous pack, The Quorn—world-famed in fox-hunting spheres and of the renowned huntsman, the late Thomas Firr, and in more recent years, George Barker. One boasts, too, of having a Quorn-trained Grand National entry, Pearly Prince; whilst in pugilist circles of pre-world War II days, boxing and local boxing tournaments were highly spoken of. The abilities of many on the dart board, plus the enthusiasm of those who enjoy matching their wits against the fish in "our" River Soar all helped considerably in the normal every-day life of the village; but above all, I am sure it is Quorn's football prowess that seems to have been the back-bone of village recreation this past half-a-century.

Old soccer fans recall with pride, the fine achievements of the "Have-locks", with its "Jumbo" Harris, Sid Rue, Jackie Ball, Oliver Lovett, "Tag" Needham, "Bang" Neal, Joe Booth, to name but a few. In the early 1920's one saw with regret the disbandment of the "Havelock" club; and the Quorn Men's Institute bravely attempted to pick up the threads, but without much success.

However, in 1924, quietly but methodically, a Boys' Life Brigade under the leadership of Mr. Williamson, with Mr. H. Gamble, assisted by some still well-known personalities in the village, using their headquarters at the Wesleyan Chapel, launched a club primarily to give their very young members a friendly game.

Firstly taking a field down Barrow Road ("The Flash"); then moving across to "the Rookery" nearby, these young lads made very little headway in their opening season. The following season understandably saw this immature club gaining in experience and entering the Loughborough Sunday School League. It was not a good opening, although they gained a memorable achievement beating a strong Mountsorrel Athletic side in the County Medals Final. The victorious eleven is given elsewhere in this book, but one can imagine these young men had sown the seeds and the club became more firmly established.

Midway through the 1925/26 season a break was made away from the Brigade, and under Mr. Don Stirling's able leadership, being a staunch worker for the Wesleyan Chapel, together with Tom Stockwell and Lol Heggs, the Brigade was thereon known as "Quorn Wesleyans F.C.", and an essential rule that players must attend Bible Class at least twice a month was rigidly adhered to. Another admirable feature, noticeable amongst the majority of local clubs in those days, was the excellent way in which players and officials alike "knuckled under" and tackled the many duties prior to a game. Many times, one recalls players, already changed, moving slowly round a playing pitch with bucket and sawdust, busily "plonking" blobs of sawdust down for the markings. Yes! a thing rarely witnessed these days, but in spite of the methods of preparations necessary before their games, those fellows enjoyed every second of their Saturday afternoon's sport.

Little, I am sure, at that time did those youngsters realise that here they were building together a club that would eventually rise to such heights in County soccer.

Ensuing years found honours evading these early pioneers — the Vic Gambles, Win Stirlings, Frank Hudsons, Lol Brewin, "Chic" Prestons,

Arthur Warners, etc., etc., with evergreen Donald Stirling still holding the reins whether as Chairman or Secretary.

With the disbanding of the Sunday School League in 1931, the already existing Loughborough Alliance came more into prominence; and immediately one sensed a stronger combination of clubs; hence closer competition and a great thing towards improving the standard of the game. Club officials were now knitting together a nice team and in 32/33 season a just reward for their patience came with being winners of the John Gregory Alliance Medals; and County Medals runners-up. Such honours were the true spark to the fire and as records show the club thereon never looked back, and gained in strength and ability as each season progressed.

Team selection problems were now rarely encountered and with more or less the same combination the next three seasons, and with its ground now adjoining the Manor House Hotel on Woodhouse Road—(Leicester Nomads having used it previously), the club began to pile up awards, being League and Cobbin Trophy winners in consecutive seasons and County Medal finalists in three consecutive seasons. Achievements are, however, listed elsewhere and on reviewing them one can appreciate the strength the club had acquired.

What exactly was the keynote to such successes? Harmony! The closest of harmony and unswerving loyalty of officials and members alike, plus a staunch support from many faithful local personalities—this has been the true back-bone of every success, every game and in every aspect of club life. One cannot deny there have been the occasional upset and disagreement . . . but what club or organisation hasn't experienced such incidents in its lifetime—but in the Quorn Club's case, fortunately the few hazards that have had to be faced have always been most thoroughly tackled and sorted out by officials whose sole thought has been for the welfare and well-being of the Quorn Club.

Another great asset during these early years was the pleasing spirit and the footballing capabilities of the players themselves. No-one could be truthfully termed the "star" in any of the club's eras, whilst one readily appreciates the opportunism of "Tuffy" Wykes, "Chic" Lovett's speed, "Juicy" Jolland's dynamic shooting, George Robertson's thrust, Wilf Axten's heading; Eric Kent's resolute tackling plus the specialities of many other grand players in those 1930's. One recalls in later years of the progress of Jackie Lee, who took the game up professionally in 1941; but in this 1930 era whilst many League Club representatives have shown interest, the club produced so many players of an equal standard — the only true answer to a League Club was to "make a bid for the lot."

Quorn were becoming more firmly established as each season arrived, as now known by the familiar title of "Quorn Methodist F.C." 1937 found them rightly gaining admittance into the Leicestershire Senior League; and the very next season (1938/39) much to their critic's amazement finished runners-up and repeated the feat the following season.

With this strength, more players from neighbouring villages were now becoming members—a sure sign of the club's popularity—and in consequence the standard of football improved, and the ambition of those early pioneers fulfilled. *First-class amateur soccer had come to the village.*

Throughout this early chapter in the life of the club, one cannot praise too highly the fine qualities of those many fine gentlemen who guided the club through such a remarkable path of success. Records show only too clearly who they are—and a shining tribute to their abilities and the faith shown in them by members was their re-election year after year. No

Leicestershire club can surely boast more than Quorn on its wonderful administrative record.

One cannot conclude this section without reference to odd tit-bits recalled; such as the employment of a groundsman at 1/6 per match; the winning of an "Evening Mail" Merit ball in 33/34 for outstanding achievements; the wanderings of the playing field, i.e. "The Flash", "The Rookery", "The Manor", "The Stafford" and Barrow Road—and the introduction of a 3rd XI for two seasons, 1938/39.

The Next Ten . . .

When those dark days of World War II fell upon this grand country of ours, yet another proud feature of the club's history was the fact that its flag was kept flying every single season throughout those black and finally triumphant early 40's.

1939/40 obviously found a considerable changing of playing personnel when yet one and then another of our members who had brought the club to such heights left the village to commence their service. Officials bravely strove their utmost to maintain a standard of brilliance in the club and extreme jubilations were accorded by capturing the Leicestershire Senior Cup in the April of 1940 by an excellent 3—2 victory over Leicester City on their Filbert Street ground.

A very good team had been blended together and that team today, playing as it did then would certainly go places — S. Jones, E. Kent, J. Boyer, W. Clish, E. Watson, R. Ward, W. Pervin, C. Wykes, J. Lee, L. Sutton and E. Jollands with G. Whitehouse a grand 12th man.

Indication of the Club's popularity can be gathered from the fact that thirteen bus loads of supporters followed the team to Filbert Street.

Memories of this eventful match recalls Geo. Whitehouse's praiseworthy consideration for the team. E. Watson travelling down from the North had not reported 10 minutes prior to kick-off and George changed ready for the kick-off. Lo and behold, Watson arrives, partially changing in a taxi en route with only a matter of minutes to spare. George agreeably stood down. Undoubtedly this match, too, sealed Jackie Lee's future and the following season signed "on the dotted line."

The war, of course, was playing havoc with local soccer. Travelling restrictions plus difficulties in maintaining a stable eleven, crippled many clubs. Whereas the Senior League bravely carried on; but with such hardships the Club was compelled to temporarily sever its connections with this fine league in 1942 and move into more local surroundings and to the Loughborough Alliance. War-time restrictions also told its tale in other directions, an agricultural one, and the ploughing of Mr. Pepper's Barrow Road ground, resulted in a "shot in the dark" in approaching the Rawlin's Grammar School authorities. This approach bore fruit and obtaining permission to use the school pitch proved an excellent move — and although narrow, was an admirable ground. One clause of the move gave a desire that a gate be erected in Love Lane—most convenient!

Quorn's position on the map assisted immensely in maintaining a good playing strength—military units and Beaumanor on the door-step resulted in many firm friendships arising, and one remembers E. Watson, E. Esworthy, W. Clish and E. Hobden to name but a few. Other newcomers remembered by many were Albert Naylor and Norman Handford, who reached greater heights with the City and Brush; also Norman Branson whose refereeing qualities and administrative posts on local Alliance and

Referees' Association to this day are praiseworthy; whilst records again show the usual band of faithful workers nobly carried on day by day, week by week—and at times not knowing exactly until practically kick-off time what the final eleven would be.

War-time duties compelled Donald Stirling, whose work for the Club since its inauguration had been so valuable, to resign the Secretaryship in 1941; but along came that popular "cricketing" character, Teddie Ball, to fill the breach and happily the Club's popularity and abilities never wavered.

Amongst the many interesting clubs now functioning in the area were various Home Guard detachments (Barrow and Shepshed for example)—such teams as "The Rangers", "The Exiles", "Brush" and Hathern Utd. to mention just a few and all proved worthy opponents—Brush and Hathern proving to be exceptionally strong sides. Noteworthy too were the abundance of prominent League players in Loughborough — Crayston of the Arsenal and Peter Doherty (Doncaster and Ireland) being two in particular who sampled the Grammar School pitch.

One looks back with amusement at the progress of committee meetings when really not much business could be transacted with members generally on fire-spotting duties, etc., etc.; whilst one remembers, too, a special constable's particular interest in the committee room's black-out curtain !!!

And so, thanks to the spirit of the few, Quorn football lived and flourished and when peace came at long last, the Club's prestige and capabilities had in no way been hindered. Happily, too, the manner in which the Club's good fellowship had spread even farther afield during those past six years meant a great deal to those whose express wish was to create and maintain friendliness. Its encounters with persons whose homes in numerous cases lay far away from Leicestershire were endless, and one often wonders and talks of what has become of those grand old friends from the Services—the Civil Servants and evacuees, and I am proud to record that some do even now keep in touch with the Club's activities, and we in Quorn are confident that those whose homes are no longer nearby, will hold very happy memories of their games and life with the Quorn Club, as we most certainly do value their friendship during their spell here with us.

With peace, slowly came the happy return of many of the old familiar faces of pre-war days and one can visualise, as I do, of them not only being proud of their service and of the "bit" they did towards our "Great Victory"—and of their happiness on return to "Civvy Street"—but also how delighted one was to find "Quorn Methodists" still as strong as ever and only too welcome to have them back again "on their strength".

Unfortunately a too late an application to the Senior League meant another season of Alliance encounters, although it can truthfully be said that Alliance soccer had by now become of an extremely high standard.

Grammar School surroundings were still enjoyed, but with the return to normal times, this eventually meant a return the following year to Mr. Pepper's Barrow Road field. With headquarters now "The Blacksmith's Arms" extreme concern was being shown at the distance of the dressing-room from the ground; and even at this early stage, enthusiasts were starting to ventilate their feelings as regards a private ground of one's own.

Losing the Alliance championship by one point in this last war-time season, re-admittance to the Senior League was readily accepted in 1946 which comprised then of one complete division. The opening season was not too impressive but it was delightful to witness the bite of the good old 'uns was still there and as in pre-war days "Tuffy" Wykes and "Juicy" Jollands once again shared goal-scoring honours. The Sileby Cup was

however, won for the first time in club history, beating Syston St. Peter's by 2 goals to nil; and surprisingly, too, finances showed a £130 balance at the season end.

The following season was a really bad one. But no matter how strong a club is, that sort of season has to be experienced, although it can be reported the crop of injuries that year were the worst experienced by the Club up to date. An interesting feature of the times was now being shown by the sensible attitude of many local clubs towards insurance coverage for their players; and this now having been adopted by the Quorn Club gave further evidence of their careful consideration towards its players and their welfare.

The resignation through business commitments of Teddie Ball at the beginning of the 1948/9 season, who had given seven years of valued service, found the Club experiencing great difficulty in obtaining a successor. Once again, along came Donald Stirling to fill the breach and so maintain a high standard of administration; and Club playing strength again showed its worth by capturing the Loughborough Charity Cup with a 1-0 victory over Sileby (the only good thing I did all the match—I nodded it in!) Whilst a defeat to Melton Town robbed the Club of the Sileby Cup. So following that unenterprising 1947/8 season it seemed the tide had turned. An added novelty and experience during this 47/48 season was the visit to Quorn of Llandaff F.C., a Cardiff club who were managed by an old Quorn resident, Mr. F. Buttress. Although comfortably beaten, they returned happily pleased with their only too short a stay in Leicestershire.

It is again worth reporting that continued concern was voiced over the unsuitability of the Barrow Road ground from the financial aspect. Being so open; and the road at times accommodating more spectators than the ground itself—the committee had always watched for chances of improvement.

Thanks to the able guidance of Mr. W. F. Bent Beardsley who had taken over Club Presidency in 1945, it was during the close season that concrete steps were taken to "manufacture" a playing field on Mr. Baylis's property behind the cricket ground—being actually the old sand-pit which possessed natural banking suitable for a 50,000 gate !! If successful—then accommodation would follow, and as the following chapter indicates, considerable activity centred around this move for several months.

These Last Eleven . . .

A new ground in the offing!!!

That is as it appeared during those summer days of 1949 and it was during this period that one observed faithful Club workers and players, religiously pulling up those endless brussel stalks and a new ground took shape—and the seed was sown.

Alas! An only too welcome a hot summer completely ruined the Club's chances of playing on it the coming season. The hot summer scorched the ground and the seed with it; and so the club with your obedient servant now having taken over Donald Stirling's duties were high and dry, and without a ground. What a start I made to a thankless job !!

Bags of panic for a short time naturally reigned; but thanks to the timely assistance and kindness of Mr. F. Astill and Mr. J. B. Thomas, together with stalwart friend and chairman, Frank Baylis, along came the Woodhouse Road offer and we settled comfortably in just on time; using the Manor House Hotel as headquarters. The reader is asked not to confuse this

ground with that played on in the 1930's era, which was adjoining the Manor.

And here started the most memorable era to date. First-class teams were blended together and Senior League Division 2 honours were achieved—and quite easily too. Surprisingly also was the great effect on finances and one recalls £77 being realised from gate receipts alone. Other points of interest that are called to mind is that hectic London trip when the Club met Kingsbury Town (the home club of one of our late members, Don Webb),—the Oakham pig-trough episode and the serious Redmile Junior Cup blunder.

Concern was now being shown in Committee of the countless enquiries being made for membership, and whilst interested and obviously club-spirited players were most welcome, the question of successful elevens and members kicking their heels on the touch-line unable to get in and earn a place proved exasperating. A wise club must keep its members active, and enable a player to have the chance of improving his football and playing for his place. This playing strength during the 1949/50 period not only gave Senior League honours, but the second string proved a hard nut to crack also.

And so the Club became the talk of the district—in fact of the County.

The 50/51 season was looked upon with real enthusiasm. Division I soccer was obviously bringing a higher standard of football and more friends to the village. And in spite of that 1949/50 achievement, the Club even went higher and higher and dumbfounded everyone by whipping through the league and taking the Division I championship. The renowned "Spurs" were also doing the same in the Football League you remember. However this achievement naturally created Senior League history and is a record held to this day. High-class football was displayed everywhere and this was undoubtedly achieved through the fine capabilities of the players themselves, perfect team-work and an uncanny harmony which cannot be expressed in words, between players and officials.

It is sad to think back on that wonderful season to recall the terrible occasion that I am bound to record on September 23rd when John Proudman, a visiting keeper from Moira United, sustained an injury quite accidentally from which he died the following day. This was a great shock to all connected with the game, and the Club's football was naturally affected for some considerable time. Although holding only small support, the Quorn Club went to great lengths to do its share towards helping John's widow and family and over £100 was raised towards the fund sponsored by the Leicestershire Football Association.

Coupled with this unfortunate start to the season, an earlier accident had befallen Joe Pestell, who broke his leg in a Reserve team game. Here one lost an ardent committee-man as well as player.

Happily the Club recovered eventually from these terrible shocks, and the championship fight was held in doubt right until the last minute. Loughborough College needed two points in their final game with Measham to clinch the honours on goal average—but only managed a draw!! Division I championship and history! What a season! I didn't sleep a wink that night the College drew.

This wonderful achievement was again a credit to the Club and its members. A league championship is a far more arduous a journey than a normal Cup tourney; with every single match itself being a cup-tie and a definite strain on all resources.

It was justice, perhaps, to note that the Reserves, equally as good in their

own sphere were beaten to the Alliance championship by the College reserves!

It seemed that a "Club" ground was now becoming an ambition of the far too distant future. In spite of successes, expenditure was terrific and proved a constant worry to the faithful officials, who were led, year in, year out, by Mr. Frank Baylis—an automatic choice as Chairman since 1939. The thought still hung hopefully at the back of the minds of all enthusiastic followers, but no move could be made without money! At this stage of the Club life there was a general feeling that the Club should become even more firmly connected with the village and the decision to drop the "Methodist" title was made at the 1951 Annual Meeting. The minute in question is referred to elsewhere and is enjoyable reading. During this 1951 period a keen young group of school-boys approached the club asking for assistance in their administration. The club officials were immediate in their desire to help such enthusiasm and went to great pains to equip them—and even obtain a playing field. The only one available at that time was readily offered by Mr. Hickling adjoining his farm at the end of Highthorn Lane, and although seemingly miles away from the village a fine playing pitch was prepared and many enjoyable friendly games resulted and so Quorn "A" was launched and in spite of additional expense was giving the younger boy his game of football and proving an admirable starting point to other elevens. An early member in fact—Richard Barker—did later gain Youth County honours (1956—57).

The 1st eleven were not dormant, however, and once more became Senior Cup holders—one remembers well that 4—2 victory over Ibstock in extra time at Coalville; and the Reserves eleven went one better than that the previous year, taking Alliance honours.

The 1952/3 season with 3 elevens now in competitive football opened sensationally. The Thringstone episode created widespread comment and all interested in the game will appreciate that the action taken was one of duty for the good of the game. Through the kindness of J. B. Thomas, a playing pitch was prepared for the budding "A" XI lads adjoining the present one and by the orchard. Mr. Hickling's was far too much out of the way; and consequently the whole playing position worked out admirably. Believe me, in those days the Manor Pavilion at times was a most interesting and happy conglomeration of some 44 players preparing for the game or afterwards "sprooshing" themselves up for their Saturday night "dates". My comb used to work overtime! Interesting open evenings were now being organised involving many well-known local sporting personalities and the spirit throughout the club was maintained at 100%. An interesting feature was the fielding of 4 elevens one Saturday afternoon (November 2) which did re-occur in the 55/56 season, and this in itself illustrated the playing strength the club for a village had acquired. But still finance was a concern and when one considers a successful club must realise an annual income of quite £300 to £400 to maintain itself, it is a big task—particularly to the village and young people. Each season, attractions in one form or another must be organised to augment funds, and the whist drives over many years sponsored by that grand friend, Mrs. Walter Sutton, have proved immensely popular. Besides being mother of the footballing "Suttons"—so well-known on the majority of Leicestershire grounds—she has over the years contributed some hundreds of pounds towards keeping the game alive in the village. An enterprising committee must look for something novel to attract interest and support and in this season a great deal was done towards the provision of a complete bus time table for

Quorn residents which would in those days have been of tremendous help to a person, but after much work we were finally not allowed to put this through.

The Senior eleven by now were not maintaining its earlier hopes, primarily due probably to the constant introduction of the younger and inexperienced players, but the Alliance championship was fortunately retained; and it was during this season your writer was honoured by being nominated on to the Alliance Executive. Faith and confidence by the Alliance was a credit to the club, as of course it is not a general policy to include—until later years—existing club officials, which is actually against wishes of neutrality. I can openly admit that an Alliance executive is a body of extremely capable gentlemen, who under Dick Stocker's chairmanship and later Mr. H. O. Pell's jurisdiction with ever-reliable George Martin at the pen, have done a tremendous amount of good to Loughborough soccer. I am proud to have been a member of that organisation and long may it reign.

An interesting minute in this phase of club life is reported elsewhere, but it clearly indicates the determination of officials not to entirely shelve the possibilities of a ground of one's own. Although under contract for several more seasons on the present one, there was a strong desire to provide for the future and with cash such an essential item. 1953-4 saw the launching of an auxiliary association, which was handled by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dermott. The scheme and competition proved immensely popular and had it been established in earlier years it would have eliminated the worry of recent years. In this era the Pools Tax under which we were subjected realised some £500 from our efforts. It will be of interest to record that during this period the "A" XI had transferred its affections now to the Stafford Orchard, which had been kindly loaned by the Parish Council, a case of back to the Havelock days with the Pig and Whistle as dressing room! Also an interesting personality on the Management was the renowned ex-Southend United player, Alf Smirke, who later became Brush Sports manager, whilst concluding the season was the sad news of relegation to Division 2. With so many youngsters one could not help but think that Division 2 may help considerably to build up their ability and confidence.

One cannot mention the opening of the 1954/5 season without recording the departure to Australia in the January of 1955, of the happy, capable and renowned Eric Kent. A regular playing member since 1929 and in later years a valued skipper of the successful Reserve Eleven. He rightly received a travelling clock as a token of appreciation from members and likewise the Alliance, too, honoured him by presenting him with the coveted Alliance badge. It was this season, too, that reconsideration to the Lotteries Act was being dealt with by Parliament and this spurred officials to put its particular case before the local M.P. In spite of £1,700 having been collected by the auxiliary association, £850 in prizes, £500 to tax, less expenses, meant for all the hard work a matter of £200 only to help the club.

The illness of Johnnie Cockle caused concern amongst his friends, but happily he has recovered, but unable to play again. Here was the loss of a very capable footballer.

Another shock registered in this season and caused me to lose more hair (!!) was the grave injury to young Mick Newton at Shelthorpe, which necessitated an immediate abdominal operation and although so very serious at the time, Mick has made an amazing recovery and is still a

strapping young man today — an Army M.P. — and still playing a strong game of football.

Needless to say, all this time a new ground was repeatedly discussed in committee and at long last the first move in respect of land adjoining the cricket ground, and so kindly offered to the club at a reasonable figure by Mr. Frank Baylis, was made. Town and County Planning authorities were approached and a definite target was put before us all — and the village in fact. Not only were we embarking on a project which would benefit the club so much; but here, too, was an added asset to the young people of the village. What is to stop a future enterprising committee even extending further—providing finances were available—and it could be done if the various schemes as proved so successful by some Leicestershire clubs were launched and supported? A playing field with perhaps two pitches—perhaps even hockey and tennis courts too could be a possibility and a thought not to be scoffed at!

Another problem faced officials at the commencement of the 1955/56 season, and in spite of the extreme precautions taken, intruders found their way into the Manor dressing-room during the course of a match. The club readily made good the heavy losses incurred, but here again was a clear illustration of the necessity of owning one's own ground with dressing-room on the spot. This season, too, saw that grand goalkeeper Ron Taylor having the ill-luck to break his arm, and one cannot help but refer to this grand player's perpetual misfortune to get into the wars. These, however, never shook his confidence or marred his daring and courage.

An exceptionally young side was now being blended together and quite rightly was attracting the attention of some League Clubs. Young Barry Widdowson for instance had several runs with a young Wolves' eleven, whilst Arthur Chadburn and Richard Barker too, created considerable interest. It is praiseworthy to record that the Wolves in appreciation of the club's co-operation in respect of Widdowson presented the Club with a set of numerals—which are by no means a "2½d." line.

The 1956/57 season soon arrived with one little realising what an eventful one it would be. Little change over the past few years had occurred in management and the hard core of Baylis, Blackshaw, Hallam, Len Sutton, Dermott, to name a few at random enthusiastically continued in their endeavours to maintain the club up to standard. Keeness can be so easily illustrated by attendances and in my experience week in, week out over the years, committee meetings with one or two exceptions have shown at least an 80% attendance. A creditable show indeed, and emphasises fully the good fortune the Club have in having such interest existing amongst gentlemen whose sole aim has been to provide good football and recreation in the village. I could enlarge considerably on this short tribute to those who have managed club affairs over so many years, but I am sure the records given at the conclusion of this publication can enlighten you more fully on the faithfulness of this grand body of men.

Concern was perpetually being shown over support at matches, although with the auxiliary association; special efforts and playing members themselves contributing such a reasonable sum through a match levy scheme, the flag was kept flying.

The objective of completing the payment of £350 on the purchase of the new ground by the March of 1957 as contracted, was achieved to time, with many thanks for valued guidance from Mr. John Beardsey—and so then the next "fence" had to be faced—that of levelling and seeding down.

The "A" XI was still flourishing on the Stafford Orchard and the under

18s taking all before them—the Geo. Hill Cup Competition itself being more or less a foregone conclusion year in, year out. Although naturally an expense, the continual nursing of an "A" XI for those young men who were not so efficient as their older and more experienced colleagues, must surely add more prestige to the club. Chadburn and Barker were two such proteges and both were deservedly honoured by the L.F.A. when selected for the County Youth Eleven v Lincolnshire; and Chadburn, too, had games with the City mid-week eleven. The climax in young Arthur's career with the club was his selection in the English Youth International versus Ireland on the Orient ground in the May of 1957 and elsewhere, reveals the select company with whom he played. What a remarkable coincidence that both Quorn's "Internationals" should have been in English elevens against Ireland!

Another memorable, but unfortunate occurrence during this season, was Clive Bradbury's misfortune to break a leg in a Glenmore match—which eventually brought too soon to a close the playing days of an amazingly consistent player and club-man.

The staging of a Sportsman Ball in Loughborough was a great success, particularly as the club also helped the local Friends of Markfield Group by staging their Carnival Queen competition.

Also noteworthy were the new rating valuation returns which involved further expenditure on the club—the failure to clinch the purchase of a new pavilion from a neighbouring village—the presentations to Len Sutton commemorating his 21 years in Senior football, and also David Walker's fifty goals from the left wing.

And so 1957/58 arrived with a definite asset behind us — some land, which, of course, must now be developed. Reviewing it after it had been seeded revealed many "hills and hollows" which had not been so apparent in the first instance. An endeavour was made to "pick and shovel" it into shape, but the few "hardy annuals" found it far too gigantic a task—so there was nothing for it but to get the plough out again! Requests were put out for estimates for the levelling and seeding by contractors, and those good friends "The National Playing Fields Association" were approached for advice.

One cannot express too highly of the immense help and co-operation one can receive from such a magnificent organisation, and what a pity it is that not more associations are members and help such an admirable institution.

Plans were also fully ventilated with regard to possible changing room accommodation. Ideas were put into Mr. Don Harmer's hands who submitted plans of a brick pavilion as requested. Lo and behold, another idea went "bang"—an estimated cost of £3,500 was simply beyond the club's resources, so hopes again were temporarily dashed.

The season 1957/58 however was yet again marked with success. Finishing third in Div. 2, clubs at the annual meeting in Leicester earnestly desired that we be promoted into Div. I again, particularly to enable the Divisions to be of equal strength. It is on such occasions as these that true fellowship amongst clubs is revealed. Many friendships exist between the various officials of the various clubs, and although keen rivals on the field of play, it is a delight to appreciate that such comradeship exists which adds considerably to the enjoyment of the game and its administration.

The senior team played some delightful football and with the standard improving so much in the league they deserved such an honour, although one appreciated again the immense cost such a move entailed. Players

David Walker had a trip to West Bromwich—Dennis Else and Terence Nail to Coventry, and by this one can visualize the club held some young players of ability.

An amusing diversion was the introduction of a tea urn, but unfortunately with a small number of supporters, a profit on the sale of this delightful beverage could not be realised. The urn may yet become a great asset we hope.

For the record—it was at the close of this season that news came of Cyril Williamson's appointment as secretary of the Leeds United Football Club, and so a great loss was sustained by the County F.A. and all clubs in general. As General Secretary of the L.F.A., Mr. Williamson had been a spearhead for many years and in consequence the administration from our governing body had been beyond praise. His keen interest for the Youth of the County and Country in fact was duly recognised by his appointment as chairman of the Football Association Youth International selection committee; and one well imagines that his word and experience had a great deal to do with Chadburn's International appearance in 56/57 season. Cyril's work for football deserved great reward and he rightly received it with his appointment to Leeds and I voice here the great appreciation of all County Clubs for his valued service whilst with us as our County Secretary.

During this particular season also, although confronted with perpetual financial concerns, the Club did not forget those who had helped them in so many ways in the past and had fallen into ill-health. A benefit whist drive was sponsored to help two such gentlemen—the effort realising £36.

The opening of the 58/59 campaign was marred by the sad news of the sudden death of Mr. Walter Sutton, Senr., whilst holidaying at Blackpool. Always a keen and efficient footballer in his earlier days and an ex-Havelock player, he had helped considerably behind the scenes and, of course, being the father of the renowned footballing brothers, Percy, Len, Walter, Kenneth and Tony, one can well imagine the encouragement he and Mrs. Sutton gave towards the game and the club, as mentioned elsewhere. Mrs. Sutton still does so and Quorn football will be forever grateful to her and her family for such loyalty and valued assistance.

And so came Division I soccer again, and with it a constant struggle to maintain an eleven of Division I calibre. The standard of play showed a marked difference and the club consequently groped around the foot of the table throughout the season. Thanks to a timely signing of a Beaumanor soldier centre-half, John Smith, with experience of professional football with Reading; things did cheer up considerably and a place among the "elite" for another season was assured. 'Twas a near thing though!

A £10 grant from the Leicestershire Playing Fields Association to assist the Young "A" XI was a God-send whilst the main Association reported that a grant of £50 would be made on the completion of the ground development scheme (*i.e.* levelling and seeding down). March, 1959, saw the completion of this project, with the bull-dozing and skimming off of those unsatisfactory ridges and the final seeding and fertilising of the area. A further value of some £200 was thus put on to the ground and by now meant an asset of some £600, which for a small club was not bad.

An interesting record, too, in the January was my particular desire at that time to gracefully retire more into the background. There comes a time when one feels that a change may do a club some good. Although no one would wish to sever connections entirely with such a grand club as ours, new faces—new ideas and methods—new enthusiasm can make a world

of difference. With so many other interests I truly felt that my secretarial duties were perhaps not being carried out as efficiently as in my earlier days. Robert Smith, a Nottingham schoolmaster residing in the village, kindly undertook to take the load off my shoulders—whilst evergreen Len Sutton undertook the responsibilities of team manager. In fairness to everyone I gave six months' notice of my intention to retire and then surprisingly enough along came Robert Smith's removal after a few months to Nottingham—an opportunity he could not reject. And so, here I still am—and perhaps "wallowing" in the job, more so than ever before, particularly with final reward for hard work and worry, at times, being only just around the corner. At this point I must, however, pay tribute to those many stalwart friends who have stuck so rigidly to the task as well, and to whom every credit should be given. Needless to say, my service towards the Club was honoured at the close of this season by the County award for ten consecutive years duty as club secretary and a similar memento also from club members.

The appointment, incidentally, of Len Sutton as team manager assured greater liaison between player and management, although in the past this had been of an extremely high order, and an honour, too, was deservedly awarded him by his appointment as team manager to the successful Alliance League eleven.

Other items of note was the unfortunate deterioration in the interest of the younger players connected with the "A" XI. Younger men these days in a lot of cases appear so very independent and sadly lack patience, and although once again Geo. Hill Cup Finalists, they sadly failed to maintain their reputation of previous seasons. The visit of the Epinal (France) Football Club to this area in March, 1959, also added interest and colour to this otherwise quiet season.

Arriving at this final season prior to this publication (1959/60) deep disappointment has to be expressed on the playing results achieved. "Wooden Spooners" of Division I can be somewhat of a disgrace, but it can be proudly reported that the club possessed members whose spirit was exceptional. A playing season of this kind truly reveals the true club man and an excellent spirit and friendship prevailed throughout. Never could one obtain a settled eleven, but many times great compliments were paid by opponents on the club's spirit and high standards, but "luck" was completely out. The Sileby Cup Final was reached, although a "walk over" award meant a straight passage through to the final after a fine victory at Melton in the opening round. One doesn't like winning matches in this way—particularly semi-finals—but the club, having been left in mid-air over semi-final arrangements, had no alternative but to correctly approach this problem in writing. Word of mouth tends to be exercised considerably in many quarters, and the club have always endeavoured to follow a correct procedure by committee decision and in writing. In this semi-final "debacle," "bush radio" had it that one's opponents were getting a team together and our decision to arrive in Sileby with an eleven we feel was fully justified.

The season incidentally opened again on a sad note; that being the resignation of our faithful President, Mr. W. F. Bent Beardsley—having held the office some 14 years or so. Mr. Beardsley in later years has unfortunately not enjoyed good health and it was a great blow to lose such a wonderful "footballing" gentleman. The club has always held extreme pride in the fact that Mr. Beardsley was a truly live President and until recently had made a point of travelling around with the teams and was most certainly a known figure on the majority of the Senior grounds. His advice and

guidance in many ways has been of immense value to the Club; and members could not let his resignation pass by without paying him some respect. He was in fact duly nominated a life member; and at the same time two other Quorn gentlemen, Col. W. S. N. Toller and Mr. Joe Hall, who had followed Quorn's fortunes for so very long, were also invited to honour the club in this way. Col. Toller had retired and gone to live in Datchett, Bucks.; whilst Mr. Hall, although over 90 years of age was a regular supporter and an occupant of the "trainer's bench". In view of their immense interest we as a club could not show our appreciation in a more apt a manner; and it is with deep regret that since compiling these details, Mr. Hall passed to Higher Membership in the summer of 1960.

Mr. Marius Wright was invited to succeed Mr. Beardsley as our President and one can voice already of the immense interest Mr. Marius shows towards the club and of his valued help in many ways.

The temporary disbanding of an "A" XI perhaps was a surprise, but officials were not only finding it to be such a heavy expense, but the number of interested youngsters did not call for such a section. I hope this will be only as a temporary measure as the game and abilities of interested players cannot be improved upon unless they can compete in regular organised matches. Little do the young people realise these days of the expenditure incurred in rents, insurance, equipment, laundry, etc., etc., and a rough estimate shows at least an annual expenditure of £25 being needed to maintain such an eleven. The "A" eleven since its inauguration undoubtedly has meant at least some £150 going towards its administration; and the club in this stage of its history had most definitely to concentrate on rectifying a constant financial worry.

A straight drive and economies has by now presented a more favourable a picture and one looks to the future with greater confidence... so much so, plans are well ahead in the provision of changing accommodation for 1960/61 on the new ground. This, of course, will be a new chapter in the club's history... and we wait events!!

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THREE STALWARTS

Frank Baylis (Chairman), discusses the past with ex-Secretaries, Teddie Ball (left) and Don Stirling (right).

Conclusion

Relegation and a strong endeavour to improve on one's finances ! Not a cheerful note on which to conclude this survey of this past 30 odd years or so . . . but having read through this you will, of course, most certainly appreciate the club has enjoyed more "ups" than "downs."

Perhaps you may think even more should have been said on the unsuccessful years, but frankly, I have been unable to distinguish them and I am sure I have covered every bit of ground generally. It is only natural to have dwelt more on recent years — memories can fade as years go by — whilst unfortunately, too, a Minute book of the 1930's has gone astray. I do hope, however, this "history" will find its way into many homes and will be a happy reminder in years to come of many good times and of many good friends made through the Club and the game.

I must apologise also in dwelling somewhat on the ambition of creating one's own private sports ground ; but it has been the constant thought over so very many years, it is only correct one should illustrate the problems and struggles encountered in attaining such an objective.

This ambition has now happily been achieved. Events have moved so quickly since I completed the lay-out of this effort, that we felt it wise to include a final chapter which will, of course, be yet another permanent record of Club achievement.

You will continue to read on, I'm sure, the odd tit-bits can be of interest; whilst the records will perhaps recall many friends you have perhaps forgotten all about—and also serves to bring back some grand times together.

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Some Interesting Minutes amongst the Minutes

Interesting Extracts taken at random.

It was agreed to accept the offer of Bert Hickling's Band to play at Whist Drive and Dance ; the charge being £1. 26-9-32

. . . that players' attendance at Bible Class must be at least two per month. 25-5-32

The Secretary reported that the globe and mantle broken recently in the dressing-room had been replaced at a cost of 1/6. 27-3-33

Views were expressed on the merits of signing players on from outside the village. It was agreed to accept them providing they were friends of Quorn members and firstly sanctioned by Committee. 17-10-33

Owing to the unsportsmanlike behaviour of two members, it was decided to suspend both of them for one month. 17-10-33

The groundsman's post having become vacant, it was proposed that a notice be placed in the fish-shop window—and that the successful applicant was expected to supply his own sawdust. 19-8-35

A letter of resignation was read from J. Field who had an opportunity of higher grade football with Leicestershire Nomads. This was received with regret and it was proposed that best wishes be accorded to Mr. Field and he be given a free transfer. 23-9-35

It was decided to purchase one cwt. of coal for heating the committee room; Mr. Baylis agreeing to be responsible for its purchase and in lighting the fire. 30-12-35

A letter was received from Steve Dimmock stating he was leaving for America, and wished the Club every success. 14-8-39

Mr. Baylis was elected representative of the Club on H.M. Forces Parcels Fund Committee. 25-9-39

The Committee agreed to the suggestion of the War Emergency Committee of the Senior League that matches be of 70 minutes duration. 7-10-40

. . . reported that the American Forces in the village had applied for permission to use the Club's goal-posts. 21-2-44

. . . Moved that a letter of congratulations be sent to Geo. Whitehouse, who had been awarded the Military Medal for valour—the letter to be signed by all Committee members. 6-11-44

N.B.—We are proud to record a similar award was later made to W. (Billy) Pervin.

Mr. Tom Brownlow of Leicester City attended the meeting and discussion took place with regard to the signing of certain players by the City Club. It was agreed that the question of fee with regard to Jack Lee be left until the end of hostilities. . . . Mr. Brownlow also asked to be allowed to sign the following players on amateur forms : L. Sutton, A. Naylor, K. Lawrence and R. Mitchell. 9-4-5

It was reported that Prisoners of War had played on the Barrow Road ground without permission. 27-10-47

The question of a turnstile at the field gate was discussed, and members were asked to look out for anything suitable. 13-7-48

Mr. ——— kindly offered to pay the Players' Insurance Premium. 13-9-48

Mr. Swinfield informed the Committee that the Cup given by Mrs. W. Thornton in memory of her husband had been presented to the C. of E. Controlled School and that a Knock-out Competition had been arranged, of which the proceeds of the Semi-final and Final ties would be allocated to the Club for a general ground improvement scheme. 14-3-49

It was proposed that hearty congratulations be accorded to Committee members Messrs. E. Ball and F. Hope and the Quorn Cricket Club on becoming North Leics. League champions — Mr. Ball and Mr. Hope being captain and secretary respectively.

It was suggested that enquiries be made at the Food Office for obtaining a soap allowance to wash the kit. 17-10-49

Mr. E. Ball, on behalf of the Cricket Club, congratulated the Club on achieving Senior League Division 2 Championship honours. 27-3-50

Extract from Secretary's Annual Report, July 27, 1950.

"The winning of the Senior League Division II Championship was a brilliant achievement, and whilst in some quarters it was considered that Division I status was too high a calibre for a village club of our standing, I am confident that excellent results will be forthcoming."

The President, Mr. W. F. Bent Beardsley, made reference to his interest also in Gilmorton F.C. and hoped there would be an opportunity of arranging a friendly game with them. 4-9-50

The Secretary was asked to record Loughborough Colleges A.F.C. achievement in becoming U.A.U. champions—a great credit to Quorn, who had beaten them on two occasions during the season. 12-3-51

General discussion then took place to air the comments that had frequently been made to change the name of the Club. Mr. Donald Stirling, a founder member, gave his view that the Methodist Club had achieved in name and in principle what it had set out to do; and he saw no harm in taking such a step as to change the name. He also stated that should the meeting decide to take such a step, he hoped that the same good fellowship would always exist as in the past. Annual Meeting, 24-7-51

The meeting closed on a general discussion on the approaches of many players in the neighbourhood wishing to join the Club. Whilst the Committee did not necessarily encourage a wholesale transfer market, if players were particularly interested and were determined to play for their places then it was up to the player himself. 8-1-52

Representatives of the Quorn Junior Football Club approached the Committee with a view to coming under the guidance of the Quorn Football Club. Assurances were given to the three schoolboys that the club would do all it possibly could to help them. 15-1-52

The Secretary made reference to fixture cards distributed in recent years. With fixtures changed so after the initial lay-out these did not prove helpful. He consequently stated that he would endeavour to produce a hand-book giving the Club's history which may prove more interesting. 12-8-52

The Committee then gave most serious thought to the question of a proposed new ground and Mr. Dermott, in proposing the Club go ahead in endeavouring to obtain such a ground, mentioned that if finance was the main problem (as it obviously was), the Club must not keep sitting back year after year hoping something would just come along. He felt it would receive a most enthusiastic backing and the motion was seconded and carried unanimously, agreeing that the project, which was estimated would be

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Successful Pre-War Teams

1933/34



BACK ROW : W. Stirling (Treasurer), E. Kent, K. Rennocks, T. Allen, K. Hopewell, J. Boyer, W. Axten, A. Brown (Trainer).

FRONT ROW : G. Robertson, W. Wilmore, C. Lovett, J. Field, R. Gamble.

1935/36



BACK ROW : V. Gamble (Committee), W. Stirling (Committee), E. Kent, W. Axten, T. Preston, B. Hickling, G. Brown, R. Allen (Trainer), D. Stirling (Secretary), A. Hickling (Committee).

FRONT ROW : W. Pervin, W. Wilmore, C. Wykes, G. Brewster, E. Jollands, J. Boyer.

1940



THE WINNING 1940 SENIOR CUP TEAM

1942



BACK ROW : L. Brewin (Trainer), J. Roach, F. Hudson, S. James, L. James, A. Sharman, F. Baylis (Chairman), E. Kent, F. Tomblin (Committee).
FRONT ROW : V. Melbourne, J. Standley, G. Spencer, L. Major, J. Allen.

1943/44



BACK ROW: L. Brewin (Trainer), F. Billson, L. Sutton, A. Anderson, E. Habson, S. Phipps, N. Handford.
FRONT ROW : A. Naylor, K. Lawrence, J. Patrick, H. Orton, P. Arnold.

Post-War 1949/50



SENIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS

BACK ROW: J. Ball (Committee), T. Lakin, (Trainer), R. Mitchell, R. Pearson, T. Barker, K. Sutton, L. Sharpe, R. Hudson, F. Baylis (Chairman), Partly Hidden : W. F. Bent Beardsley (President).
FRONT ROW : A. Trasler, G. Smith, J. Roach, L. Sutton, W. Sutton.

AND SO RIGHT THROUGH TO SENIOR LEAGUE DIVISION I
CHAMPIONSHIP



BACK ROW : F. Tamblin (Committee), R. Mitchell, R. Geary, K. Sutton, T. Barker, R. Pearson, L. Sharpe, R. Hudson, C. Long (Committee), A. Riley, F. Baylis (Chairman), T. Lakin (Trainer).
FRONT ROW : J. Pestell (Committee), A. Rewberry (Committee), A. Trasler, G. Smith, J. Roach, W. F. Bent Beardsley (President), L. Sutton, W. Sutton, J. Field (Secretary).



THE IBSTOCK MATCH

BACK ROW : T. Lakin (Trainer), R. Mitchell, R. Pearson, A. Blackburn, L. Sharpe, R. Hudson, R. Geary.
FRONT ROW : G. Smith, D. Wright, J. Roach, L. Sutton, W. Sutton.

1959/60



BACK ROW : L. Sutton (Team Manager), G. Blackshaw (Committee), G. Smith, K. Sutton, H. Spencer, B. Woods, A. Smith, T. Jepson, M. Newton, T. Lakin (Trainer).
FRONT ROW : I. Manning, D. Walker, B. Goodliffe, T. Osborne, B. Culley.

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approximately £400—£500, was to be placed before all members as soon as possible.

11-11-52

Reference was made to the possibilities of contacting the National Playing Fields Association to learn of their position in relation to assisting private sports clubs.

A letter was read from Eric Kent, who after 27 years with the Club was sailing for Australia on January 17th.

4-1-55

It was agreed to increase gate charges to 1/- and so bring the Club in line with the majority of Senior Clubs.

3-10-55

A Pavilion Fund was duly launched forthwith, with Messrs. G. Blackshaw and R. Hallam, Joint Secretaries.

31-7-56

Special mention was made of the President's kind offer to cover all legal costs in relation to the conveyance on the new ground.

19-3-57

A letter was read from Dr. Barnardo's Homes expressing thanks to the Club for shrunken football kit which had become so useful to the boys in their games.

10-9-57

The chairman made reference to Quorn Cricket Club's championship honours and requested a letter of congratulation be sent to them.

8-10-57

With reference to a suggested Senior League Reserve Division, it was unanimously agreed that the Club did not wish to sever its connections with the Alliance.

7-1-58

The estimated cost of the proposed pavilion in brick with essential services would be £3,500. This was considered entirely out of the question.

28-2-58

In team selections it transpired that no fewer than 16 players were not available for the coming Saturday.

20-1-59

Amusing—and Amazing—but True

DO YOU REMEMBER—

... When Percy Himan, in the early 30's, helped complete a team and played in long trousers? A resulting tackle meant a box of matches went up in flames in his pocket.

... When Jack Field dashed to work still kitted out following a Medals Final at Kingston? When changing at work, found his shoes were left behind and spent the rest of office hours "plonking around in football boots."

... The referee failed to appear in a Medal round with the Brush so a friendly was arranged, the Brush easily leading 2—0? The referee arrived 30 minutes later and the official game played; only this time Quorn turned out winners, 2—0.

... The occasion when the Minute book got up off the table and hit the poor Secretary in the eye?

... Of the Swingbridge Lane game when Eric Kent returned after the game to change and found a hen had kindly obliged by laying an egg on his clothes?

... The match when a Quorn player was ordered off after only a few minutes play? The referee then thought again, called the "culprit" back and started the game all over again.

... And the other match where a player was ordered off and yet the team even then comprised of eleven players? This we understand also happened elsewhere !!! (memories !!!)

... The occasion when Teddie Ball and Eric Kent walked together to a Club Supper? Unknown to either of them, they were each responsible for the presentation gift to the other and an awkward journey materialised with both trying to conceal their "wares."

... The journey home from the last match of the season with Whitwick; when somewhere near Gracedieu, Ralph Pearson slung his boots out of the bus door and over a hedge. Obviously a quick way of "hanging them up." Ralph must have spent many hours during the summer trying to find them; as the next season he was playing again.

... The disappointment registered by the newly-signed and enthusiastic student who on arrival for his first game found us to be a Soccer Club and not a Rugger Club.

... The urchin's cry when Quorn trooped out at Coalville: "I told yer it were Quorn—there's that bald-headed bloke again". Needless to say the hairless "wonder" scored Coalville's 13th goal—through his own goal!

... When 13 players arrived for the Donisthorpe game... and only 9 for the reserve team match.

... The amazing journeys in Mr. Harris' bus; when players walked up steepish hills to lighten the load, and help the bus along.

... The Test matches played down the bus gangway. Invariably Danny Orme was batting and would never come out!

... When the "Country Yokels" arrived at Gresley with kit wrapped up in brown paper parcels, etc... and the shock the Gresley citizens had when we beat them.

... That keen player who cycled from Sileby two or three nights a week to train, and the occasion he hit a brick on the journey home. Fitness told—he played on the Saturday with stitches still in his chin.

... the time when that keen youngster cycled from Whitwick in torrential rain to ask if he could "sign for Quorn?" That enthusiasm alone revealed a spirit.

... The six who had a lift home in an Austin 7 one night from Anstey... including Mr. Beardsley? Needless to say a spring went.

... That aggressive little Rugby Town supporter who was wearing an overcoat six sizes too big for him? And Tommy Barker's retort: "You be careful me ole fairy, or I'll lift you out of yer overcoat".

... Don Stirling's clever summing up of the situation in after-match speeches at 1940 Senior Cup Final: "There you are then — you see the "hounds" have finished in front of the "colts" again".

... Albert Wain's frequent visits to the Blacksmith's Arms treatment room; and his sleeping whilst under treatment from Tommy Lakin, and poor Tom's endeavours to wake him up which invariably resulted with the retort and sigh—"That was a beautiful nap! By gum, I feel a different man now."

And finally — some very recent incidents :

"You'll surely buy one of my books when they're published, won't you?"
"How much are they?"
"Only 2/6 and well worth it."
"Phew! I suppose so; but what are your H.P. terms?"

Wishing to build up the road leading into the new ground, local contractors had been asked to dump hard-core whenever possible. One such contractor asked of an enthusiastic member exactly where his load was to be placed.
"Anywhere will do... but not in the goal-mouths," came the reply.

Achievements

Leicestershire Senior League: Division I Champions 1950/51;
Runners-up 1938-39, 1939/40.
Division II Champions 1949/50.
Promoted Third 1957/58.

Leicestershire Senior Cup: Winners 1939/40, 51/52, 53/54.
Runners-up 1952/53.

Loughborough Alliance: Division I Champions 1933/34, 35/36,
43/44, 44/45, 51/52.
Runners-up 1945/46, 50/51.
(A XI): Division III Runners-up 1957/58.

Alliance Cobbin Trophy: Winners 1934/35, 35/36, 43/44, 44/45,
51/52.
Runners-up 1936/37.

L.F.A. Junior Cup: Runners-up 1936/37, 1950/51.

L.F.A. County Medals: Winners 1926/7, 33/34, 34/35,
Runners-up 1932/33, 35-36.

Loughborough Charity Cup: Winners 1935/36, 37/38, 48/49.
Runners-up 1950/51.

Sileby Ex-Servicemen's Cup: Winners 1946/47.
Runners-up 1947/48, 48/49, 59/60.

Coalville Charity Cup: Runners-up 1944/45.

Leicestershire Hercock Cup: Runners-up 1937/38.

John Greorv Alliance Medals: Winners 1932/33.

Syston and New Barkby Cup: Runners-up 1957/58.

Geo. Hill (under 18's) Cup: Winners 1955/56, 56/57, 57/58.
Runners-up 1958/59.

Some Successful (and Unsuccessful) Teams

- 1926/27 County Medals v Mountsorrel Aths. Won 3-2.
S. Jones; W. Stirling, P. Lovett; N. Sparkes, K. Hopwell, G. Lee; A. Miller, J. Regan, C. Lovett, J. Chapman, F. Lockwood.
- 1932/33 County Medals v Oaks. Lost 3-1.
John Gregory v Emanuel. Won 1-0.
E. Orton; K. Rennocks, J. Boyer; E. Kent, K. Hopwell, J. Field; G. Robertson, A. Brown, C. Lovett, W. Axten, R. Gamble.
- 1933/4 County Medals v Kingston. Won.
T. Allen; K. Rennocks, J. Boyer; E. Kent, K. Hopwell, W. Axten; G. Robertson, W. Wilmore, C. Lovett, J. Field, R. Gamble.
- 1934/35 County Medals v Kegworth Imps. Won 4-1.
Cobbin v Barrow Gunners. Won 1-0.
T. Allen; K. Rennocks, T. Preston; G. Brown, W. Turner, J. Field; E. Kent, W. Wilmore, C. Lovett, W. Axten, J. Boyer.
A. Brown for Kent in Cobbin.
- 1935/36 County Medals v Barrow O.B. Lost 4-2.
T. Allen; K. Rennocks, J. Boyer; E. Kent, W. Axten, T. Preston; G. Brown, W. Wilmore, C. Lovett, C. Wykes, E. Jollands.
- 1935/36 Cobbin Trophy v Loughborough Rangers. Won 2-1.
Loughborough Charity v Brush Sports. Won 1-0.
T. Allen; K. Rennocks, J. Boyer; H. Hickling, W. Axten, T. Preston; E. Kent, W. Wilmore, C. Wykes, G. Brewster, E. Jollands.
Loughborough Cup: W. Pervins for E. Jollands.
- 1939/40 Senior Cup v Leicester City. Won 3-2.
(Team given in History).
- 1943/44 Cobbin Trophy v Brush Car Shop. Won.
E. Hobden; A. Keenlyside, N. Handford; F. Billson, A. Anderson, R. Andrews; A. Naylor, K. Lawrence, J. Patrick, L. Sutton, F. Hudson.
- 1944/45 Cobbin Trophy v Brush Reserves.
Coalville Cup v Pegson.
E. Hobden; A. Keenlyside, E. Regan; H. Orton, R. Mitchell, P. Hulme; A. Naylor, K. Lawrence, S. Betts, L. Sutton, E. Jollands.
- 1946/47 Sileby Cup v Syston S.P. Won 2-0.
A. Wain; R. Draper, L. Ward; E. Kent, R. Ward, R. Hudson; W. Pervin, J. Morris, J. Field, D. Orme, E. Jollands.
- 1947/48 Sileby Cup v Melton. Lost 1-0.
A. Wain; E. Reedman, R. Draper; E. Kent, R. Ward, J. Field; E. Jollands, D. Orme, W. Spencer, T. Musgrove, E. Wykes.
- 1948/49 Loughborough Cup v Sileby. Won 1-0.
Sileby Cup v Melton. Lost.
A. Blackburn; L. Sharpe, J. E. Dickenson; D. Webb, O. Roberts, R. Hudson; C. Wykes, J. Field, J. Roach, L. Sutton, G. Fowkes.
Sileby Cup: E. D. Mee for Blackburn. P. McKay for Field.
- 1950/51 Junior Cup v College. Lost 4-1.
Don Walker; R. Footitt, P. Sutton; A. Kent, H. Hudson, E. Kent; S. Cottle, P. Confrey, A. Riley, J. Field, E. Guest.

Sure Ways to Physical Fitness

By TOMMY LAKIN.

(Club Trainer for many seasons and ex-Leicester Walking Club enthusiast and Trainer and R.A.F. Physical Training Instructor).

There are, of course, many ways in adopting a routine to ensure physical fitness, but I earnestly consider the undermentioned rules to be a short-cut to near perfection in one's health and enjoyment of sport to the full.

Have a high moral code — no over-indulgence in alcohol, smoking and late hours.

Do not use buses, cars, etc., when exercise can get you there in time.

Be serious and earnest in the application of exercises.

Train regularly and all the year round for whatever sport is involved.

Try to create interest amongst others and a "school" together will enable one to get through many more worthwhile exercises.

Do not overdo it; firstly, taking things easily and working harder as the body becomes more flexible and accustomed to the exercise.

Do not exercise for a few times and then lay-off. The body will soon become soft again if that is adopted.

A FEW TIPS WORTH NOTING:

Breathing: Control of one's breathing most important, particularly deep breathing which will remove all the residual air from the bottom of the lungs.

Skipping: An excellent means of acquiring speed and stamina.

Groundwork: Good for abdominal muscles.

Arms and Shoulders: When doing these exercises, if possible hold a weight in each hand, thus giving more resistance to the movement and strengthening muscles.

Medicine Balls: As with weights in arm exercises, so ideal for body muscles in suitable exercises. Can easily be made with old football cases filled with sawdust.

Massage: For stiffness use 95% olive oil and 5% turpentine. A rough towelling two or three times a week and after bathing is most useful.

An important Don't: Do not kick a heavy ball around unless absolutely fit. This is main cause of so many injuries such as torn ligaments, pulled muscles, etc., which are hard to cure.

FINALLY: Get fit—Train hard, train often and then KEEP FIT.

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"My International"

By JACKIE LEE (ex-Leicester City and Derby County)

Having had two of its members over the years reach International Class, it has prompted the writer to contact them and so give you their feelings in writing on "their day" when wearing an English jersey.

Jack Lee, now residing in Rugby, writes: "The History of Quorn Meths. will surely make admirable reading and you do well to go back as far as 1924. My own connection with the Club was short and at the time I really did little for it except play a few games. Had your book been available when I joined the Meths, I could then no doubt be able to appreciate the Club even more so, and perhaps I should have played better for them. I shall never forget my association with you, short though it was, and I had as happy a time with them as any I spent footballing. A time also which matured me admirably for my professional career. I wish I could remember it more clearly—but oh, dear, my memory!

"My International? That same poor memory fails me again on what is a more recent event. But, of course, I can recall some of the "flashes" of that day I was "capped". I read the news of my selection in the Press just before leaving home to take a driving test, and I succeeded in passing, and wondered whether the examiner had read the newspaper—perhaps he had!

"I got a wonderful thrill in thinking about playing along with Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney; but Tom later had to withdraw. Then there was the meeting of the team on the boat at Liverpool before going to Belfast—we were playing Ireland, you know. And then there was me, wishing I was a better mixer with more sense of humour, and I could have enjoyed it more.

"I remember the few days the English team spent together before the match and the rather futile attempts at acquiring a blend among the forwards in training spells on a local ground.

"The match itself held no terrors for me. Jack Vernon had played centre-half against me on other occasions; and a Cup Final was behind me, and First Division football had certainly speeded up my game. So all I had to do—was my best.

"The game itself was spoilt I thought by the understandable Irish plan of blotting out Stanley Matthews. Aided, no doubt, by the small Windsor Park pitch. Alf McMichael and Co. did this very effectively, but nevertheless, it meant Bobby Langton, who had dropped in for Tom Finney, had half the field to play in. He and his partner, Eddie Bailey, were certainly too good for the Irish, with all this room to play in. I myself felt crowded in the middle and for this reason didn't enjoy it as much as I might. Although there never seemed any danger of us not winning, I found chances to score few and far between—although I think the biggest thrill was actually scoring—nothing spectacular—but I'd scored!

"I recall after the game, in the dressing-room, Eddie McMorran and other Irish players coming in to ask if any of us wish to "swop" shirts with them. This, of course, didn't interest me—mine was my first English shirt and I wanted to keep it. It was fortunate that I did, for while I should dearly have liked another game in the English side, Nat Lofthouse—or was it Jackie Milburn, was given the next centre-forward spot.

"My chance had come perhaps a little 'late in the day'. I could have used some of my zest which accompanied my play while with Quorn.

"So there it is! My family and I are comfortably settled here in Rugby, where I enjoy and endure the humbler and quieter life of a groundsman on a sports ground here, and my break with football is practically complete. Should one of my two small sons "take" to soccer my interest might emerge again.

October 7th, 1950, at Windsor Park, Belfast.

Teams: ENGLAND: Williams (Wolves); Ramsey (Spurs); Aston (Manchester United); Wright (Wolves), Chilton (Manchester United), Dickinson (Portsmouth); Matthews (Blackpool), Mannion (Middlesbrough), Lee (Derby), Bailey (Spurs), Langton (Bolton).

IRELAND: Kelly (Southampton); Galloghy (Huddersfield), McMichael (Newcastle); Blanchflower (Barnsley), Vernon (W.B.A.) Capt. and Cush (Glenavon); Campbell (Fulham), Crossan (Blackburn), McMorran (Barnsley), Brennan (Fulham), McKenna (Huddersfield).

Wishing you and the Club every success and through your book I send my kindest regards to the many footballing friends I made in the county.

JACK LEE.

By ARTHUR CHADBURN (ex-Quorn, Brush and Long Eaton)

Perhaps I was a little fortunate in having the honour to fill the outside right berth, as a last minute injury to Dobson of the Arsenal meant that Mr. Williamson, who was chairman of the Youth Selection Committee, had to do some quick thinking.

Obviously my capabilities in the County Youth eleven and the encouragement I had received from the Quorn Club bore fruit, I got word to report on the Saturday to Lancaster Gate (F.A. Headquarters) I was naturally thrilled to bits and yet bewildered, and now I am asked to recall that occasion leaves me equally thrilled . . . and bewildered.

It is difficult after this length of time to actually recall the events of the day—so very much like a dream, and more so when I found myself amongst such noble company (as the team details show). Lancaster Gate itself was an experience and after a light lunch a coach ride to the Leyton Orient ground brought us within an hour of the kick-off.

The game itself was comparatively straightforward—all signs of nerves were soon gone and I think I had a very satisfactory opening half—in fact one corner I took resulted in a goal.



ARTHUR CHADBURN

The second half became a scrappy affair—England were so much on top and Jimmy Greaves (now an English League and International star) was able to do as he liked. His brilliance really left me out in the cold, as his moves inside and across field, of course, meant I was somewhat out of the game this half—but I enjoyed every second and I don't think I've experienced a shorter 90 minutes game of football in my life.

I am naturally proud to have been considered for the English eleven, and I am grateful to those friends who have given me the necessary encouragement to reach this honour and to take such pride and thought in me to have enabled my game to improve to such a high standard.

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND v. IRELAND: Leyton Orient Ground, May 11th, 1957.

D. Gaskell (Manchester United); J. Kirkup (West Ham), D. Wright (Barnsley Grammar School); Capt: T. Caldwell (Huddersfield), R. Walker (West Ham); W. Houghton (Barnsley); A. Chadburn (Quorn), J. Greaves (Chelsea), D. Jacobs (Alleyns School), J. Cartwright (West Ham), M. Connolly (Doncaster).

IN MY POSTBAG

19 Fayrhurst Road, Leicester.

Dear Jack,

I was interested to read in the *Mercury* that you are publishing a book on Quorn F.C. I played one glorious season for Quorn in 1936 when Tom Preston, Wilf Wilmore, Eric Kent, Joe Boyer, Tuffy Wykes were in the team. I remember the great game in the Semi-final of the Loughborough Charity Cup against Loughborough Nomads beating them 4-2 (I scoring 2 of the goals), winning the Cobbin Trophy, and on to the final of the Charity Cup against Loughborough Brush on Brown's Lane. That Friday night I hadn't as much as a cigarette when I left home, and not a copper to buy one, but what a night it turned out to be. There was just four minutes to go and little Quorn was holding the Brush 0-0. We saw from the field the Mayor putting the cups away with a replay in sight and then Tuffy Wykes rolled me a nice pass and I just let fly not minding if I hit the carillon or not, and behold we were there. Quorn had won 1-0. I shall never forget our return to Quorn, how fêted we were. All Quorn seemed to have turned out. I finished up with hundreds of cigarettes, bottles of beer to take home and even money that chaps had slipped into my jacket pockets.

I think that season Quorn took five competitions all told. I should like to purchase this book, and if there should be any get-together I should like to come and meet some of the boys I played with and have a drink and a pow-wow.

Well, I will close now, with my memories of 1936. Hope you enjoy reading this as much as I have enjoyed writing it.

Yours truly,

GEORGE BREWSTER.

Ambitions Achieved!

Yes! At long last! As I write, the two important targets in my interest in the Quorn Club have been reached! Having spent several months of the Spring in reviewing my manuscript, enquiries of publishers and advertisers, I could see the results of my labour in the preparation of the book taking shape and plans were afoot for this publication to go into print around July or August.

During this very same period our dear old "faithfuls" meant to ensure that development on the new ground off Warwick Avenue made sufficient progress to enable a start to be made there in the August—and so they and your humble servant rarely enjoyed any freedom at all.

Estimates had been obtained from several manufacturers of Pavilions in the early part of the year. Costs, of course, was the most serious item to consider, but happily the launching of a "totaliser" competition in preference to the Club Weekly Pool proved an "eye-opener", and that, together with a possible loan from the National Playing Fields Association made the position more favourable; and ultimately the quotation submitted from our friends and near neighbours, Messrs. Harlow Bros., of Long Whatton, was accepted.

The Committee were determined not to "bit and bob" about; and unanimously agreed at the outset to have a building of first-class material and designed to cover all essentials to perfection. A pavilion on similar lines to that which the Club had been accustomed at the Manor House proved the basis of our plans, and enlisting the advice of our architect, Mr. Donald Harmer, final plans were accepted whereby a large common room would not only provide for changing purposes but also enable social activities and indoor training sessions to be accommodated comfortably. Rooms off the main hall comprising of two bathrooms, store-room, toilets, kitchen and referee's changing-room completed our requirements—and so the initial start was made.

To minimise expense a concrete foundation, prepared by members themselves, was first agreed upon; but this idea was sensibly over-ruled later as the little extra expense of a wooden floor would eventually be found to be far more beneficial from the cleanliness point of view and easier erection; and the Committee found later that they couldn't have made a wiser move.

June, 1960, saw the order actually placed—and so the next stage was to prepare the ground and actual playing area. Admirable work was done in next to no time — remembering two months only lay ahead of us — and foundations were dug; levels taken, etc., and arrangements taken to commence the bricking in.

After all these hours so innocently laboured, it was found, just by chance, that such a built-in foundation would not be passed by the local authorities and only piers or pillars would be permissible.

And so we started all over again!!

Time was drawing on and armies of volunteers got cracking once more and the necessary 68 piers needed to carry such a weight soon took shape, and most certainly resembled a miniature "Stonehenge". Praise was later forthcoming from the pavilion erectors that a 100% perfect job had been done. "Coo, you must be a rich club" one said. "You've even used facing bricks for the job!"

Also at this time, considerable activity centred around the playing area. Constant marking out and re-marking to ensure clean lines in the fast-grow-

ing grass—new goal-posts and surround posts were all erected in next to no time.

One must not forget that in spite of the ground position gas, electricity and water had all to be contended with—but the main concern was the final erection of our “palace” in time for the “kick-off”, and it was on August 17th (three days prior to the season opening) that our good friends from Long Whatton arrived and really worked absolute wonders. Within seven days our “effort” had materialised—an effort of approximately £1,200 in value, on which Committee and several club members had saved at least £100 or more by their voluntary efforts. Plumbing, the laying of gas and electricity now had to be tackled. A 70 yard trench to Warwick Avenue was enthusiastically (!!) dug out by members again, which, of course, was a big saving in labour costs; and showed again the fine spirit existing. The whole effort was a great credit to those who volunteered their services for the benefit of the Club.

And one must record here of the wonderful planning and supervision of Ken Sutton; the energy and enthusiasm of Len Sutton; Ray Neal's constant watchful eye on progress and perpetual calls on his services, being a near resident; Billy Pervin's tireless vitality; Walter Sutton's valued help; Ron Stokes and his paint brush; Player Billy Allen's bricklaying; and the many others who put their hand so nobly to the wheel.

The evening of Thursday, August 25th, was the day decided upon for the official opening ceremony; and the few days previously the weather had been particularly wet; but on that memorable evening the sun shone and it was a joy to see so many friends attending this pleasing little ceremony and viewing the result of years of expectation.

The Club President, Mr. Marius Wright, who, in a delightful speech in which he praised the Committee on their work and determination and also referred to the interest of his predecessor, Mr. W. F. Bent Beardsley, honoured the Club by officially opening the ground itself with the cutting of a ribbon (with the aid of scissors from Tom Lakin's trainer's bag) and followed up by officially opening the double-doors of the new Pavilion. Past and present members of the Club, Vice-Presidents, representatives of local leagues and referees' association, and several members of the Parish Council and village organisations were present and it was pleasing that Mr. Donald Stirling, in spite of his recent illness was able to be present and say a few words as Chairman of the Parish Council. Mr. Stirling, as you have already read, had done so much for village soccer over many years past, and paid tribute to the Club's many administrators, both past and present, and emphasised this final and present-day achievement as a great credit to the Club and to the village as a whole.

A delightful evening was spent amongst many friends, during which time a game progressed between elevens comprising of past and present members. The Managers' XI, compiled by that staunch club-man, Mr. Len Sutton, included such players and friends as Rex Geary, Ralph Pearson, Arthur Chadburn and two great Holwell Works' friends in Jock Learmouth and Bill Caithness.

And so yet a further milestone was established in this grand old Club's amazing history; and one in which all connected with the Club over these thirty odd years or so can be justifiably proud.

Let us hope and pray that the present and future generations will gain great benefits from this achievement and that the game of soccer and the Club will always be alive and a credit to the village and people of Quorn.



THE OPENING CEREMONY

Mr. Marius Wright officially opens the new Ground and Pavilion with representatives of the Parish Council and Loughborough Alliance in attendance.

W. S. Green, D. Stirling, E. C. Russ, F. Baylis, H. O. Pell, W. Swinfield.

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Wanted! A Club Badge

For some time different opinions have been expressed regarding the design of a club badge, if introduced.

We would welcome suggestions, ideas and most certainly any designs, whether only drawn rough or professionally, and to encourage interest in this, the Committee are prepared to present a £2 voucher to the one whose idea or drawing is ultimately considered to be the most helpful.

Send your entry along to the Hon. Secretary, 95 Barrow Road, Quorn, by March 31st.

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1925—1960

This page is dedicated to those members who
have during these years passed to
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M. ELKINGTON, ESQ.	H. HICKLING (Sen.) ESQ.	
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W. SUTTON, (Sen.) ESQ.	K. BELL, ESQ.	
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and those whom perchance are unknown to us
at the time of this publication.

ALSO TO THOSE MANY KIND FRIENDS IN THE VILLAGE
AND SUPPORTERS OF THE CLUB WHO HAVE PASSED ON
DURING THIS PERIOD

R. I. P.

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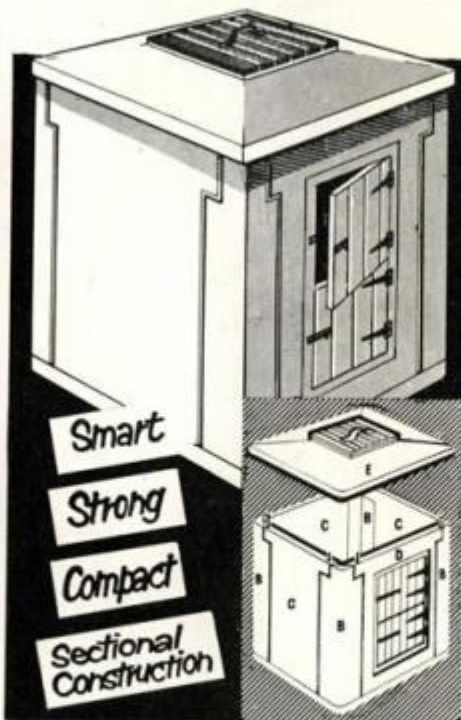
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- 16.—Not twice.
- 17.—Tucked up.
- 19.—A service trade.
- 20.—An "old" home.
- 22.—The School in France.
- 24.—A thankless Job.
- 26.—The "N" has shrunk in shrink.
- 27.—After the game you couldn't see
- 29.—Related to No. 41. ref. for it.
- 30.—The tail off one's bait.
- 32.—The other end of 30.
- 35.—Exclamation.
- 36.—In field or fen.
- 37.—Taken at . . .
- 38.— — — I.O.U.
- 39.—A faithful old player.
- 41.—A player and landmark.
- 42.—El-double-you.
- 43.—As 35.
- 44.—Scottish agreement.
- 45.— . . . and vinegar.
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- 3.—Lost the bob.
- 4.—Two points of the compass.
- 6.—Very tasty.
- 7.—Mac's pigeon.
- 8.—Never at our games.
- 9.—French indefinite article.
- 10.—Our parent body.
- 12.—Service rank curtailed.
- 13.—A past "scribe."
- 18.—A curtailed grumble.
- 19.—Gardener's worry.
- 20.—The star of our century.
- 21.—Hills and hollows (incorrectly spelt).
- 23.—Helps ref.
- 25.—Get out of nugget.
- 28.—Culprit's reply.
- 29.—The target.
- 31.—What's —.
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