

Cambridge Fans United



"Uniting Our Community"



AMBER NEWS

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"When you wish good for others, good things come back to you. This is the law of nature."

Ravi Shankar



Opening Catchup,

This is the first Amber News since October 2019 and we have a lot of catching up to do. What I hope to publish every month is a mixture of opinion and nostalgia. I like nothing better than reading people's accounts of special memories connected with Cambridge United. These are what we share, even if our favourite era may vary according to our age. I am not keen on censorship either so I am happy to publish articles which argue a case, whether I agree with it or not. There is nothing more healthy than debate and CFU has always been a broad church. If you have a view to put or a memory to share with us, please let me have it.

My feeling is that CFU have ground to make up too. My hope is that we will get better at listening and that we can improve communication with all the fans. We will represent them better when we know what they think. Greater transparency will help people to decide how worthwhile, or not, we are. We are a little apologetic in tone at the moment but we shouldn't forget that it was CFU who insisted on a long-overdue financial audit. It wasn't popular at the time but it was the first step on the road to establishing a more sustainable operation at the club. The current stability and optimism began with understanding the real economic position.



We didn't really claim sufficient credit for that but now there is no crisis in sight, thank goodness, we can turn our sights to all the positive things we can achieve. We are looking at ways to boost membership and hoping to offer different kinds of membership too. In particular, I hope we can offer some kind of heavily discounted membership to former shareholders. I wish we'd done it before but I think it's important that we do it now.



Ben and I have stated our aims and beliefs in the articles which follow but we are open to other ideas. I can promise that we will be transparent in what we do. Minutes of our meetings will be published, we will get better at explaining what we're doing and we will listen.



A Word From the Chairman

Having been an avid Cambridge United fan since 1967, I feel honoured and privileged to have been elected as the new Chairman of CFU. This is an important time in the history of CFU, which seeks to redefine its role for the future, to represent supporters better and to overcome past divisions.

I am delighted that there are a number of different supporters' organisations and a flourishing fanzine. I don't see them as rivals. Supporters are the lifeblood of any club.



Indeed there would be no point in a club without them. The role of a fans' organisation is to keep the lines of communication between fans and club open and clear. CFU's role historically has been clearer whenever there has been a crisis at the club. There have been a few of those. But our role is far more important than that of firefighting. The term "critical friend" is disliked by many because it is so easily misused

and misunderstood. People who have the task of running football clubs or any other large organisation are concentrating on the things which have to be done. They may well be grateful to others who point out other things that could or should be done. Things which can easily be missed in the hurly burly of financial survival.

CFU has two huge advantages over other fans organisations; significant financial clout and a permanent voice on the Board. These can only be effectively used if CFU are fully in touch with their members' concerns and clear about its own identity and objectives. One of our chief roles in the future has to be making sure that the needs of all supporters are met by the club in order to encourage greater diversity and inclusion. All supporters should be



able to feel welcome and safe in our stadium and the elderly, the unemployed those with special needs and the vulnerable may need provision which goes beyond that which football clubs usually provide. Identifying these needs and making proposals for new provision are obvious ways in which CFU can help the club and our fans.



In addition, CFU itself needs to become more diverse and inclusive. We have far too few young people amongst our members. Our membership does not accurately reflect the full spectrum of ages, views and cultures which make up our society. We need to consider different types and prices for memberships to suit whatever involvement people seek. We must establish better relationships with the Supporters' Club and encourage more women to take on more leading roles....a strange thing to have to say in this day and age! Most of all we have to increase membership by giving people a reason to join without waiting for the crisis which we all hope never comes. I hope that we can represent all supporters fairly and with integrity and that OUR voice in the club is listened to because it is respected.

Andrew Stephen

Vice Chairman

I feel privileged to have been elected as the new vice chair of CFU and am looking forward to working alongside Andrew Stephen as the new Chair & the rest of the Supporters' Trust. I have thought that CFU has been dormant in recent times as the voice of the clubs fan base, and want to actively change the perception of CFU & CUSP that fans currently have.

It's great to see lots of organisations for fans in the current day as well as CFU, such as CUSP, UTAS, Coconuts & the Supporters' Club. I am looking forward to building relationships with all of these organisations so that we can become stronger and more proactive as one for the fans of Cambridge United.

The heartbeat of a football club is its fan base and without fans a football club is nothing. In the current climate & modern day, it's important more than ever for a football club and organisations attached to it to communicate efficiently with you the fans. I feel this is something that the football club has started to improve on massively within the last 12



months in particular, with things like the new match day live media show and digital programmes online, keeping fans engaged and communicating with them during the pandemic, while they can't sadly attend fixtures in what has been a challenging time for everyone.

As an organization that is supposedly the voice of the fans, I would like fans to realise that CFU as a group are approachable on a match day and are willing to help fans



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WE ARE NOT GOING TO ATTEMPT TO SECOND GUESS THEIR MOTIVATION AT WHAT IS CLEARLY AN ACT EXPRESSED TO SEND AN ANTI-RACIST MESSAGE.

WE WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THEY ARE NOT WELCOME AT CAMBRIDGE UNITED. THEY DO NOT SHARE OUR VALUES AS A CLUB. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO TRY TO IDENTIFY THEM AND WHEN WE DO THEY WILL FACE A BAN."

with their problems or suggestions that they may have supporting our club. We will be actively looking to improve the match day experience for all fans of all backgrounds, young and old who visit the Abbey stadium. The CFU & CUSP Committee members will work at becoming more visible & approachable for fans on a match day too.

One of the things I am passionate about is ensuring that we have a football club for generations to come. I would like CFU to help work closely in a relationship with the football club with this vision in a number of different ways. In particular working with the club & the community trust at creating a visual brand within our city, showing Cambridge United as the football club that is welcoming to everyone & the heart of the Community.

As a Junior U member originally, it's one of the things as a youngster that made me in love with Cambridge United growing up. Therefore, I would like to see the resurrection of Junior U's so we can have future generations of fans experiencing the same feeling about their local football club growing up.

CFU itself needs to become more diverse and inclusive. It would be nice to see more young people involved and I think we need to be engaging with our younger fans more as they are the future of the football club. Our membership does not accurately reflect the full spectrum of ages, views and cultures which make up our society in which people hopefully become lifelong fans.

Most of all we have to increase membership by giving people a reason to join without waiting for the crisis which we all hope never comes. I hope that we can represent all



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United In Endeavour

Ben Phillips

Community Trust News

Cambridge United Community Trust have been determined to support the needs of their participants throughout these challenging times.

Their 'Forever United' project has engaged with over 400 people and has helped keep them connected via phone calls, face to face conversations, online events and by post. Here is further information about three areas of the project.



Garden Gate Visits

The Trust have completed over 100 Garden Gate visits. These consist of a socially distanced chat on the doorstep, and the delivery of a monthly Community Activity Pack that's full of fun quizzes and information about what other help and support is on offer. Other goodies have been handed over too, including Christmas hampers, fitness packs and Cambridge United merchandise. This month, everyone will be receiving a cake mix so that they can take part in the Great CUCT Bake Off.

One participant who receives a monthly visit explained: "I always came to the Seniors' Lunches and Afternoon Teas (at the Abbey Stadium) and have really missed them now they are not happening. It is lovely to receive quizzes and visits from the Trust to keep in touch".



Virtual Afternoon Teas

Every Thursday afternoon at 2pm the Trust holds a Virtual Afternoon Tea on Zoom. Simon Wall, CUCT Communities Manager, is the regular host, quizmaster and bingo caller. "I always look forward to Thursday afternoons. Everyone has such a giggle and it really does have a positive impact on everyone's mood. We always leave with big smiles on our faces".

One member of the group said: "The link with the Virtual Tea has kept me sane, it is very enjoyable and keeps me in touch with others."

CUCT Matchday Chat

With supporters not being allowed into the Abbey Stadium it was clear that this would have a negative impact on many supporters, particularly if they lived alone. The Trust therefore set up a Matchday chatroom on Facebook where fans could interact with other supporters whilst watching the match on iFollow or listening to it on the radio. (They also included the option of joining a group on Zoom as well, for those that wanted to speak to other people face to face). The Matchday Chat group has currently got over 100 members.

If you would like further information about the 'Forever United' project or would like to be part of the Garden Gate Visits, Virtual afternoon Teas or Matchday Chat Group, then please email: simon.wall@cambridge-united.co.uk. The Trust are also looking for volunteers, so please also get in touch if you would like to help.

CALL FOR THE BALL

The Trust are also working hard to help children in the local community too. In this latest lockdown, their new initiative is Call For The Ball. To boost physical and mental wellbeing, they have been giving new footballs to those that do not own one.

In the first 24 hours of the project launch, they received over 300 requests from children, which was an amazing response. That number has now risen to just under 500!



To help meet this target, a fundraising page has been set up. They have currently raised over £600 towards their £1000 target. If you would like to donate all information is available on the Trust's Twitter and Facebook pages.

Simon Wall

I have said many times in recent years that the work of the Community Trust is a facet of the club that we should all be proud of. Given all the Covid restrictions, the Trust has served the community very well. I know that funding for the Forever United initiative runs out at the end of March and I hope that ways can be found to carry on this valuable work.

A club is judged by its values. The Dementia Café, the Seniors' Lunches, Afternoon Teas and the work being done to support Mental Health shows a great deal of care for the community served by the club. Ian Darler, through his book and through his example, shows what can be done simply by raising awareness. This a club that cares.



Should We Stay?

What did Mick Jones of the Clash decide in the end? I don't think we ever did find out, did we? Reminds me a bit of the U's and the saga of Abbey redevelopment versus relocating. I believe it's established fact that redeveloping the existing site (with added housing) has, after several years of Ian Mather banging his head against a brick wall, been discounted. So all eyes are on relocation and, not beating about the bush, something on the back of the Marleigh project. Allegedly somewhere between the Teversham and Quy roundabouts. Although the little training ground project in Marleigh died a death, didn't it?



Now there is a pandemic on our hands still although watching Sky Sports News you wouldn't know that, to be fair. "Elite" sporting life just carries on as normal even if it means international cricket teams chartering their own planes to defy international aviation bans to go from the UK to Sri Lanka or even South Africa to Pakistan. I am the biggest cricket fan in the world but sometimes I do wonder.....

Things do seem to have gone a little quiet on the relocation front, accepting my



comments about Covid above, but I am certain that behind the proverbial scenes keyboards are banging and Hill Construction and Marshall's of Cambridge continue to rack up some juicy margins in the meantime. I think I'm right in saying that the last public reference to the subject was on a podcast which Paul Barry was engaged in, talking about life as a lowly EFL club owner (Utd, not him) and at the same time being based long distance in what was

Washington State but he seems to have inched over the border in to Oregon now. Famous for its state capital called Portland which always has had tree/wood connotations and is known colloquially as 'Stump Town'. I saw a series once on Fox HD called just that which was obviously crap but I learnt just that, Portland is so-called because when the original regeneration and growth plan was devised thousands and thousands of trees were felled but disarmingly some serious stumps were left behind. Interestingly both Washington and Oregon are solidly Democrat-voting states and of course the king of the Democrat states sits just below them both. I wonder how PB voted? Can he even? Anyway, PB said it was all in Ian Mather's hands.



Sorry, I massively digress. What cards do Utd (read PB) actually have to play in this



process? It feels like we rent a space with some rickety old stands, leasehold owners only, the landlord to be fair is nice and kind and let's hope the Duke of Devonshire stays that way when he completes puberty. Not forgetting that he would flog the land quicker than a rat scales a drainpipe if the circumstances are right. But he/they have some sort of compass, be that moral or cultural or just being alive to one's

reputation, or a combination of all of those? We have no cash per se and one assumes that PB even with his American mates do not have the requisite readies to move Grosvenor on and out of that particularly salubrious part of eastern Cambridge. We've exhausted ways of finding a partner to help fund the project by building enough new properties (including 'social housing') around the periphery of the Abbey - that never felt like it was ever going to work somehow? So the next strategy is let's try and ride this rather exciting looking CAMBRIDGE EASTERN ACCESS project and see if, you

know, we can get a football ground out of it? Great idea. We move out of Abbey, we move out of the City of Cambridge, Grosvenor at last liquidise their “asset” and everybody is happy. If you live in and around Cambridge you have probably already heard of this project, the body behind it is the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) which is essentially the planning department/strategy division of South Cambs District Council. Used to be called the ‘City Deal’, you know. Look them up.

Hang on a minute. What a terrifying thought, that is. No longer in Abbey, no longer in Cambridge and, let’s be honest, some sort of corporate dust bowl with ‘Jez George’ etched across the seats of the DARKTRACE Main Stand, and nearest the hospitality areas. And we could finally enter that competition on Sky Sports where you have a split screen consisting of eight different (relatively) new ground venues with no football going on and everybody has to guess the different locations. Not one of 250,000 entries gets all eight correct although several did comment in their online responses that in one shot (actually Utd’s), was that

really an aviation museum (Marshall’s bequest) attaching to one end of the ground? And I can confidently predict the new slip road off the A14 between Fen Ditton and Quy would be open ten years after the new ground was built. Forget not, there is one word to describe brand new football stadia, particularly those further down the EFL pyramid (and who gives a toss about those above that line), and it is to do with milk processing,



emulsified fat droplets and the non-separation of cream. I blame Scunthorpe Utd, they started this lark and just to make the point they have been so deliriously happy with their ‘investment’ they now plan to level Glanford Park and start all over again there! Pandemic permitting, no doubt.

Now I live in East Barnwell and I am right in the eye of this so-called Cambridge Eastern Access Project. Back in November I received a largish information pack and various website links for additional information, email contact updates, progress reports, etc. A good read, living where I do I have been aware for many months that the Marleigh housing development had started a while back and various new builds are in development on the northern side of Newmarket Road including that massive patch of field just north of the Sustrans cycling route which is where I thought we might be moving at one point. Along with Chesterton sidings, Clay Farm and that other desert near the M11. Blah, blah, blah, blah.....My point is that in these documents there is absolutely zero reference to Cambridge United in any of these plans, in fact even on the area map covering what us locals know as ‘East Barnwell’, that is Barnwell bridge and everywhere east and north of the common from there, that land which is the Abbey Stadium is unmarked as such!!

We live I know in odd times but I cannot help but detect some passivity on this subject amongst both the Utd faithful and those acting as custodians for our beautiful little football club. What are the solutions? I can’t confess to have them all or know where

they are but every now and again I check that little pocket book of mine and funnily enough the net balance sheet value of the University of Cambridge is still well north of £30bn which is probably the sum value of Cambridge's Silicon Valley as well. Just talking numbers, you know.

Should the owners of the football club own the ground? Probably semantics if they're short of £7-8m or so (purely my conjecture), I feel an element of discomfort with that for some reason. Let's be clear, I voted within the framework of CFU at the time against the PB takeover. I dream of a world where the fans, or a group or body entrusted by the fans, own the football club AND the ground. I know I'm dreaming but isn't that why we fell in love with football originally, eh?

When life in general settles down again (and it will) somebody somewhere needs to sit down one day and figure where do we see ourselves in ten years' time. Option A),



a brand new, pristine Abbey Stadium at CB5 8LN. The home end (renamed the Corona End in perpetuity) extending for the first time in its life from floodlight to floodlight, the Habbin worthy of its namesake and all those that toiled back in the 1960s for its creation. I wouldn't actually care who sponsored the Main Stand as long as their EBITDA looked good. And finally, in an ideal world, the current south stand would be levelled

because it has never looked right to me (x 4 for the relocated site?) and the acoustics are good, for the away fans(?) however if we get three stands right then I wouldn't quibble! LOL, as the kids say.

Option B) who cares?

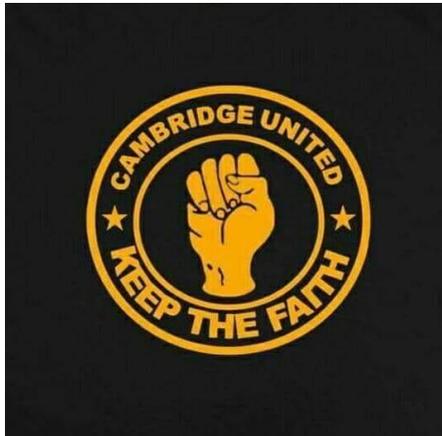
What are the fan groups' views on this? It would be churlish of me not to mention this but there is the distinct possibility that over 75% of the fan base not only does not live in Barnwell and surrounding areas but not in Cambridge at all. We have a demographic and generational issue at play there and let us not forget, something my old man used to mention to me a lot, without the support from the villages then be honest Utd would never have existed as we knew/know them. They MAY not have the cultural and behavioural attachment to the club being based in the city but there may ancestrally be emotional pangs that way. I hope so.

I should finalise my characteristically rambling piece by mentioning a couple of nuggets for your indulgence. In the summer of 1931 Henry Clement Francis, Club president and also MD of the Star Brewery in Newmarket Road basically gave the club some land just off Newmarket Road (near William Sindall's Works) which a year later after much refurbishment and adjustment was ready for competitive action, known as Newmarket Road, for the 1932/33 Cambs League season. Mr Francis died in 1940 but the ground was left in trust to the Mayor of Cambridge, the vicar of Fen Ditton and

the district nursing association, to be used for grazing and the enactment of association football by Abbey United. Got that?

Secondly, IF we ever leave Newmarket Road (we won't) then there is the little matter of four x 36.6m high constructions that sit in each corner of the gaff. The gospel Mr Proctor tells me they are the tallest in the EFL; lose them over my dead body.

Janie Jones, Cambridge, January 2021



Andy Fox is not a man to ignore! He makes a lot of good points but his arguments need to be answered. The economic gloom will need to lift before a move can be seriously contemplated. In truth, an all-purpose stadium, which can earn revenue all year round and which can cater for the needs of all, is essential. Particularly if we want to compete with the big boys again. A new ground next to a metro station would get us bigger crowds, more money and greater hope of competing with less ambitious clubs. We will see!

1970-71 The First Match

“Here we go. This is the moment everybody connected with Cambridge United has been waiting for. Not just since our election to the Football League back in May but ever since the club turned professional and made Football League status our goal”. These were the opening words in the programme for the first ever Football League match not only for Cambridge United but the first in Cambridge. Saturday 15th August 1970 was the date, Lincoln City the opponents. Manager Bill Leivers also had some profound words “this is the realisation of a dream. It will be a wonderful occasion and I am determined to sit back and enjoy it, and for once the result will be of secondary importance to me. We have had to crawl to get into the League, now we can walk and perhaps soon we will be able to run with the big boys”.

For the first time the club accepted match ball sponsors and received 18 applications within 72 hours of making the announcement. Chairman Jack Woolley and Mrs. Woolley sponsored the first match ball. United also advertised for ‘attractive girls’ to be dressed in uniforms of blouse and mini-skirt, to sell programmes. Surprising what you could get away with in the 1970’s! The board of directors had already calculated they would need attendances of over 5,000 to break even. So must have been delighted when 6,843 turned up.

United’s team for that history making match was, **Roberts, Thompson, Meldrum, Slack, Eades, Hardy, Leggett, Cassidy, Lindsay, McKinven, Harris**. Lining up in a ambitious 4-2-4 formation. Only two of the team, Terry Eades and Keith Lindsay,

hadn't played in the Football League before. It was also a League debut for the match referee Robert Perkins. For the record the Lincoln team lined up as Kennedy, Taylor G, Peden, Hubbard, Harford, Grummett, Hughes, Trevis, Freeman, Taylor W, Fletcher. Spot the future England manager?

The match its self was described as a "truly great occasion" by the Cambridge News Light Blue sports newspaper. A Drum & Pipe band was the live pre-match entertainment before United kicked-off towards the Corona End (NRE in today's language). United took the game to their illustrious visitors and had the best of the early chances. But on eight minutes and with their first real attack the Imps took the lead when Fletcher crossed for captain Travis to beat Roberts from close range. The goal visibly shook United and they spent the rest of the half defending and had to make three goal line clearances.

Geed up by Bill Leivers half-time pep talk United did settle down and started to take the game to Lincoln. However, it wasn't until the 78th minute they managed the equaliser and their first League goal, Colin Meldrum's header thundered against the underside of the bar before spinning into the net. There then followed 15 minutes of nervy defending before United claimed their first Football League point to signal their arrival.

Football League status did bring an unwelcome factor. Earlier in the day Cambridgeshire police intercepted three coachloads of Lincoln "Skinheads" who had intended to cause trouble at the match. After confiscating various weapons at the Trinity Foot pub on the A604 (now A14) the coaches were escorted back to Lincoln.

For me this was a bitter/sweet moment. The annual family holiday, this year to Weston-Super-Mere had been booked long before the League fixtures were released and there was just no way I could get out of it.

In the days before the internet, mobile phones and Saturday afternoon score update TV programmes the only way of keeping up with events 150 miles away was national radio. They didn't cover the fourth division much but, as we were the new boys, they did have a reporter at the Abbey who gave reports when goals were scored and at half/full time. I remember well trying to keep a crackly car radio in tune, which seemed to change every time we turned a corner. I can still recite by heart the United line-up of that day, anorak or what? I was also becoming a bit of a programme collector and had made arrangements for a United supporting school mate to get me a programme, which he agreed to providing I paid him in advance. Everyday towards the end of the summer term I intended to pay him, but somehow it never happened. But what are mates for? First day back at the start of the new school year the programme was duly delivered. Nothing mentioned about payment and as I had spent the last of my paper round money on twenty No.6 I wasn't going to say anything. So, Tim Sewell if you can find me I am now quite willing and able to pay you for the programme.....2 shillings, 10p in today's money.

Nigel Browne

What were your memorable matches? We all have different reasons to remember games, don't we?

Lottery Scheme

I am always reminded of the line in the 'Life of Brian': "What have the Romans ever done for us?" when people ask me why they should join in the Lottery Scheme. Quite apart from the fact that participation is cheap, the top prize at the moment is £1,000!!



Of course, the real purpose of the Lottery is to support the club. Since its inception, the Lottery has funded various things, mainly to the benefit of the club, to the tune of £45,617.33!

Notably, the money has been used for the purchase of a tractor, new scoreboards, the removal of the old scoreboard and the repair of the tannoy system. Good causes have been given significant support too, including Arthur Rank, a Reading Project, Cambridge Charity Awards and the Food Bank. Even bags of grass seed and paint for the volunteers, who have transformed our stadium, have been provided. "What have CFU ever done for us?"

Its new website can be found at:

<https://www.cufclottery.co.uk>

Amputee Football

One of the things the club can be most proud of is its connection with all the Disability Football Teams run by Phil Mullen. He runs an astonishing range of teams, including the Walking Football sessions I have enjoyed so much. Phil's chief aim is to improve the mental and physical health of all participants and he caters for an astonishing range of needs. He is a man who makes a real difference, demonstrating the power of sport to transform lives. Here are comments from two participants:



I joined the amputee football training session at the beginning back in 2018. Over the years with training from Phil I have become a better person with my fitness and a better player. I have since gone on to play league football for Peterborough United Amputee Football team.



Through the amputee sessions with was opened up to become a pan disability session I have met some amazing people and learnt about their own disabilities.

I am taking on this challenge with Marc to help support people with mental health illness which has risen drastically during the

COVID pandemic and we couldn't think of a better charity than Mind.

It's going to be a hard challenge compared to the Mount Snowdon challenge we did in 2018 because this is going to be a more mentally challenge as we will be doing at least 5 miles a day for the next 16 weeks.

We would love to at least reach our target and ask everyone to support us where they can and share our story on their own social media pages. You can also follow our journey on Facebook at 'Two friends Two Legs One Mission'.

Paul Clark

My three reasons for wanting to join Paul on our 'Conquerer' challenge of trekking 700 miles in 16 weeks:

Firstly, like Paul, I love a challenge. Mount Snowdon nearly three years ago was our 1st real challenge, we raised lots of money for the benefit of amputees and their families, and now I feel it's time for our next challenge.

Secondly, I believe that 'Mind' - the mental health charity will be under so much more pressure to help and support those suffering with mental health problems, especially because of Covid-19 and lock downs etc., that I must do whatever I can to help.

Thirdly, I want to demonstrate that just because I have lost a leg it doesn't mean I can't achieve great things and in doing so I hope to inspire many others.

Marc Pitman





FOODBANKS NEED YOUR HELP

Foodbanks Need Your Help

At the beginning of the year we started to collect food on behalf of the Cambridge City Foodbank. We had hoped by now to re-instate the collections, however with supporters not being allowed to attend matches we have not been able to.

This doesn't mean we can't find alternative ways of helping. We all probably have food that is surplus and sitting in cupboards doing nothing and more likely to be thrown away than used.

During the past few weeks we have been in contact with the C3 Church which is local to ground based on Brooks Road on the roundabout by Sainsbury. Food can be donated to the Coldhams Coffee, C3 Centre, between 10am and 4pm Tuesday-Friday.

There are no rules as such, they can take non-perishable items and will allow them to sit before redistribution for any virus contamination.

If there is anyone who works in the fresh world of food or knows someone who the foodbank have the facilities to take surplus fresh food, cook and then distributed.

The organisation has distributed over 100,000 meals to highlight how important their work is.

Any donations would be amazing and very welcome by them

Please check with the foodbank their opening times during the current lockdown

C3Church

Phone: [01223 844415](tel:01223844415)

Email: hello@thec3.uk

If you would prefer to deliver to another location below are some of alternative foodbanks locally

[Cambridge City Foodbank](#)

2 Orwell House

Orwell Furlong
Cambridge
CB4 0PP

Phone: [07772 538628](tel:07772538628)

Email: info@ccfb.org.uk

Donate money here <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-funds/>

[Ely Foodbank](#)

10 Chapel Street

Ely

CB6 1AD

Phone: [01353 468626](tel:01353468626)

Donate money here <https://localgiving.org/charity/elyfoodbank/>

[St Ives Foodbank](#)

There are also various Trussell foodbanks in the local area for example Royston, Saffron Walden, St Neots and Haverhill where food can be donated. For more information visit the [Trussell Trust](#).

Thousands of Premiership supporters recently donated money to their local foodbanks instead of paying for access to see their teams play over the Premier League's opening pay-per-view weekend. That weekend foodbanks in the North East and North West reported record donations to their Crowdfunder pages. It proves what football supporters can do when they come together. If all the local football supporters and teams came together, I am positive we could make a real difference to so many families living locally during a really difficult period so many.



You are never alone - if you need to talk, speak to someone. There are some number below to help you

@samaritans - 116 123 call any time

@age_uk - call 0800 678 1602 8am to 7pm,

@theCALMzone - 0800 585858 <http://thecalmzone.net>

@MindCharity - <http://mind.org.uk>

Childline 0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247
<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800
9177 650
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

The National Gambling
Helpline 0808 8020 133
www.begambleaware.org/

For urgent medical advice
call the NHS 111



You can also contact Leo Orobor by contacting him [via the link here](#)

You can also contact David Burkett by contacting him [via the link here](#)

CFU guide to improving your iFollow experience

CFU have provided the following advice and assistance concerning iFollow. We cannot guarantee that all of the advice will work as everyone has different devices, broadband suppliers and contracts.

However, the information we have obtained is from different sources and will hopefully assist you. You can also download the information via the attachment at the foot of the article.

Read more here <https://tinyurl.com/yxk56t7l>



Cambridge United and Daydreams To Believe In

There is a joke that the quickest way to become a millionaire is to be a billionaire and buy a football club. Mark Goldberg, although not a billionaire, might be able to testify to that, after rapidly going from a successful multimillionaire businessman to bankrupt after buying Crystal Palace, blinkered by his love of football and the club, from the infamous Ron Noades.



When Jack Walker purchased Blackburn Rovers and subsequently bought them the Premier League title in 1995, they were the exception. It was already clear though to sustain that level of success significant further investment would be needed.

This was because Jack's cash was chicken feed compared to the money then coming into the game as the oligarchs, sovereign wealth funds and crony capitalists moved in. Rovers then quickly found their level again and are now owned by poultry magnates who, ironically, might have been better sticking to

spending their money on chicken feed.



Many of us though still dream that United will be taken over by an infinitely wealthy owner with business nous and no common sense when it comes to football, or better still, that we will come into money ourselves so we can buy our own football club.

There have been a few examples of this but most of them have inevitably been doomed to fail, including Gretna and Rushden & Diamonds, usually spectacularly.

I would therefore never want to own United outright as much as I love the club. This is because it is a completely thankless position to be in, particularly if you are not at the highest level of the game constantly challenging for prizes.

You can only fail as the expectations of fans rise as you progress or go backwards, despite spending big on marquee signings that do not perform or gel. There have been a few examples of the latter our level, including the once mighty Notts County.

Crucially the money will also eventually run out and there are rarely plans in place for a smooth transition to the next regime as we have seen all too often. Far better, in my opinion, to spend what cash you have or can justifiably spare in ways that make the biggest impact or an investment for the long term as boring as it might be.



Investment in the ground to secure additional non-match day revenue streams might be one option. We are however caught in a position where the ambition, in the long term, is still to move to a purpose-built community stadium limiting the return on that option

Despite all this, I, like many others, still daydream about how I would spend my imaginary millions on the club if money was no object. I have therefore put together a list of my ideas starting with the ground.

Firstly, I have long half-jokingly referred to our ground as the Mighty Abbey Stadium, borne out of resentment at the monikers we have been forced to adopt such as the Trade Recruitment and R3 Costings Stadium. I would therefore sponsor the ground and formally call it the Mighty Abbey Stadium, meaning that the media, including Jeff Stelling on Soccer Saturday, if it were ever mentioned and the Peterboring Telegraph, would always have to refer to it as that.

I would then like to see the NRE referred to as the Corona Kop again in reference to the old Corona works of course that abutted the ground, as I have always preferred it. The name also now has the added benefit of deadly menace as Covid-19 continues to take hold and memories of the soft drinks delivered to your doorstep fade into the past.



I would also rename our other terrace the Happy Habbin, and I say this as a die-hard Habbinite, if only because it would be one in the eye for all the moaners and naysayers that occupy it, although it could just be something else for them to whinge about. All together now, if you are happy in the Habbin clap your hands!

There are rumours CFU are buying the club a new scoreboard to be located near the South Stand so that as many fans as possible will be able to see it. However, those of us with long memories will remember the old scoreboard behind the Supporters Club which did not function for long and is now covered by an advertising hoarding. For those with even longer memories it was also



the location of the Tick Tock before that and I would like to see a return of a simple clock to the same location.

I would though insist that the money spent on sponsoring the ground was invested in Youth Development rather than thrown away on signings and wages. Again, as dull as it sounds, that is where our relative success lies in the longer run, developing and nurturing players that understand the club and what it is about.

Once I had finished with the ground I would move on to our badge and kit. It has been the trend since the formation of the Premier League to simplify club badges to increase 'brand recognition' as the marketing merchants would say.

Our badge though is already quite simple and distinctive but there is no denying the fact the top of it makes it look like an upturned toilet seat. It is for this reason I would like to see a return of our book and ball badge, albeit in updated form, also featuring our United in Endeavour motto which I think is a great slogan.

Fans can be quite schizophrenic when it comes to kits demanding tradition and at the same time lauding those kits that break the mould. You only have to look to the enduring popularity of our Influence / Fujitsu yellow arrowed kit for an example of that.

At this point then I should state for the record I love motorcycles, almost as much as I love United, and Yamahas in particular, especially in their iconic yellow and black speed block race colours made famous by King Kenny Roberts. I would therefore break the mould again kit wise with a speed block inspired home shirt sponsored by Yamaha and an away shirt that referenced their modern era white and blue speed block race colours.



Not a footballer but King Kenny Roberts and his GP Yamaha

The club is already trying to do some of the following things thanks to the hard work of their current media team. However, Cambridge has long been a City divided between Town and Gown, a divide that has arguably grown in recent years particularly as housing has become more unaffordable amongst other things.

This point has been made elsewhere but this division can mean that in the centre of the city it can be impossible to realise the club exists. Many incomers to Cambridge can also be unaware of our presence even amongst those that

profess to like football given their consumption of the game is largely vicarious via the TV or internet.

I would therefore like to try and raise our profile in the city through funding and promoting further ticketing initiatives, advertising and targeted social media campaigns. I liked the old your City, your Club slogan as it felt quite inclusive and feel it could be resurrected as a means of encouraging more people to sample the delights of the now Mighty Abbey Stadium on their road to getting hooked on the Abbey habit!

Yours United in Endeavour,
Romsey Amber

INTERVIEW WITH PAUL BARRY

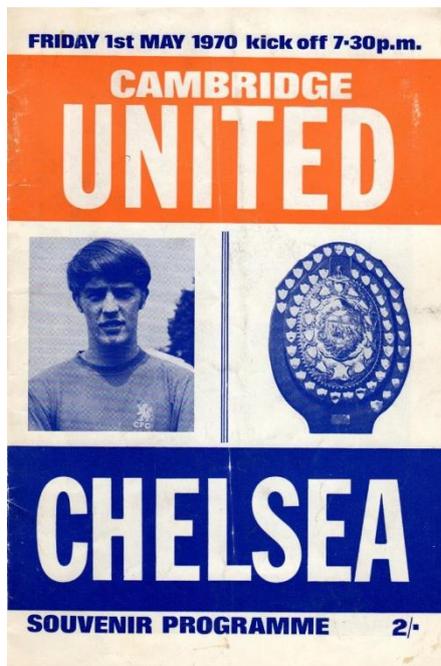


Nigel Pearce is an old friend of United's owner Paul Barry. Back in January 2020, pre-Covid, he spoke to Paul about his memories of growing up in Cambridge, watching the Us and his move to the USA.

I'm meeting Paul on the 0930 from Euston to Morecambe, via Lancaster. He's very welcoming (we haven't seen each other for a good few years) but there is a little fog in his eyes – jetlag. He had flown into Heathrow from Seattle the previous day, so it was the middle of the night his time, before cabbing it to the station. I suspected it wasn't jet lag alone, though. There's no way the U's recent awful run of form, and the future of head Coach Colin Calderwood, were not on his mind.

Paul had agreed for me to interview him about his backstory, up to the point he joined the United board in 2000. That suited me just fine, I'm more than happy to leave the more serious stuff – his plans and ambitions for Cambridge United etc – to the likes of CUSP and those with actual journalistic qualifications.

I used to travel to United games with Paul in the early 80s, when we both lived in London. We were part of the depressingly small “Inter City Trickle”, or ICT, that followed John Docherty’s United around the country in the old second division. They were successful years, but away from home, it has to be said, United stank. We could usually bank on no more than a couple of away wins a season, if we were lucky. We were, however, regularly travelling to wonderful grounds like St James Park, Elland Road, Filbert Street, the Baseball Ground, Burnden Park, Ewood Park and Roker Park. These grounds, and the big crowds that usually packed them, made these few years pretty memorable.



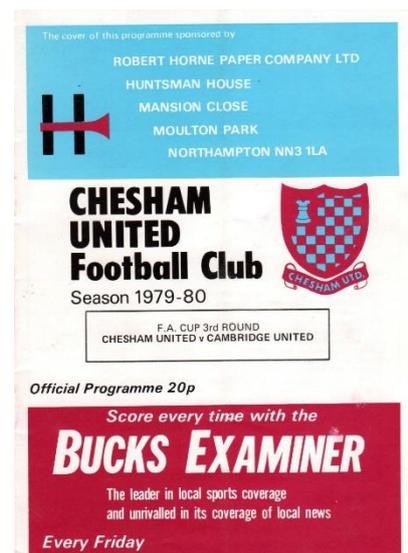
Hopefully what follows will give you a better understanding of Paul Barry the youngster, the student, the entrepreneur and business man, but, most of all, the Cambridge United supporter.

NP: So, where did you grow up, Paul?

PB: In Hauxton, my dad worked at Fisons. We moved to Cambridge, to Perne Road, in 1971, where my mother still lives.

NP: When did you start watching United?

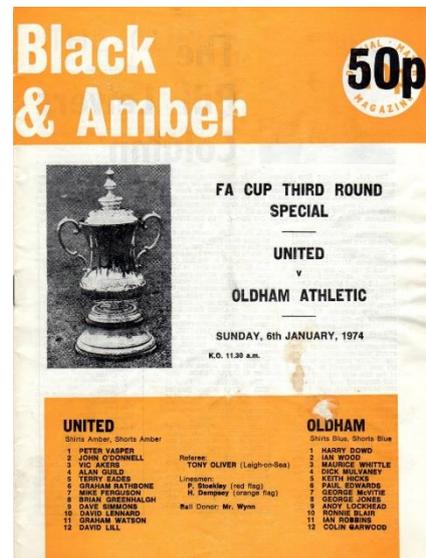
PB: I must have been around 10 years old when I started going regularly, once we had moved into Cambridge. My dad was a Us fan so there was never any suggestion that any of us – me or my two brothers – were going to support anyone but United, and certainly not the team in white from north of the river. I did have a soft spot for Manchester United as a kid (most kids did, Man Utd, Liverpool or Leeds back then) but I didn’t allow myself to be distracted. We stood in the Habbin, but when I was big (or brave) enough I moved to the Corona End (the NRE). Most lads, I think, eventually made that switch. It was great fun. I was thrown out of the NRE once, by the notorious ToJo - aka Inspector George Jones!



Not for anything I should be ashamed of, just high spirits. Luckily I knew a chap on the Habbin turnstiles, so I walked round the ground and he let me back in for free after I assured him I had already paid!

NP: The first game you remember?

PB: The friendly against Chelsea in May 1970, just after they had won the FA Cup and just before we won the Southern League and were voted into the Football League. Somehow we managed to pack 14,000 into the Abbey that night. I remember standing right behind Ian Hutchinson when he launched one of his famous long throws. I also remember that historic Sunday game against Oldham in the 3rd round of the FA Cup in 1974. It was during the three day week when the use of floodlights was banned. Because ours was a morning kick-off it was the first professional game in the UK ever to be played on a Sunday. Terry Eades scored a late equaliser that day, he was my first real United hero. We drew 2-2.



NP: Your first away game?

PB: I'd be lying if I told you I remember where or when it was, that sort of detail just didn't stick. Ron Atkinson was in charge, I can tell you that much. His United team was great to watch. I used to travel on the, ahem, "unofficial" coach, run by a guy who would go on to become somewhat notorious around the Abbey – many older Us fans will know who I am talking about!! I was only 15 years old and did not get involved in any shenanigans, I'll hasten to add. I remember great FA Cup trips to Leatherhead and Chesham. When I was 17 I got my first motorbike – a blue Honda CD175 – and that took me to many away games, followed up by a bigger Honda 400/4. One of my memorable trips was to Watford with my brother. The bike broke down on the A1 on the way back, the chain snapped. It was chucking it down, I still can't believe my dad drove all the way out there with a replacement chain.

NP: Where did you go to school?

PB: I went to the Cambridge High School for Boys. I was in one of the last years there before Cambridgeshire went comprehensive and it turned into Hills Road Sixth Form College. It was a great school, with some great teachers.

NP: Then you went to university?

PB: Yes, although I did take a year off first. I went to Imperial College in South Kensington, London, to study chemical engineering.

NP: And you joined up with the Inter City Trickle?

PB: By this time John Docherty had succeeded Ron Atkinson and United were, remarkably, in the old second division. Living in London made it much easier to get to the long distance away games, and the ICT (if we had sufficient numbers) allowed us to get discounted group rail tickets. Otherwise I'd use my student railcard, or my bike would be called into action. As well as yourself the ICT usually included Radio Cambridgeshire's Mark Johnson and his brother Paul, Dave Filce, Nick Prior, Steve Jillings, Steve Eckersley, Simon Turner and Mark Chaplin. Sorry to those I've forgotten. Living in college halls for a year made it very difficult to organise travel – this pre-dates mobile phones, of course. You or Dave would leave messages with whoever answered the pay phone in the stairwell – e.g. "be at Kings Cross for 0830".

NP: What was it like as an away fan in the 80s?

PB: A challenge. Most of the time there was no segregation for small groups of away fans, like us, at the big grounds. At Sunderland once (2-0 win) we were shielded by a ring of coppers. We were taken back to the station by the police in a police van – that happened a few times! Most away games involved a battle of wits to avoid an overnight stay in hospital. After United's first ever trip to Elland Road in 1982 I rescued Dave Filce from a gang of Leeds lads on the back of my motorbike.

NP: Yes, thanks, the rest of us had to run the gauntlet back to Leeds station! One particular game stands out in my memory for a variety of reasons, Carlisle away in May 1983. We didn't know it at the time but it was a major watershed moment, for both you and for United.

PB: It was a Tuesday night, a 2-2 draw. After the game you and me were chased down the high street by a dozen locals and ducked into a pub. They didn't come in after us, though, and eventually disappeared. We caught the 1-30am milk train back to Euston.

NP: That year we ended safely in mid table but the following season we finished bottom. The rot had set in that would quickly see the Us back in the old 4th Division.

PB: That was an early sign of the greed in football that we see at the top level today. The Football League decided to stop away teams taking a share of the home gate, that cost United thousands of pounds and all of a sudden the team just wasn't competitive.

NP: The other reason I remember that trip, though, is that you told us, and I can pretty much quote you: "This is the last time you will see me for a while. I'm going to the USA to get married, to get my Green Card and to make my fortune".

PB: Ha, that was my plan. In fact I got my Green Card first, before I got married. Despite not having done a great deal of academic work for three years I got my



degree and immediately moved to the States. I had a three month work visa and got a job working for British Rail in their New York City office. The visa ran out but there was no way I was coming home. I then got a job with a travel agency. The owner was Iranian, a great chap. He pointed me towards a lawyer who, he

said, would get me a Green Card (which would allow me to stay in the USA and work legally). And he did! He convinced the Immigration Service that my first hand knowledge of Europe was essential and unique to this specialised travel agency. It's not as straightforward as that nowadays.

NP: How did you end up 3,000 miles away, in Seattle?

PB: I eventually set up my own travel business, and it grew and grew. I needed to relocate to new premises but NYC was so expensive. After a lot of research I decided to move the business lock, stock and barrel to Seattle where office space was much cheaper (again, not the case any longer). My business was one of the very first to use search engines and to allow online travel booking. I still

live in Seattle, although my main business is now based down the coast in Portland.

NP: How did you keep up with events at the Abbey back then?

PB: With difficulty. Clubcall [a dial-up premium telephone service] was useful when it arrived in the mid-80s. Moosenet, though, was the big breakthrough for me (and other ex-pat Us fans). I did come back to the UK fairly often, to see my family and to watch the Us. In the early 90s (when United were flying under John Beck) every now and again I would fly back to the UK just for the weekend.



NP: You're a big England fan too, you've followed them all over the world.

PB: I went to Italia 90, partly because it was a business opportunity - hotels that I regularly worked with were empty due to FIFA bungling their room blocks. I stayed for free in Rome and Florence for two weeks. I went to all the England games, up to the quarter final against Cameroon. Getting match tickets was pretty easy, any game you could just turn up. The next World Cup was at home in the US, of course, but sadly without England. Thanks, Graham Taylor. I went to the final in the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles, Italy v Brazil. Rome 97 was eventful, the final World Cup qualifier for France 98 - I was caught up in the tear-gassing of England fans, with you and Godric Smith. I was then lucky enough to get to the WC tournaments in France, Japan / Korea 02 and Germany 06. It's rarely a joy watching England at World Cups, though, and my patience ran out in South Africa in 2010 – I was actually in the air, flying home, when we were losing 4-1 to Germany in Bloemfontein. I passed on Brazil 2014 (even though my wife grew up in Brazil) and Russia. I'm now officially retired from England duty!

NP: Do you watch your local football team, Seattle Sounders?

PB: They are my second team. I'm a season ticket holder and minor owner. I've been a friend of Adrian Hanaur, the Sounders' owner, for many years. Adrian has also been a major shareholder at Cambridge United. I help the Sounders out with travel arrangements, if asked*. I've watched the Sounders all over the

USA, usually as part of a business trip, and also across Central America in the CONCACAF Champions League. Honduras is probably the scariest place I've ever watched football, every Sounders fan had their own personal armed bodyguard!



**To emphasise this point, during the journey home Paul had to book an agent and his player wanting urgent flights from Rio to Seattle!*

NP: How did you get involved with United at board level?

PB: By the late 90s my business was doing well and I was in the great position to have the funds to invest in the club. I wrote to Reg Smart, offering money to help market the club. Reg had recently had his fingers burnt publicly by a bogus potential investor, so he was very suspicious of me – an unknown guy from the States claiming to be a long term Us fan. To test my bona fides he quizzed me about United when we met eg; “who was our right back in the early 80s”? “Dave Donaldson”, I told him. “Or Chris Turner if he was injured”. I convinced him I was genuine and, just as importantly, that the club needed to be marketed properly. One of my first jobs was to ask Andrea Thrussell to design and run the club’s first official website, which she did in 1999 (she had previously set up the unofficial United website). What a great job she did. I joined the Board of Directors in April 2000, a very proud moment.

Paul was Chairman of Cambridge United between 2009 and 2013. He became the majority shareholder in 2018 before, in September 2019, he bought 100% control of the football club. In September 2020 Paul subsequently sold a 20% shareholding to two new minority US investors.



It was a fascinating trip, not least spending time with Paul at such a difficult time for the club. After the game, and following discussions with Graham Daniels and the other directors who were at Morecambe, Paul agreed

that the team's second half performance, and recovery from a goal down, showed sufficient fighting spirit to suggest Colin could still turn the season around. It was clear, however, that any further lapse over the next few games would spell the end for the Head Coach, and this came to pass the following Tuesday against Salford.

Nigel Pearce
January 2020

Hot off the Habbin

HARROGATE January 9th

"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided".
JK Rowling

During my far off student days people used to make fun of my devotion to Cambridge United. They would say that Cambridge was not a proper footballing city, that it was too pretty, prosperous and full of embryonic Cabinet Ministers enjoying the high life and infantile games at the world's greatest university. I imagine that Harrogate fans



have heard the same kind of thing, since Harrogate is supposed to be full of elderly people pretending that they are living in the civilized Georgian splendour of fashionable Bath. You can't beat a well intentioned stereotype.

Such attitudes are both ignorant and unhelpful but it's easy to see how they come about. In March 2008 we stayed in Harrogate for a few days, enjoying the delights of Betty's Tea Rooms, the tree lined boulevards and some hugely impressive flower displays. It was a handy place from which to travel to Leeds for an exotic away trip to Farsley Celtic. We suffered from severe culture shock when the worst weather, the worst facilities and the worst United performance for years combined to make us very glad to return to the more genteel surroundings we had become used to. From the moment two wild looking ten year olds had served us beer in the warehouse cum supporters club next to the ground to the time when the gale force wind blew Celtic's winner into our net, I longed to return to a much more hospitable part of Yorkshire.

Leaving that aside, Harrogate have done supremely well to make the progress they have in the last few seasons, Tea Rooms or no Tea Rooms. When it comes to what happens on the pitch, tradition, history and how many fans you have doesn't win matches. I wish Harrogate all the best for the future but if we are serious about promotion we need to win. It will be hard fought but in the tradition of New Year's optimism, I think we will.

There are those who say we play better on I Follow but of course we are all increasingly desperate to get back to normal. We have had to revert to Lockdown but, unlike the one last March, elite sport has been allowed to continue. It has been a long and depressing time but football clubs are uniquely and ideally placed to raise the morale of the communities they serve. Like all the best teams, our society can come through all this even stronger by relying on kinship and teamwork. United we shall prevail.



BRADFORD CITY January 23rd

“For me, football always meant that we came together as a family, and in the Summer we played football outside”
Claudia Schiffer.

I am told by my Nottingham based research assistant that the last time we were top of this division in January was probably in the 98-99 season. Martin Butler was top scorer and I'd had the added joy of seeing us draw 3-3 at Forest in the Worthington Cup, just down the road from where I lived at the time. Sadly, we lost the last game of the season at home to Brentford and finished second behind them but the ever-popular Roy MacFarland had given us a season to remember. It was also during this season that today's opponents, Bradford City, were promoted to the Premier League.

And now we are top again, and deservedly so. It is always good to beat Southend, not least because of the jiggery pokery over the postponement which reeked a little of gamesmanship. We had to play into the teeth of a gale in the first half and produced a very professional performance in the second half to take the points. Social media was alive at times with claims that the wheels have come off and Bonner should be sacked. Well, we are only top. Like many others I think of Simon Dobbin whenever we play Southend. I met him just the once before the game on the fateful day he was attacked. He was delighted to be at the game and was really enjoying that sense of camaraderie which is such a special part of going to an away game. Of course, I don't

feel vindictive towards Southend FC because of what happened. They and their supporters were as appalled by what happened as the rest of us.

And every time I think of Bradford City, I think of the dreadful fire at Valley Parade that killed so many. What I learned from that and from what happened at Southend is that the football family is not just a well-intended myth. Most of us love the rivalry but,



beyond that, we appreciate and respect each other for what we have in common. At its best, football is a unique force for good. And don't we need it.

It has been an awful year. Covid has dominated our lives and the list of those fans we've lost is a reminder that, however brief a life we may have, we all matter to each other. The Stephen family has just lost a close family member, known to many who have stood for years on the Habbin. Bill Shankly knew when he light heartedly claimed that football is more important than life and death, that looking out for each other will always matter more.

**A MOMENT
TO REMEMBER**

AS WE ENTER A NEW YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO 2021, PLEASE JOIN US IN TAKING A MOMENT TO REMEMBER FONDLY THOSE WHO HAVE SADLY LEFT US IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

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Ian Kirk
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Paul Symonds
Peter Shipp
Roger Rawlings
Ron Peachey
Simon Dobbie
Tom Murray
Tony Harradence

EX-PLAYERS AND STAFF
Brian Whitmore
Jimmy Thompson
Ray Colfar
Wally Rookes

and finally....

“Ideologies separate us. Dreams and anguish bring us together.”
Eugene Ionesco

As ever, I would like to thank all my contributors. The newsletter should be a place where a range of comment and experiences stimulate debate as well as being informative about what CFU are up to either alone or in partnership with the club or other supporters' groups.

One of the most valuable activities at the moment is phoning people to check on their welfare. Other groups have been doing similar things and I know that many elderly and vulnerable people have been grateful to know that somebody cares. Similarly, the Food Bank, and initiatives to address mental health and the wide range of needs of



everyone who comes to the Abbey Stadium, are projects which are very close to my heart. Being top of the league is wonderful but demonstrating the real values of being the family club, we have always claimed to be, are even more important.

We plan to delay our AGM until it is safe to hold it face to face. We have all got used to virtual communication but real

communication, in person, is always better. Details will follow when they have been worked out.

Recently I was asked to name United's best XI. I named Filan, Batson, Fallon, Stringer, Murray, Finney, Spriggs, Leggat, Biley and Dublin with Kitson, Wanless and George Harris as my 3 subs. How many of your favourites did I leave out? Colin Proctor named Wilf Mannion and Fred Howells in his team and, of course, I never saw them but knew that Mannion, in particular, was hugely significant in making United a force in the land. That started me thinking. Which players have I seen who took us to a new level? For me, the signings that stand out would be Ian Hutchinson, George Harris, the four we signed from Chelmsford, Alan Biley, David Stringer and Steve Fallon. With each of these signings, I remember thinking – “Are we really that good?” We are. Our dream is always alive.

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