



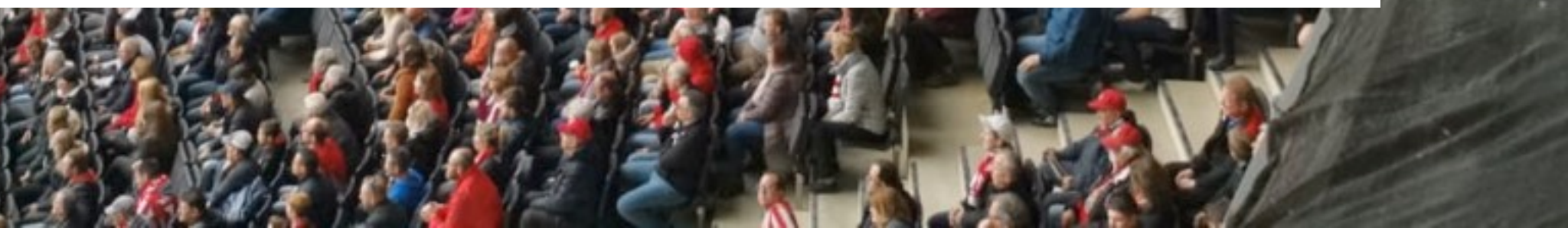
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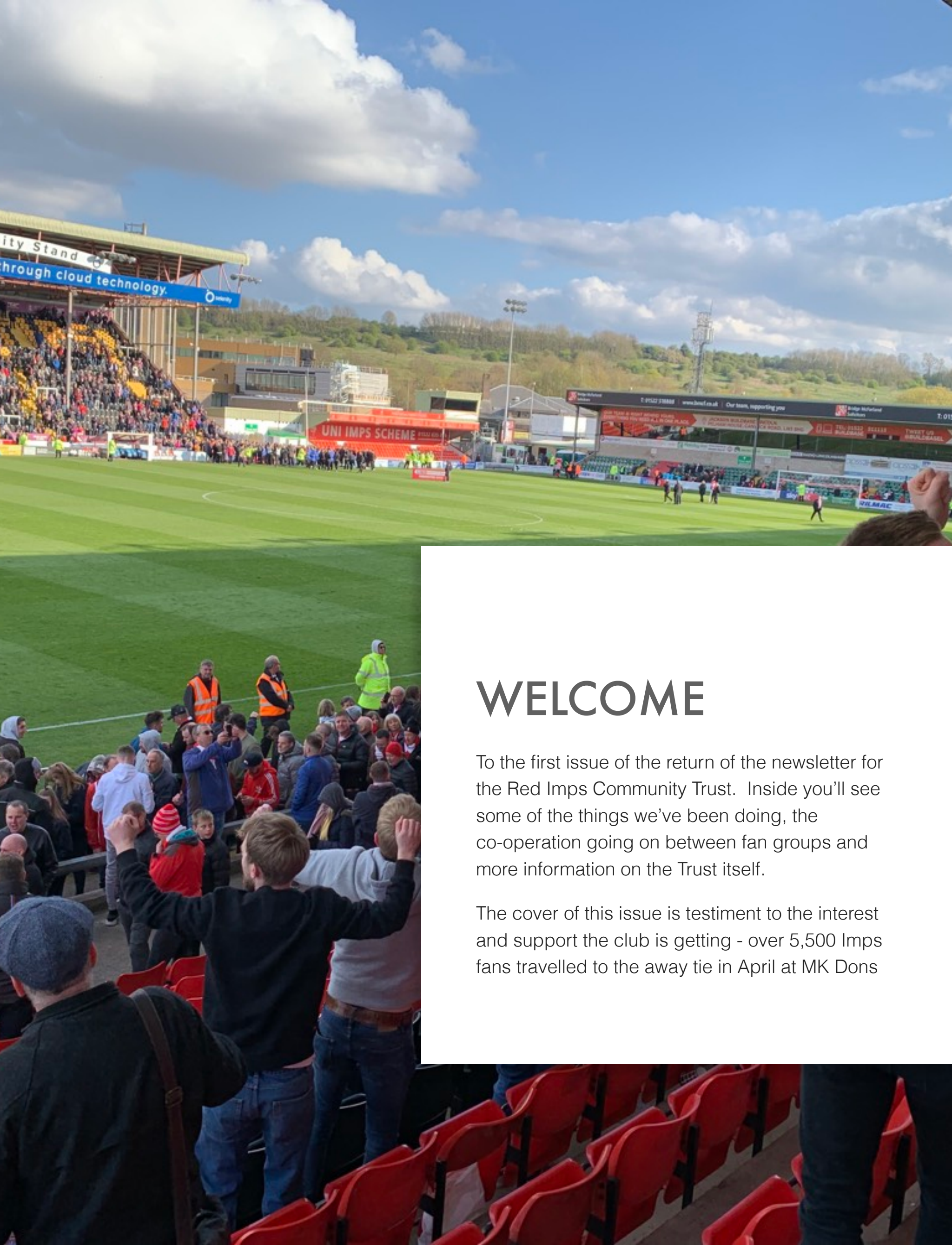
NEWSLETTER OF
THE RED IMPS COMMUNITY TRUST



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APRIL 2019





WELCOME

To the first issue of the return of the newsletter for the Red Imps Community Trust. Inside you'll see some of the things we've been doing, the co-operation going on between fan groups and more information on the Trust itself.

The cover of this issue is testament to the interest and support the club is getting - over 5,500 Imps fans travelled to the away tie in April at MK Dons

WHY JOIN THE TRUST

Lincoln City's success just goes on and on, following on from the last two seasons, the club is now on the cusp of the Championship after promotion to League One.

Success in football however comes at a financial cost - there is one way that the fans can help the club financially and that is by joining the **Red Imps Community Trust**.

Membership costs just £1 for adults and is free for persons under the age of sixteen.

The Trust's role is to support the football club in any way it can, and act as a liaison between the supporters and the club.

By becoming a Trust member you can really make a difference.

You can join the Trust when you either renew or purchase your season ticket by checking the relevant box on the renewal/purchase form, or by contacting the Trust directly via the Contact Us page at www.redimpsTrust.co.uk.

Trust membership carries the following benefits:

- *Three levels of adult membership (gold, silver and bronze) starting at £1 per season.*
- *Free membership to persons under the age of sixteen.*
- *RICT has two directors on the board of Lincoln City FC and one director on the board of Lincoln City Holdings Ltd.*
- *There is opportunity for any adult Trust member to become a director on the Trust board and the above boards.*



- *All adult members receive a share certificate in Lincoln City Supporters Society Ltd.*
- *All members receive a free RICT lapel badge.*
- *The Trust arranges regular fans forums with the club management team, players and former players of LCFC.*
- *The Trust arranges regular social occasions such as the Race Nights and Quiz Nights.*
- *The Trust in partnership with LCFC has formed an association for ex-players and managers of LCFC, many of whom have appeared at the Fanzone and also at half time at club matches.*
- *The Trust has secured a sponsorship deal with SRP Hire Solutions Ltd, which will cover all Trust admin and website costs.*
- *The Trust has a website at redimpsTrust.co.uk*
- *Follow the Trust Facebook page @ The Red Imps Community Trust*
- *Follow the Trust on Twitter @Trustinlcfc*
- *Trust Draw – every Trust member will be entered into a draw for each month of the football season to potentially win a substantial football related prize, such as a signed football, signed shirt, match day tickets or match day experience.*

IN MAY THERE WILL BE A FREE, ONE OFF DRAW FOR A SEASON TICKET AT SINCIL BANK FOR ALL HOME LEAGUE MATCHES DURING THE 2019/2020 SEASON - ALL FOR JUST £1 MEMBERSHIP!



A warm welcome to a look back at what has been happening in the Lincoln City Former Players Association during March and what is scheduled for the future with a particular emphasis on April.

fancy some exercise I can recommend a good morning in the Legends Lounge.

John Kennedy, Gavin Gordon and I attended the IMPclusion monthly meeting with the groups two Ambassadors Lee Frecklington and Harry Toffolo, a great nights entertainment was provided by the Ministry of Ukes following an informative talk by Gary Burr from the British Heart Foundation Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 16th at 7pm in the Travis Perkins Suite. All are welcome.

A Sporting Memories morning is planned for Wednesday May 1st at Tennyson House, Dunholme. This is a gentleman's morning to look back at memories of sport in general, football in particular and Lincoln City as central to the conversations.

At our monthly committee meeting on March 27th we discussed the planned future events such as our golf day at Sleaford Golf Club on Friday May 10th defending the John Reames Trophy which we won last year. We are awaiting more details of our football match against RAF Waddington on Thursday May 16th. On Sunday June 16th we will be fielding a side at the Welton Sports Club festival and on Friday June 28th we will be taking part in a T20 cricket match at Market Rasen cricket club followed by an evening of pub sports. We are also in the preliminary stages of looking at a

trip to Cyprus to take part in a football tournament in October.

Hopefully in my next column at the end of April we can look back on the season and plan for an end of season get together with possibly something to celebrate.

Best wishes and thanks

TREVOR SWINBURNE

Chairman Former Players Association

*photo of Trevor with Darren Davis and Simon Yeo
courtesy Graham Burrell*



March 1st saw the FPA play our first charity football match against the British Heart Foundation at Lincoln Utd ground on Ashby Avenue. A great turn out of former players drew a crowd of 510 and raised over £3200 for a great charity. The match itself was a keenly fought encounter being decided on penalties after a 2-2 draw. Barry Richardson scoring the winning spot kick to secure the Peter Burr Trophy for the FPA.

On Monday March 4th the FPA supported the launch of the LCFC Foundation Over 50s Hub, with the aim of getting over 50s to partake in physical activity, every Monday morning 10-12. If you are of the age and

GOLD MEMBERSHIP

This is a unique 'golden opportunity' to invest in the future of Lincoln City Football Club via the Supporters Trust. This attractive scheme has been developed to enable individual supporters to influence and become involved in the club. This is clearly demonstrated when Gold members join the Football club Board on match days or by electing a Gold Members' representative every two years to sit on the Imps Board.

GOLD MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

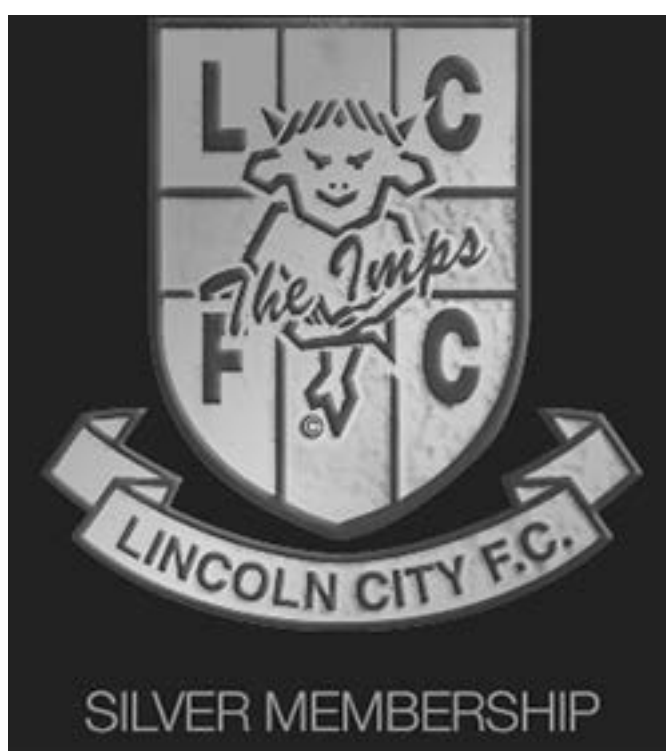
- Life membership of the Supporters Trust.
- 5 year Gold membership available.
- Gold members elect their own Director to sit on the Board of the Football Club.
- Regular meetings for all Gold members with the Club board & football management each season to hear what goes on at our football club and the plans for the future.
- Boardroom access with guest on selected match days each season.
- Shares in the Football Club each year.
- Priority for any special match tickets both home and away
- Invitations to Supporters Trust events.

For the Imps to move forward the Club requires investment. All supporters can play their part and investing in the Club via the Supporters Trust Gold



Member scheme is an excellent way to ensure that the ambitions of the Club are realised.

You can either pay £1,200 in full for the five year membership or pay a deposit of £240.00 followed immediately by 48 monthly instalments of £21.00 and then the fifth year of membership is free of payment. The extra (£48) amount payable by instalments is to cover the cost of administration and bank charges.



SILVER MEMBERSHIP

Silver membership also offers Trust members a great way to get involved with Lincoln City Football Club.

For an annual payment of £100 the LCFC fan will get £50 worth of shares.

To join either the Silver or Gold Membership the forms are available over at www.redimpsTrust.co.uk

VINTAGE MATCH REPORTS

Gold Member Director Steve Tointon was a couple of years ago given a number of match reports relating to the 1953/54 season in what was then Division 2, today known as the Championship. However these were not official journalist reports but instead were the typed reports of the 14 year old son of a Director of the Football Club. Sadly the individual has recently died but the reports are a very interesting and honest assessment of a young fan, written in the language of

the time on a basic typewriter. They are presented in their original form with typing errors (no tippex) and spelling mistakes (no spellchecker). These 2 match reports will be the first of a regular contribution to the newsletter. What would be interesting is to receive any feedback from fans that were either there in person or have been told of the matches by family members.

If you have any stories, photos or memories of Imps games from the past, please contact us on media@redimpsTrust.co.uk for inclusion in a later issue

Lowery
Green Graham
Wright Emery Owen
Munro Birch Graver Whittle Finch

Imlack Gleadall Plant Walton Cameron
Daniel Hart May
Massey McLean
Kirk

Bury

The Score was Lincoln City..0.. Bury..0..
There were no scorers
The Attendance was 14,500

The Lincoln attack must pull themselves together pretty quickly else someone is going to start saying some nasty things about them. At the end of the match some clever bird worked it out that Lincoln have scored once in 270 minutes which anyone can tell you is not good going at all!

The supporters like to see an interesting match and not a match in which the home forwards are clueless. Lincoln have not got one forward which is up to any standard. The best of a very poor lot is Munro and he does so many daft things that it is hard to say such a thing.

Bury, I thought, could or might have scored once or twice but their forwards were completely off form. The left wing had some very good opportunities but some terrible shooting by Imlack cost them a point. Lincoln in the second half gained the upper hand and did quite a bit of pressing but Birch was just a mess and every time he got the ball the attack fizzled out. Lincoln might have had a goal in the first half when Munro got the ball and cut in to the goal line. He crossed the ball just out of the goalies reach and the ball was too high for Graver to head. The right full back had been drawn across the goalmouth and so had left Finch unmarked. The wingers header hit the full back as he turned round and went over the bar. That was the only time when the ball was going in the right direction towards the goal. In the second half there were a lot of corners which Lincoln forced but they all came to nothing..

The only consolation that the supporters have and that is that they know the players can do a lot better. But until the forwards click there will be some very disappointing results. Whittle is standing about too much and waiting to put a hard shot in. But too often as soon as he swings his foot to kick the ball he has been knocked off his balance. Graver is running about like a damn great ad and doing no bloody good at all.

Birch will have to be dropped. He has got a swollen head and will do no good until it goes down. Munro has been spoken for and Finch we just hope he will do better in the future or else he can expect to be dropped.

City v. Blackburn Rovers

Lincoln City

Lowery
Green Graham
Wright Emery Owen
Munro McDowell Graver Whittle Finch

Glover Quickley Briggs Crossan Campbell
Bell Kelly Smith
Eckersley Suart
Elvy

Blackburn Rovers

The Score was..Lincoln City..8..Blackburn Rovers..0..
The scores were for Lincoln..Graver(4); Whittle; Munro(2); Finch.
The attendance was 12,200

The attendance shows that something was wrong. It was the weather. It rained hard wet rain twelve hours before the match started and the gate suffered. I bet that thousands gasped when they heard the score and all said that they wished they had braved the weather. If they had come along they would have found that the weather kindly cleared just before the actual match began and held off all through and so the 12,000 people who did come saw a very entertaining feast of goals.

It was not such a one sided match as the score suggests. The Blackburn team always tried to play football and they gave the Lincoln defence a reasonably busy time. Lincoln on the other hand did quite well in everything they did or attempted.

Before the first goal came both sides were very even and if anything the Blackburn team were the more impressive. However Lincoln were doing a lot of passing and they were awarded by a goal by Whittle. It followed two corner kicks before Whittle hooked it in.

Between that goal and the second we saw a very harassed Blackburn defence and a Briggs who was finding Graver Emery a hard customer. In 19 minutes Graver beat Elvy to a ball which I thought he had covered to put Lincoln two up. McDowell was injured and played on the wing with Munro in the inside position. To think that Blackburn had to 4-1 away to their credit seems incredible to watch them totter and sway under the Lincoln constant attack. Finch weaved his way over to the right to send in a real treat of a goal and put Lincoln three up.

To end this amazing first half Graver stormed about and knocked in two more.

Compared with the first half the second was very tame. The two teams took it easily. Lincoln, I think sat back while Blackburn were gently recovering. Lincoln still had more of the game and Graver got his hat trick by running onto a ball passed down the centre.

Blackburn always tried to play football and that I think is a credit due to England Full back Eckersley. They had a spell on the attack but found the Lincoln defence in top form. There was no more scoring until the 81st minute and then Munro did his bit by scoring two smart goals and so ended a match in which it will be a long time before we see Lincoln play so well and see a team thoroughly beaten but never turn dirty play.

LISA & FPS EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

The Fanzone was groaning at the last home game Macclesfield - under the weight of 90 Easter eggs!



Huge thanks to Andrew Helgesen and the Fans Player Scheme and additional donations from RICT Supporters Director Peter Doyle we were able to bring some free early Easter gifts for small Imps!

Rumour has it that naughty Poacher tried to get his mitts on them. One lucky lad found the Golden Ticket under his egg which won a prize for his dad, Tim Newton - 2 tickets for Cowley v Cowley 2.

Cowley v Cowley 2: The Rematch

L.I.S.A is delighted to once again bring all supporter groups together for the second Cowley v Cowley which sees Danny and Nicky go head to head in our Question of Sport style show at the Engine Shed on Monday 15th April.

Thanks to sponsorship, including from the Red Imps Community Trust, every penny from every ticket sold (bar EB fee) will go direct to the charities; Lincoln City Foundation, Sophie's Journey and Linkage Trust.

Joining Danny and Nicky on stage are Steve 'Tommo' Thompson, Mark Hone, Michael Hortin and Chris Ashton, supported by Alan Long and Rob Makepeace along with special mystery guests and first team players!

The show is being recorded by BBC Radio Lincolnshire for broadcast later.

Tickets still available;
ladyimps.co.uk/cvc2

Doors open at 6 - show starts at 7 - over 16's

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**THE ERNIE
WRIGHT
SCRAPBOOK**

Ernie Wright was a long time Lincoln City fan who travelled in to games from Manchester from the early 1960s. He kept a Scrapbook of the club's ups and downs as well as the travel and here is his son donating the Scrapbook to the club via Peter Doyle, Trust Supporter Director at Sincil Bank before the recent home game against Macclesfield.



**DO YOU WANNA
BINGO?**

The Lincoln &. District Supporters Association provide a bingo night every Monday in the Travis Perkins Suite at Sincil Bank Stadium.

It starts at 6.30pm - all are welcome.

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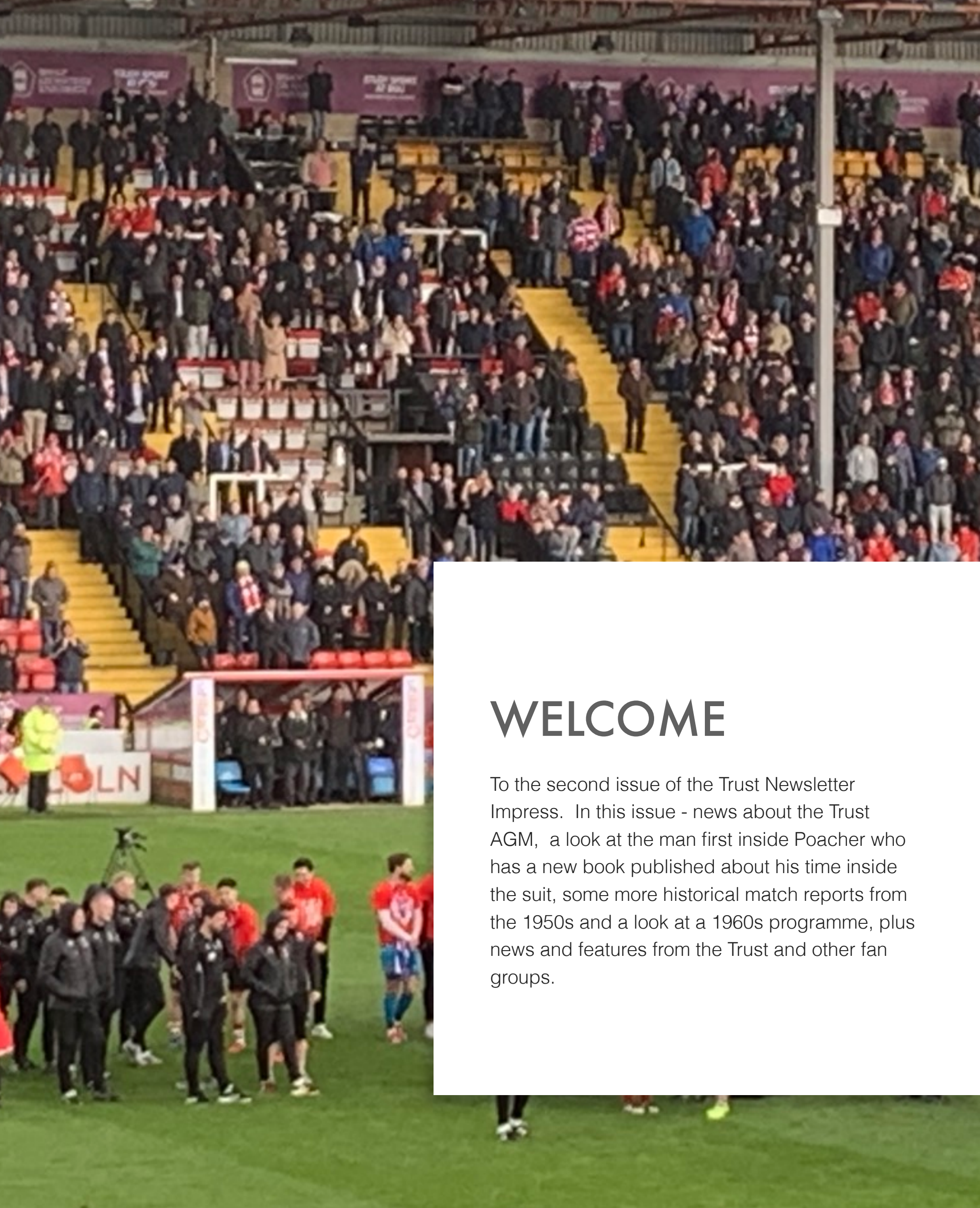
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WELCOME

To the second issue of the Trust Newsletter Impress. In this issue - news about the Trust AGM, a look at the man first inside Poacher who has a new book published about his time inside the suit, some more historical match reports from the 1950s and a look at a 1960s programme, plus news and features from the Trust and other fan groups.

TRUST AGM 2019

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of Lincoln City Supporters Society Ltd, which trades as “The Red Imps Community Trust”, will take place on Thursday, 15th August 2019, in the VIP Suite, (Serenity Stand) Sincil Bank Stadium, Lincoln, LN5 8LD, commencing at 7.30pm prompt.

The meeting is open to existing Trust Members, however non members can attend and join on the night, at a cost of only £1.00p for adult membership, which surely represents tremendous value.

We hear that the VIP Suite is undergoing a facelift, so it will be interesting to see how the new facility looks.

There are vacancies for Trust Board Directors as five current Directors retire by rotation. One of the retiring Board Members is Chris Elkington, Chris has informed the board that he will not be seeking re-election. Chris has been a Trust member since its inception in 2001 and his experience since the relaunch will be sorely missed. Many thanks go to Chris for his hard work and dedication over the years

The position of Gold Members Supporter Director to the Lincoln City Football Club Board also becomes vacant by rotation, with Steve Tointon standing down as he has been appointed a Club Director in his own right. Steve is also the Trust Treasurer, and hopefully he will remain so moving forward. Congratulations on your appointment Steve.

The present “Trust Supporter Director” on the football club board is Peter Doyle who is now half way through his two year term in that role. Peter joined the Trust Board in 2016, and is an example of

how a supporter who joins the Trust can advance to a prominent position on the Lincoln City Football

Club Board of Directors, attending club board meetings and being involved in important decisions affecting the running of the Club.

Can you see yourself in that role? If so the first step is to join the Trust.

There are a number of ways to join, in addition to attending the AGM, including Facebook, Twitter and the Trust's website www.redimpsTrust.co.uk. If you have any questions you can always contact the Trust Secretary John Wilson at rictsecretary@outlook.com

The Trust in the last year has raised funds for a number of good causes by staging events such as the Annual Race Night and a Quiz night have proved popular and are significant fundraisers. Donations have been made to Birchwood Colts FC who suffered a loss of kit and equipment in a fire, sponsorship towards the Cowley v Cowley 2 event which was excellently staged by LISA (Lady Imps Supporters Association) with whom the Trust works closely. LISA have also joined the Football Supporters Federation which allows access to national issues concerning football fans, such as safe standing, segregation of fans, ticket pricing and a whole raft of other topics.

Back to the AGM then, correspondence will be sent to members during the second half of June via email and to those without email by post. The Trust is determined to make use of the technology available to ease the workload and also reduce postage costs, however we will always post to those who do not have email, so if you have not shared your email address with us would you please consider doing so.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

John Wilson
Trust SECRETARY

POACHER'S PROGRESS

On 7 June, Gary Hutchinson, the first Poacher, launched his new book, **Suited and Booted**. In this 340+ page autobiography, Gary details his time as the eponymous Lincoln City mascot, the club at the time of great change including relegation and also his own personal life and problems in an unique, honest and personal way.

Ex City winger Nathan Arnold was also on hand to talk too about his own struggles and to support Gary.



If the link doesn't work, put in the search term Suited and Booted or the author Gary Hutchinson into Amazon and the book will appear in the results.

In a packed TP Suite, books were sold and signed to the delight of 100 attendees.

The book is now available from [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) from [here](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

Lincol City v. Notts. County

The Teams were..Lincoln City

Lowery; Green, Graham; Wright, Emery, Owen;
Munro, McDowell, Graver, Whittle, Finch;

~~Leeds/United~~

Notts. County

Bradley: Southwell, Deans; Allen, Leuty, Jarvis;
Coole, Wylie, Leverton, Lovell, Crookes.

The Score was..Lincoln City..3..Notts. County..0..

The Scorers were..Lincoln Graver(2) Finch

The Attendance was 16,375

Notts. included their two new players, Leverton and Coole, which had cost the club £16,000 and they were both useless. There was quite a poor attendance for a somewhat local match but the County had been doing so poorly this season and from their display at Lincoln it is a wonder that they get anyone at all to watch them.

Lincoln crowded the Notts. goal straight away from the kick off and a shot from Whittle looked very tame and it went between Bradley's legs but the goalie managed to turn round and stop it on the goal line.

Lincoln pilled on the pressure and after six minutes they were awarded by a goal from Graver. Whittle had a shot which Graver pulled down when it was not going straight to the goal and the Lincoln centre forward spun round and hit the ball past a bewildered Bradley.

Whittle saw his shot meet the upright before the play was at the Lincoln goalmouth. Lowery miss fisted a ball but he was able to recollect the ball before any of the County forwards were able to come within striking distance.

The match was being played at a cracking pace and Lincoln were two up in the 23rd. minute. The ball came into the goalmouth and following a scramble Graver lifted it over the goalie's head.

Lincoln had an escape in the next four minutes when Graham kicked off the line from a shot by Lovell. Emery was playing coolly in the centre while at the other end Bradley tipped a Graver flick round the post. Whittle was not tall enough for a Finch centre so he pulled it into the net with his hands but the Ref. saw it.

Munro was the schemer of the first move in the second half but McDowell's shot was well saved by Bradley. Lowery saved well at the other end when the County tried to busle the ball goalwards. They were finding that the Lincoln defence was very strong and that the two goals which have been conceded at Sincil Bank must have been very hard to get.

Lincoln were shooting quite often but they never seemed to be troubling the County goalie much. Finch however found a hole and blazed away to score The Imps' third goal the ball going straight through Bradley's legs. Good shooting Roy

Deans was a strong man in the County defence as he twice kicked off his goal-line in the closing stages. Bradley used to stand well out of his goal and the Lincoln forwards tried hard to shoot over his head into the net but every shot went wide.

VINTAGE MATCH REPORTS

Some more classic vintage reports have come our way from Gold Director Steve Tointon.

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Lincoln City v. Rotherham United

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Munro, Birch, Graver, Whittle, Finch.

Rotherham United

Quairney; Selkirk, Warner; Marshall, Noble, Williams;
Grainger, Guest, Burke, Johnson, Wilson.

The Score was ..Lincoln City..4..Rotherham United..3..

The Scorers were..Lincoln..Whittle (3) Graver..Rotherham..Wilson Johnson.

The Attendance was 15,411

At the end of this season this match will go down as the most exciting ever seen on the Sincil Bank. It opened with one of the linesmen twisting his angle and knocking himself completely out. The match was in progress when suddenly there were a lot of shouts coming from the Bank and we saw the official on his back. His place was taken by a Manby R.A.F. person.

However after six minutes Lincoln found themselves one behind. Emery tried a back pass and owing to the fact that there was not enough beef in it Wilson was able to nip in to put the United in the lead.

That put Lincoln on the defence for a short while but Whittle put the Imps on level terms. He passed the ball to Graver and ran into a good position and beat Quairney with a ground shot. Wright in the mean time had to go off and have his head bandaged.

Play was swinging from end to end with both teams looking very dangerous it was on one of these raids when Wright was going through that Grainger injured him and he had to go off again. Graham was the next Lincoln person to be injured. There was a corner in Rotherham's favour and Johnson jumped very high to head the ball past a rather surprised Lowery. Just on half time Lincoln had a chance but Finch shot straight at the goalie.

Three minutes after the re-start Rotherham ran right through the Lincoln defence to score via Guest. His shot came from the right wing and it was nearly on the goal line. The ball went along the line before turning in. I suppose if one was to ask Guest if he meant to score he would deny it.

So far all the goals had been ~~by~~ goalkeeping mistakes. However Lincoln were not out of the game by a long chalk. Two goals in as many minutes by Whittle caused the Lincoln crowd to make such a noise that Hampden would have seemed sounded like a mouse.

It was then all Lincoln. Rotherham however were still keen to hold onto that lead they had suddenly lost. Emery was outstanding in the Lincoln defence but it was the forward that were capturing the limelight as they went into lead. From a Munro corner Graver headed in. Yet Whittle had a chance of a lifetime two minutes later but fumbled it.

In the closing stages Lincoln were desperately on the defence and someone hit the bar, Lowery and a defender.

PROGRAMMES FROM THE PAST....



We go back to the match programme from the 1968-69 season against Wrexham in the old Football League Division Four. It was the last home game for the Imps in that season.

Chairman, Walter Mant in his notes suggests looking at optimism for the club achieving promotion, making it clear that good home form of only losing four games was a positive to both him and the board. The League table in the centre pages make the Imps look in a good place, second below Doncaster but having played more games than anyone else in the League (44 games played).

Elsewhere the Supporters Club column welcomes Wrexham to the club as well as thanking the fans for the support up and down the country.

In the supporters social club comedy musicians The Three Hoboes were due to appear on the 26th April.

IN RETROSPECT...

Sadly the Imps fell away from 2nd place due to the form of the other clubs with games in hand and finished the season in eighth, 5 points below a promotion place, Doncaster Rovers winning the Championship with Halifax, Rochdale and Bradford City completing the promotion places.

In a season of draws, this game finished 0-0 in front of a crowd of 7,321. Despite the Imps being unbeaten for seven games, The Imps lost the last game of the season, away to Chester City, 2-0.

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NOTES FROM THE FPA

Ron Harbertson, John Kennedy and Trevor Swinburne were joined by Harry Toffolo for a Sporting Memories session at Tennyson House Residential Home on Burton Waters, organised by the LCFC Foundation. Sporting Memories is aimed to support individuals who are experiencing memory problems due to Dementia.

Following a very kind invitation from Cay and Peter Sherlock the FPA attended a breakfast at St Giles Methodist Church, an attendance of almost 30 people listened to a talk about the work of the FPA, it is planned to revisit the church at a future date.

An FPA team consisting of Grant Brown, Alan Marriott, Lee Philpott, Phil Hubbard, Chris and Archie Moses, Gavin Gordon, Dean West, Warren Ward, Dennis Leigh, Jason Barnett and Trevor Swinburne successfully defended the John Reames Golf Trophy at Sleaford Golf Club. As always the hospitality of the Sleaford club was superb, especially welcome were the drinks near the 10th green, it was a beautiful day and the refreshments were very welcome. FPA won by 4 games to 2.

Phil Hubbard and Trevor Swinburne attended the Lincoln and District Sunday League Ron Eaglen Cup Final and presented the winning trophy to Hykeham TR after a 6-4 victory over Golden Eagle following a very entertaining and competitive game.

The FPA were present at the last meeting of the season for the Impclusion group. A group which the FPA have supported since their inception are looking to rebrand and come under the umbrella of the LCFC Foundation in the new season.



Plans for a second Evening with the Legends in October will commence once the new seasons fixtures are known. An FPA side are planning to travel out to Cyprus at the beginning of October to take part in an RAF competition which has been organised by Squadron Leader Paul Harrop, an avid Lincoln City fan who is posted to Cyprus.

Chairman Trevor Swinburne gave a talk to the Imps Connect group at Sopers BMW On Roman Way, South Hykeham, the talk had almost 40 attendees and created a lot of questions and interest regarding the work of the FPA.

Work continued with our charity partners the British Heart Foundation to develop another fundraising event for later in the year.

Plans to play a charity football match against an RAF XI at Ashby Avenue have been discussed with Lincoln Utd Chairman Rob Bradley and an organisational committee from the RAF further details to be released once next seasons fixtures are known.

On Sunday June 16th the FPA will be fielding a side in the walking football competition at Welton Sports Club and on Friday June 28th an FPA cricket team will be playing Market Rasen in a T20 cricket match followed by an evening of pub sports in the Market Rasen CC sports club. All are welcome.

Catch up with the latest FPA news and events via their website -

www.lincolncityfpa.co.uk

COLT'S PLAY ON!

Trust Director Peter Doyle hands over a cheque for £500 to Birchwood Colts JFC to help their fundraiser towards new club kits, lost due to a dreadful fire earlier on in the year.



The Imps



CLUB OFFICIALS CONFIRMED FOR FAN'S FORUM AFTER AGM

Both Chief Executive Liam Scully and Director Roger Bates have confirmed their attendance for a Fan's Forum to take place after the AGM of the Trust on Thursday 15 August. This will be for Trust Members only but new members can join before the AGM starts.

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The show was recorded for broadcast on BBC Radio Lincolnshire and we had gems including the 'Junior Imps' round with the teams guessing who has a 'spiky beard and some nice children', Danny doing a great turn at charades describing a 'dead ball' and stories from behind the scenes in football – the racehorse at the training ground and the saucy football mascot calendar!



Thanks to the generosity of the club, the panel and other participants more than 600 Imps formed the audience in the Engine Shed and watched Danny Cowley, Mark Hone and Matt Rhead take on Nicky Cowley, Steve Thompson and Michael O'Connor. BBC Radio Lincolnshire's Michael Hortin and L.I.S.A.'s Maria Horner challenged the teams with a variety of games. The Lincoln City legend that is Chris Ashton was the referee and the BBC's Rob Makepeace also helped proceedings together with the voice of Sincil Bank, Alan Long. We also thank Gary Hutchinson for all his help with some of the questions along with Referee's Assessor Gary Sutton.

There were surprise appearances from Tom Pett, Harry Anderson, LCFC Chairman Clive Nates and CEO Liam Scully. Perhaps the biggest smiles were when Danny and Nicky met our mystery guest, Chairman of Concord Rangers Ant Smith!

The Lincoln City Academy joined in with a display of skills and we were entertained by the City of Lincoln Band. We were delighted to be joined by Red Imps Community Trust, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, 617 Squadron, Impclusion, Former Players Association, Nettleham Ladies FC (now Lincoln City Women FC), the Fans Player Scheme and Lincoln United FC.

Thanks to sponsorship from Running Imp, Vital Lincoln City, Burton Rd Chippy, Lincoln Towbar; Mobility, Rilmac along with Veolia UK, LoneStar Fasteners Europe Ltd, TC Mini Coaches (Louth), The Golden Eagle Public House, Red Imps Community Trust, Fans Player Scheme, Lindum Group, Imp

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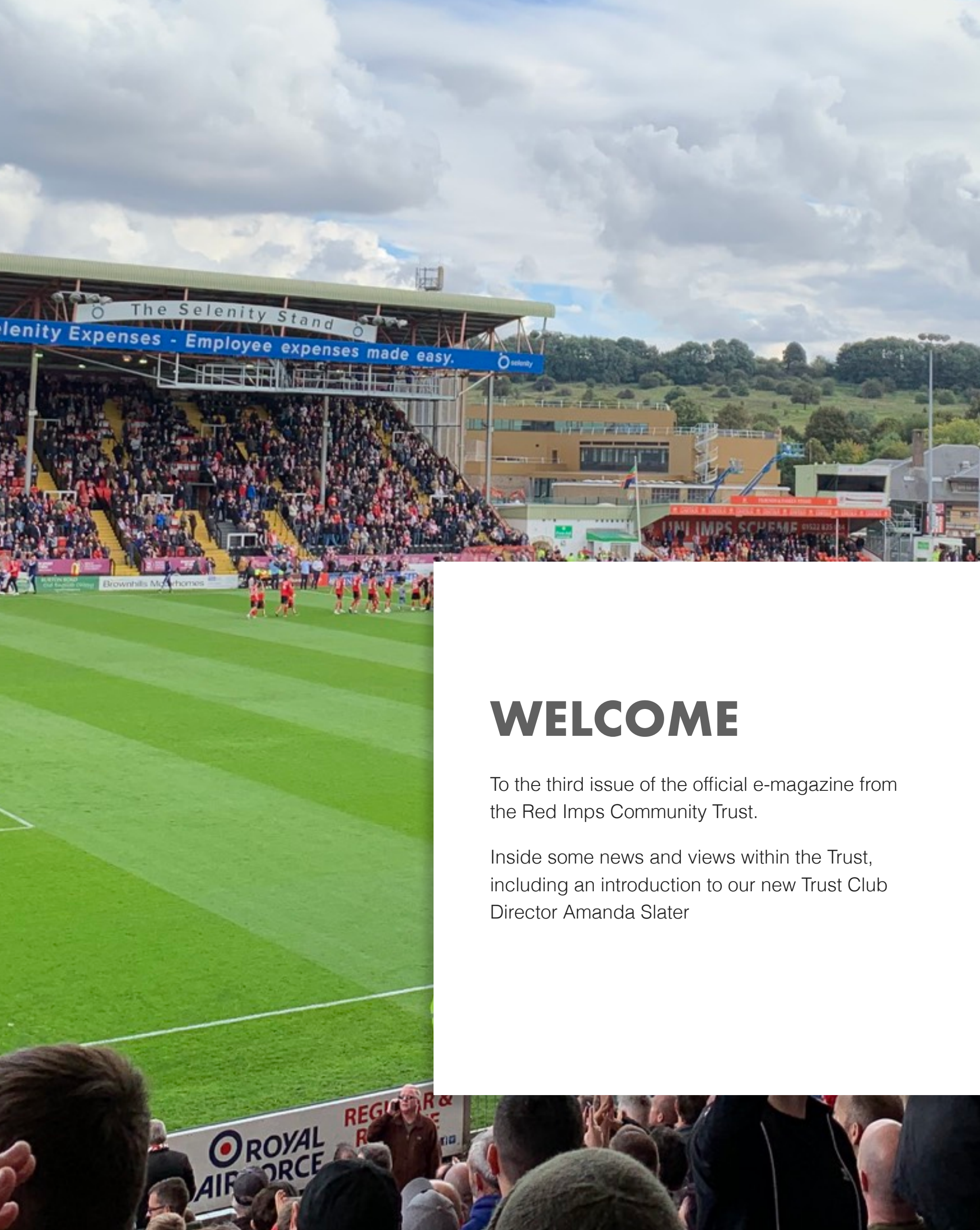
The charities Lincoln City Foundation, Sophie's Journey and Linkage Trust each received £2,666.66.

For more information on The Lady Imps Supporters Association, go to:

<http://www.ladyimps.co.uk>

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OCTOBER 2019



WELCOME

To the third issue of the official e-magazine from the Red Imps Community Trust.

Inside some news and views within the Trust, including an introduction to our new Trust Club Director Amanda Slater



COME JOIN US!

The Trust is delighted to have it's own stall at the Fanzone most match days - you can come and join us, have a word with the Trust Club Directors and Trust Directors as well as pick up a badge!

And as for Pete Doyle, Trust director on the club board , pictured above....he's just spent a night at her Majesty's Pleasure - for charity of course, locked up in the new emergency services station on South Park - just behind the Sincil Bank Stadium. He'll be doing this in aid of Alexander Goodwin, who was recently diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare type of bone cancer.

For more details please see the news page on the Trust website, which contains a link.

Lincoln City v. Brentford

The Teams were..Lincoln City

Lowery; Green, Graham; Wright, Emery, Owen;
Munro, McDowell, Graver, Whittle, Finch.

Brentford

Newton; Monk, Horne; Harper, Bragg, Coote;
Goodwin, Bloomfield, Lawton, Dare, Broome.

The Score was..Lincoln City..2..Brentford..1..

The Scorers were..Lincoln..Graver, Whittle..Brentford..Harper..

The Attendance was 16,583

On Friday night it was announced in the Press that the Arsenal were going to be at Lincoln to see the Lincoln/Brentford match. The main interest was Tommy Lawton from their point of view but the rumour got around that they had come to look at Graver and Emery. This had a great deal of effect on Emery as he was playing against Lawton. To begin with he was very nervous but as the match continued he lost his nervousness and played his usual storming game and on the whole altogether blotted Lawton out of the game.

It was a game of misses. Lincoln ought to have won by about ten goals but found the Brentford goalie on top form. From the Brentford point of view they should have scored about four times.

Lincoln were always quicker than the visitors but they often underestimated the Brentford team and so passes were given to the opposing team and the defence never marked their men as strictly as they might have done.

The forwards of both teams were poor. Lincoln missed a man who had brought his shooting boots with him and here is the story behind the two Lincoln goals. After a First half in which Lincoln had been completely on top with their approach work but had failed to finish it off with some good shooting neither side had scored. Yet in the 54th. minute came a goal in a million. There was a free kick given in Lincoln's favour on the half way line. Green took the kick and lobbed up the ball just right for Graver to jump up and turn it just out of Newton's reach. A superb goal which was given excellent timing.

That livened the game up and after the Ref. had spoken to one or two Brentford players Lincoln were two up in the next two minutes. The ball came across to the centre after the help of Graver and Munro and Whittle was there to put it out of the goalies reach. The Brentford players immediately appealed for off side but the Ref. made them go away when he produced his notebook.

Brentford then turned robust and the game turned fast with Lincoln having the upper hand. Whittle and other Lincoln forwards were shooting but Newton in the Brentford goal kept the score down.

Lincoln had an escape just before the end when during a corner Lowery called for the ball and completely missed it and it was scrambled away. Three minutes from the end Brentford scored when the Lincoln defence had thought that they had finished their job for the afternoon and had relaxed their grip on the visitors forwards. The ball came across and Jackson dived full length and steered it out of Lowery's reach.

From that time on it was tough and go whether Lincoln would get away with the 2-1 win as the Brentford forwards never gave out trying but I think that Lincoln on the whole did just about deserve their win although the game had too many misses.

Thanks again to Steve Tointon for 2 more original match reports from the 1953/4 season in their original format.

Lincoln City v. Leeds United

The Teams were..Lincoln City

Lowery: Green, Graham; Wright, Emery, Owen;
Munro, McDowell, Graver, Whittle, Finch.

Leeds United

Scott; Dunn, Hair; Kerfoot, McCabe, Mollatt;
Williams, Nightingale, Charles, McCall, Burbanks.

The Score was Lincoln City..2..Leeds United..0..

The Scorers were..Lincoln..McDowell, Graver.

The Attendance was 18,028

Lincoln were unlucky not to have beaten Leeds by a larger margin than 2-0. In fact in the words of the Leeds manager Raich Carter, "Lincoln ought to have had five goals and we consider ourselves very lucky."

Lincoln were again very poor in front of goal while their approach work was a pleasure to watch. If only Lincoln had a marksman then the score would double is what the Lincoln supporters are telling each other.

Lincoln were soon on the attack and might easily have been two goals up in the very first few minutes. Munro was but through on his own but failed to control a bouncing ball and blazed over the bar.

Whittle wasted a good chance and McDowell had his weak shot held by Scott. Burbanks was cleverly put off side also McCabe was in the picture for Leeds but his shot was wide of the mark. Wright was playing some good stuff at right half. Whittle had another shot which was well wide. Lowery beat Charles in a football race and kicked the ball well upfield. Lincoln were well on top in the mid-field play and after 15 minutes they were in front. The ball went out to Finch who centred it to McDowell who dived full length and met it with his head and steered it well wide of Scott.

Lincoln were playing Leeds to a stand still and there was only one team in it. Graver drew Scott out of position and gave Finch a wonderful chance which he missed. It was all Lincoln with Scott in the Leeds goal working overtime. He collected a Graver one minute and then the next he would be flat out tipping one of his shots round the post. Lincoln people had heard a lot about the Welsh International Charles but he had a very quite game. Every time that the ball went near him Emery robbed him and if he did manage to get it out to the wings either Green or Graham could easily cope with the wingers. Wright and Owen completely shut the Leeds Inside men out of the match.

Emery and Charles collided just on half time and Emery received treatment for a head injury. Early on in the second Half Charles got away after beating Green and Emery and when he shot the ball went and hit the advertisement on the Railway end stand.

Graver was knocked down in the penalty area and there were large boos from the crowd but the ref. let play go on. A minute later Munro received the same same treatment. Lincoln's grand approach never matched the finishing or the other way round as you please.

For the middle of the second half when the Leeds were on top for a short while they never looked like scoring. In the closing minutes Graver made the game certain for Lincoln although there ought to have been no doubt whatsoever after the first quarter of an hour.

Graver was standing close in when he scored.



ERNIE'S ALBUM

In a previous issue, the Trust was delighted to announce that it had received a vintage scrapbook that was gifted to ourselves by the family of Ernie Wright. Nicknamed 'Ernie's Album' it's a fantastic illustration of one fans love of the club through the 1950s - collecting together old photographs, match programmes, press reports, autographs (including Bill Anderson) and results.

Thanks to the generosity of Gold Members of the Trust, Gold Member Andy Blow has passed the scrapbook onto a team at Lincoln University who wish to conserve this important historical document for generations to come. It is a project that Impress will be following closely.

NOTES FROM THE FPA

The summer doesn't stop Trevor and his Former Player Association team, so here's a look back over the summer at what they've been up to....

On Friday May 10th the FPA golf team visited our good friends at Sleaford GC for our annual challenge match for the John Reames Trophy. The FPA team retained the trophy but a huge thank you is deserved for the superb hospitality we received, as usual from everyone at Sleaford.

Unfortunately our visit to Welton in June for the walking football competition was a victim of the atrocious weather we experienced, as a result of which, the tournament to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Welton Sports Club was cancelled.

Negotiations are still underway for the football matches against an RAF Lincolnshire XI and an Anglian Water XI both aiming to raise money for valuable charities, but a date had been confirmed on Friday August 30th for a game against Nettleham FC as part of their pre season preparations. Unfortunately the FPA were on the wrong end of a 5-2 defeat, but the evening did help raise over £3,000. Also a

provisional date has been set for a return FPA v BHF fixture of April 18th 2020.



The FPA were on duty in the Legends Lounge and in the Fan Zone, at all the home pre season friendly games against Stoke and Notts Forest. Also on July 29th the FPA will be entertaining the Boston Utd FPA in a charity golf game at Welton with the Boston players joining us for the Forest game in the evening.

On Sunday July 13th the FPA again raised funds for charity, this time the Teenage Cancer Trust, by taking part in a walk from Sincil Bank to Collingham before competing in a walking football competition at Collingham.

On Friday June 28th the FPA cricket team took to the field at Market Rasen CC, after Gavin Gordon scored a sparkling 53 runs we finished on 138-8 from 20 overs. Paul Miller was the pick of the bowlers with 3-20. Unfortunately Market Rasen won by 3 wkts.

Our second 'Evening with the Legends' took place on Thursday October 24th. Our annual PFA Open Golf Day date still to be confirmed and our FPA AGM which is confirmed for November 12th.



Amanda Slater
introduces herself as
the new Gold Trust
Director on the Lincoln
City FC Board

NEW GOLD TRUST DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

At the August 2019 AGM of the RICT, I was honoured to be elected to represent the Trust Gold Membership on the Board of Directors of Lincoln City Football Club and to sit on the Board of the RICT.

As it turned out, the first two months in the roles have been slightly more eventful than I anticipated! Now, with a new management team in place, exciting off-field changes starting to be seen, and some positive discussions about how we reignite the Trust and its relationship with both the club and the fans having started, I've had the chance to reflect on these last two months and value the experiences I've already had in such a short space of time in representing the Trust and our supporters.

So, why did I want to become a Director of a football club? With over 30 years served on the terraces and in the stands at Sincil Bank, it should probably go without saying that I am passionate about the Imps on the field, but I am also passionate about ensuring that we have a well-run football club that can meet the challenges of the present-day football industry. I strongly champion the involvement of our supporters in achieving this and I'm excited to be able to bring my professional experiences as a Finance Director and chartered accountant to the table to benefit Lincoln City.

We as fans are fortunate that we can influence our club through ownership via the Red Imps Community Trust, and by enjoying representation on the Board in the form of supporter-elected Directors providing the important link between the fan base and the current custodians of the club. As a Trust, we also must also ensure that we remain relevant and provide what our supporters and our club need. To that end, we want to hear from you about what YOU'D like to see from the Trust and what would encourage more of you to join and help us raise funds and awareness of our wonderful football club – the reason we exist after all! Please do get in touch with us with your ideas – we are listening!

I will end by saying that it is a privilege to sit on the Board of Directors of Lincoln City Football Club, representing YOU, the supporters. Up the Imps.

AMANDA SLATER



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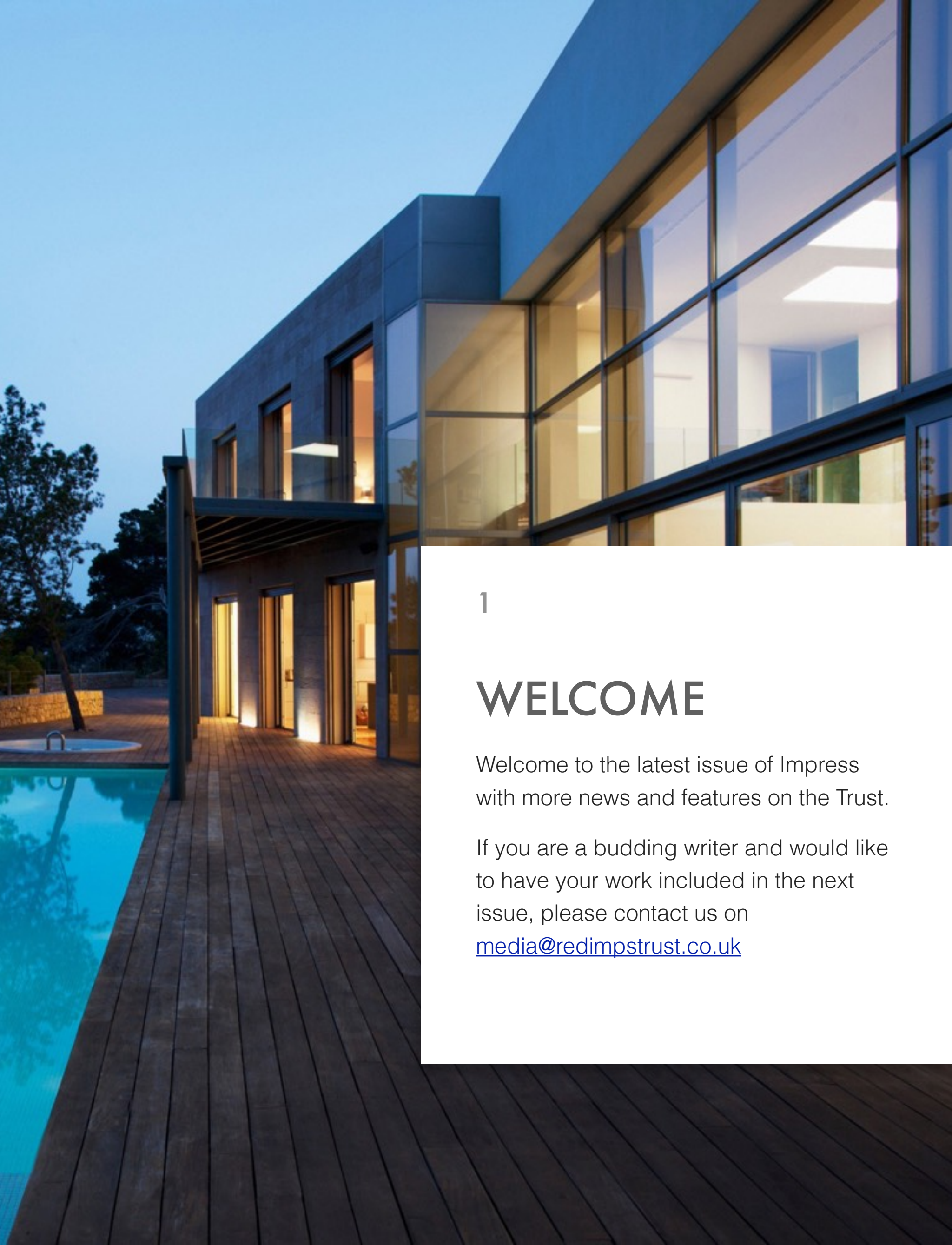
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Welcome to the latest issue of Impress with more news and features on the Trust.

If you are a budding writer and would like to have your work included in the next issue, please contact us on media@redimpstrust.co.uk



WHY JOIN THE TRUST?

The Trust was formed in 2001 during a time when Lincoln City FC was not enjoying the best of fortune both on and off the pitch, in fact to consider what may have happened to the football club if the Trust had not been formed quite frankly does not bear thinking about.

So now in 2020, with the club flourishing is the Trust still needed, and what role does it currently play?

Firstly thanks to Selenity who have agreed to sponsor the Trust for this year, which means membership fees are able to be used positively and not spent on Trust admin costs.

The Trust currently has approximately 600 members, 150 of these are former players, some of whom can be found in the Fans Zone, on home match days

where, under the guidance of the Former Players Association Chairman and LCFC goalkeeper, Trevor Swinburne, they will answer your questions about current and historic matters.

The Trust is administered by a Board of Directors, two of whom are also on the boards of Lincoln City FC Ltd (two directors) and Lincoln City Holdings Ltd (one director), so the Trust plays a significant role in the important decisions the club has to make. Directors on the Trust Board serve a term of three years, would that interest you?

Our two Directors on the Club Boards are Mandi Slater who represents our Gold Members section and Peter Doyle who represents the remainder of the Trust Supporters. Both directors are elected biannually by the members of the Trust.

A third Trust Board Director, Steve Tointon is also a Club Director in his own right.

There is a genuine opportunity for any adult trust member to become a Director on the Trust Board and the above boards.

Members of the Trust Board also meet monthly with the Club CEO, Liam Scully,

who is an honorary member of the Trust. The meetings have an open agenda and many various issues are discussed particularly with reference to the improvement of fans match day experience at the LNER stadium.

The Trust owns in excess of a million shares in Lincoln City Holdings Ltd, an amount soon to be increased, and also own shares in Lincoln City FC Ltd.

The Trust holds a free monthly draw for all members, the prize being a gift voucher for £50 to be spent at either of the club shops.

The Trust also holds an annual free draw for its members, the prize being a free season ticket for the LNER stadium for season 2020/2021 or alternatively, reimbursement of the cost of a ticket already purchased by the draw winner.

The Trust produces a free monthly online news sheet entitled "Impress" where you can catch up on all Trust and Club matters.





FPA NOTES FROM TREVOR SWINBURNE

The recent Lincoln City Former Players Association Annual General Meeting saw a few changes to our management structure. Some of this was brought about by the resignation of our Secretary Chris Elkington. Chris has relocated away from the area and while maintaining his presence at matches, Chris felt it difficult to maintain his involvement as Secretary.

I would like to record my thanks to Chris for his enthusiasm in setting up the FPA and the support he has given to me as Chairman. Chris's successor will be Donald Nannestad. Donald is well known as a club historian and is a published author on the football club.

Another change was the standing down as Vice Chairman of Warren Ward, Warrens work commitments have increased and while he will

maintain an active presence on the committee, the extra demands of Vice Chairman was proving difficult. Warren will be succeeded by Gavin Gordon. Gavin has quickly developed into an active committee member and will be an asset in the new role.

Other changes included Phil Hubbard and Dennis Leigh becoming committee members with Dennis also becoming a Vice President in recognition of his services to the club.

Double world boxing champion Nathan DeCastro was proposed as an Honorary Vice President in recognition of his achievements this year and the added profile he has given to the city. Nathan was presented with his FPA shirt at a recent visit to the Bracebridge Boxing Club by Gavin Gordon.

Nathan joined us at recent Sporting Memories visits to both the Tennyson Wharf Gentlemen's Club and to Age UK on Park Street. He had many requests for photographs with his two world title belts.

Planning has started for a busy football month we have coming up in April and May. The first game on April 17th, will be a rematch of last years game against the

British Heart Foundation at Lincoln United's Ashby Avenue, last years game attracted over 500 people and the FPA won on penalties.

Our second game will be on LNER Stadium on the new bank holiday May 8th, it is proposed that this match will be against an RAF Veterans XI with a lunch time kick off.

Our 3rd game will be a quadruple tournament with the FPA up against a Lincoln University team, an RAF Lincolnshire team and a team from our 2020 Charity Breast Cancer UK. It is planned that this will be an afternoon of family fun and entertainment taking place on Sunday May 17th.

For more details on the Former Players Association please check out their website on

www.lincolncityfpa.co.uk



SUPPORTERS TRUST SPONSORS LOCAL RADIO SPORTS SHOW

Join FPA Chairman Trevor Swinburne every Friday Night on Lincoln City Radio for The Sports Zone between 7 and 9pm, sponsored by the Trust.

Each week Trevor interviews people involved with local sport, as well as giving the latest sports news for the City.

Lincoln City Radio is available in Lincoln on 103.6 FM and also around the world on www.lincolncityradio.com



The Sports Zone is brought to you in association with The Red Imps Trust.

Overleaf, two more fascinating vintage 1950s Lincoln City reports from the archives of Trust Director Stephen Tointon.

Lincoln City v. Bristol Rovers

The Teams were..Bristol Rovers

Radford; Bamford, Fox; Pitt; Warren, Sampson;
Petherbridge, Bradford, Lambden, Meyer, Watling.

Lincoln City

Lowery; Green, Graham; Wright, Emery, Owen;
Munro, McDowell; Graver, Whittle, Finch.

The Score was Bristol Rovers..0..Lincoln City..1..

The Scorers were..Lincoln..McDowell

The Attendance was 24,650

The score is what Lincoln supporters must have thought was just about impossible. But Lincoln won the match because they scored even though the Rovers had long periods on the attack.

Graver was soon on the attack for Lincoln while at the other end Bradford retaliated for the Rovers. Whittle had a shot which the goalie held. Lincoln were then awarded a couple of free kicks which sent all the forwards up in the Bristol penalty area.

As it started to rain the Lincoln goal was crowded out and it was then the Rovers who were on top. Lowery saved twice and Emery was treated for a head injury. The Rovers were playing some good open football and then it was their turn to have an escape as all the Lincoln inside men had a go before the ball was finally turned away for a corner.

Lowery was hert when the play swung to the other end and then after 25 minutes the Lincoln team had the biggest let off of the day. Rovers missed a penalty. The ball hit Green when he had his back to the goalie and the ref. immediately gave a penalty which Warren blazed miles over the bar.

Lowery was working three times as hard as the Home goalie but the Lincoln defence was holding out. As the first half drew to a close the Imps were still fighting hard but were having very little luck.

At the re-start both defences were soon on the go but the Lincoln forwards were finishing very poorly. The little man with the big name, Petherbridge, was by far the Rovers most dangerous man and he was often causing havoc in the City goalmouth.

Lowery was often in the picture and he was obviously saving Lincoln's bacon. Lincoln got their reward for playing football when they scored after 67 minutes through McDowell. Graver out on the right wing received a pass from Wright and squared the ball across to the edge of the penalty area where McDowell met it first time.

The Rovers soon retaliated but were unable to score. A shot from Meyer hit the post but that was about as near as the Rovers came to scoring after that. Lincoln improved in their passing but their finishing still remained poor.

Lincoln City v. Plymouth Argyle

The Teams were.. Lincoln City

Lowery; Green, Graham; Wright, Emery, Owen;
Munro, Birch, Graver, Whittle, Finch.

Plymouth Argyle

Shortt; Robertson, Jones; Dougall, Chisholme, Porteous;
Thomas, McCroy, Tadman, Smith, Edds.

The Score was..Lincoln City..2..Plymouth Argyle..0..

The Scorers were..Graver (2).

The Attendance was 13,217

Lincoln were never really in any trouble against Plymouth at home. The visitors headed by their bearded chief, Chisholme. Who incidently was not as good as we had expected him to be. However inquiry tells one that he was at his best just at the end of the war.

Rain was falling when the match started but it did not stop Lowery making two saves early in the match, after a short Lincoln raid in which Whittle missed his shot, Plymouth were back on the attack but their finish looked dangerous when Lowery fumbled with a shot but the ball ended up by being kicked over the Lincoln bar.

The game was very scrappy at this stage as neither of the teams were playing good football. Graver was bothering the visitors with his speed. Finch had a brilliant run and shot almost a goal but for the grand save which Shortt pulled off.

Lincoln were now well on top and after one or two bangs at goal by Whittle which were blocked and a spanking drive of forty yards by Graham which Shortt did well to hold, the ball went to Birch who made his way towards a group of players before passing the ball to Graver who beat Shortt with a Hook.

Lincoln then continued to be well on top until half time. Shortt had incidently dislocated his finger holding the Graham drive. Lincoln were well on top and it was only once that the visitors came near the Lincoln goal before the Home team were two up.

It was another Birch/Graver move that brought it. The Inside forward got the ball through before pulling his back pass to Graver who beat Shortt with a ground shot. The goalie was unsited and dived far too late.

It was Graver who was going through well when he found that the Ref. had blown for off side. A very unfair decision.

Lincoln were now playing some very good football and Birch was really shinning. Graver hit the ball past the wrong side of the post. It was now certain that the visitors would not score as they were showing up poorly against a Lincoln defence in which Green and Emery were very prominent.



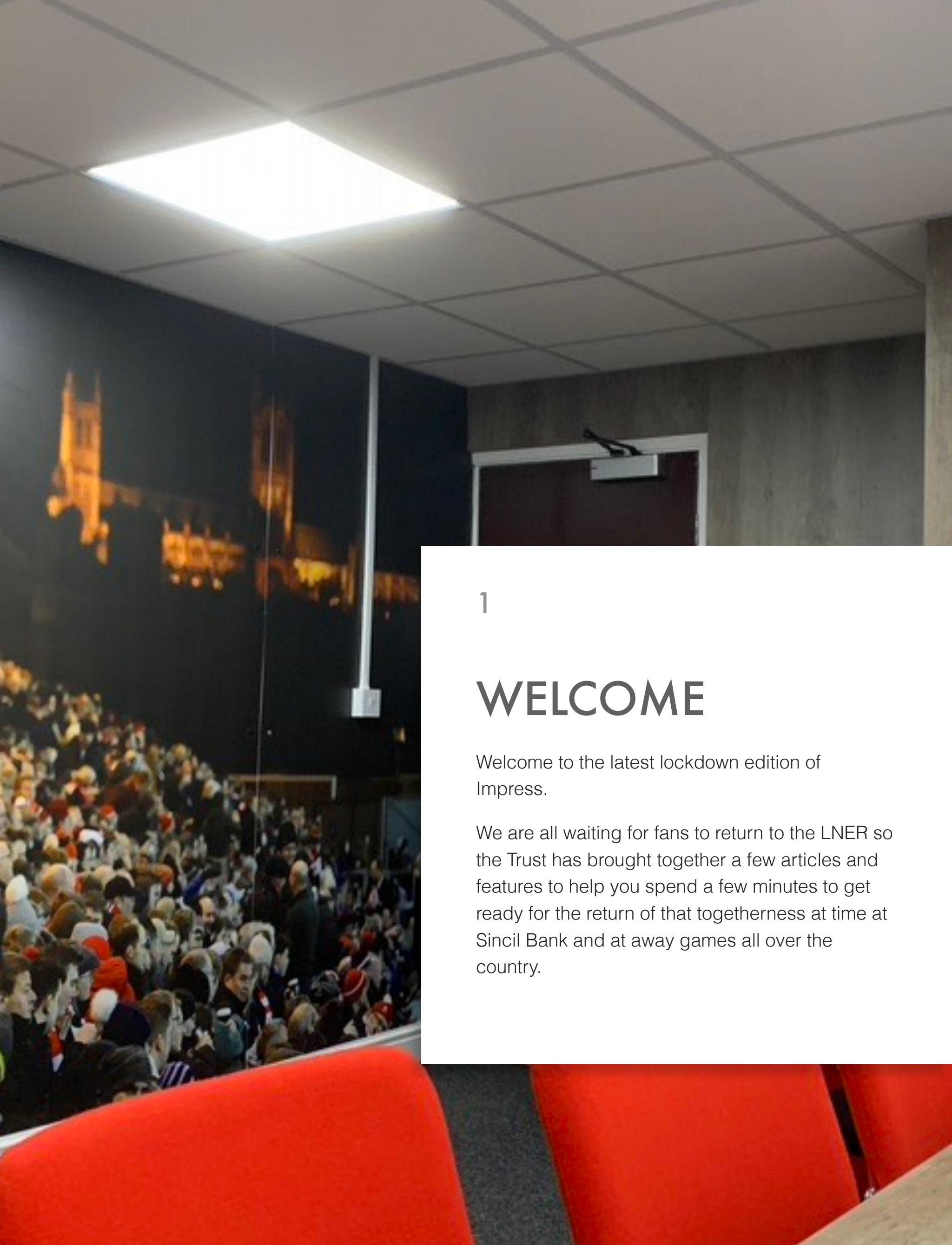
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WELCOME

Welcome to the latest lockdown edition of Impress.

We are all waiting for fans to return to the LNER so the Trust has brought together a few articles and features to help you spend a few minutes to get ready for the return of that togetherness at time at Sincil Bank and at away games all over the country.



THANK YOU

The Red Imps Community Trust would like to place on record our thanks to the players who have left the club at the end of their current contracts.

Michael Bostwick, Neal Eardley, Lee Freckington, Josh Vickers, Tom Pett and Jason Shackell have all been regular squad members and provided Imps fans with memories which will remain with us for ever.

Neal Eardley has been our sponsored player for the past two years and we have always been proud of Neal's performances.

Wherever your next steps lie, the **Red Imps Community Trust** wish you well and hope we can welcome you back to LNER Stadium in the future.

Trevor Swinburne

Vice Chairman Red Imps Community Trust



AGM 2020

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of Lincoln City Supporters Society Ltd will take place on Thursday, 1st October 2020, commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be virtual and restricted to 100 members.

Members of the Trust who wish to take part in the AGM must apply to do so via email to rictsecretary@outlook.com no later than Friday 18th September 2020.

As nominations have now closed for both the Trust Director on the club board and general Trust directors, any Trust Member that wishes to stand as a co-opted director of the Trust, please contact the Trust Secretary on the email above for more details.

An official notice convening the meeting together with associated documentation will be sent to you once the closing date for nominations for the above position has passed.



A FEW WORDS FROM ROB BRADLEY

In Lincoln City's history I think it's fair to say that the best times - the championships, promotions, and play-offs - have taken place when everyone involved in the club have felt part of that success. Of course it's the managers and players who make things happen and it's the board of directors and staff who give them the support to do so. But the very best times are when every single supporter feels they are important too, they have felt involved, and they've made a contribution.

Graham Taylor was of course a forerunner in involving the fans and people in Lincoln generally in what he did for our club. The factory visits, players going in local schools, and his genuinely open approach all meant that when records were broken and Lincoln City won the

league by a canter, it was a triumph of his all-for-one and one-for-all ethos.

Colin Murphy engaged with everyone at the club when he fought tooth and nail to get the Imps back in the Football League at the first attempt after a disastrous departure from it. His characteristics and the way he faced such a huge challenge meant that everyone bought in to Murphy's Mission.

He loved the support and we loved him.

In the early 2000s when the club had its back to the wall, much-missed Keith Alexander worked miracles on a minuscule budget. Under him the club as a whole was as one when it came to its very survival and surprising excursions into play-off territory.



Years later and enter Danny and Nicky Cowley.

Their appreciation of how Lincoln City fans could lift his players even further than they had already was clearly very important to them. Coupled with their friendliness and approachable nature was the business style of chairman Clive Nates who puts great emphasis of supporters feeling a part of things and being fully attached to the club's plans.

The Trust here at Lincoln City has, for twenty years, promoted supporter-involvement as a 'good thing'. Over that period two Trust members have served on the Board of Directors meaning that the fans' voice plays a part in the decision-making of the organisation at the highest level. Clearly as the club has grown over the last few years other supporters groups have appeared and grown in number. They too do a superb job in being a part of the club and

making a contribution. Many many fans at other clubs have no such supporter involvement and envy the set-up here at Lincoln.

Things at a club never toddle along at the same pace. Fortunes change from good to bad and back to good again. People leave and new people arrive. One of the best ways to provide solidity and deal with the challenges that crop up almost every day is for everyone to stick together. That's the **Red Imps Community Trust** ethos and if we keep pushing that and supporting our members and the club itself, then we, with others, could play a significant part in the progress of Lincoln City for many years to come.

Rob



FPA NOTES FROM TREVOR SWINBURNE

The lockdown and subsequent stop of most social activities has hit everyone hard and this includes the Lincoln City Former Players Association whose core function is to interact with fans of all ages and promote the FPA, RICT and of course Lincoln City Football Club.

I and other committee members have been busy contacting our elder members and I am pleased to report that at the time of contact everyone was well and staying safe in these remarkable times.

While we have been unable to have get togethers a great deal of work has gone into individual projects such as George Shipley's 35 mile walk to raise funds for the Bradford Burns Unit and to acknowledge the 35th anniversary of the horrendous day back in May 1985.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Both the FPA and the RICT made generous contributions to George's fund raising efforts and a sum of approaching £1,000 was raised.

We have also been proactive in trying to attract new former players to our association. The turnover of the playing squad in the last 18 months has been incredible and whilst most players have moved onto other clubs some players are keen to be remembered for their

contributions during our recent seasons of outstanding achievements. Recent additions to our membership include Harry Toffolo, Simon Weaver, Roger Cleary, Dixie McNeil and John Gregson.

We have been approached to play in a charity raising match against a team from Lincoln County Hospital to raise funds for an NHS charity, obviously when we can get people together it would be nice to be allowed to play the game on Sincil Bank.

It promises to be a busy period once the lockdown ends as we will need to catch up with our annual football match against the

British Heart Foundation FC for the Peter Burr Trophy as well as our annual golf match for the



John Reames Trophy at the Sleaford Golf Club. It has to be said that we defend both trophies.

Stay safe and I hope we can all get back to watching live football at Sincil Bank in the not too distant future.

Trevor

Check out the Former Players Association website at

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

Picture above - Trevor Swinburne is joined by Tony Battersby and Richard Cooper, photo courtesy of Graham Burrell



FACE THE IMPS!

Enterprising Imps fan Jon Clack has been busy with helping protect emergency services staff - and the public - with a rather specially designed series of face masks. Here's his story!

They were approached by a manufacturer who normally produces motorcycle race wear (including face covers) with an offer to produce some not for profit LCFC face covers. We wanted to avoid anyone jumping on this idea and not involving the club so we engaged with the manufacturer to discuss the terms of the offer. Consultation has now taken place with the club via the supporters board and various supporters groups and interest was good enough for us to proceed with design & manufacturing. These covers will also double as neckerchiefs/bandanas (for cold match days - when we are back) and headbands to tame your lockdown hair thanks to their all round the head elastic (not ear hooks). The covers will be washable and double sided and 2 designs have been produced in adults & children's sizes. The price per face cover will be £6.99 (child's will be £5.99) and this included a £1 donation per face cover sold to the football club to help them in a very difficult time financially.

What a season !!

We saw it all last season. Lincoln on top of the league and Lincoln at the bottom while in the end, landing half way. There was never a dull moment. One can pick out outstanding games, matches against Internationals and playing on famous grounds. They have had their photographs in the papers, they have made a name in each town they played. But what have they gained from it all?

Experience is obviously the chief item achieved. The thought of having played in the Second Division and maintained a reasonable position will be a great asset to the team.

Lincoln started the year with players who were used to scoring a lot of goals and winning a lot of matches. They step into a higher division and what happens? They straight way come up against stiffer resistance and the result is that fewer goals are scored and less matches are won— That has a great deal of effect on the team. They feel they are not playing so well and loose heart and when that happens the team hits a bad patch.

At the beginning of last season Lincoln had very few players who had played in higher class football namely:- Second Division. I know players like Doug.s Wright and Graham have but when they played they were amongst players who had experience. They play with the Lincoln team and what happens? The inexperienced loose heart and worry then sooner or later they begin to do so as well.

Having maintained a reasonable position, because half way is a reasonable position, it is now time to rebuilt the team to make an attempt at the First Division. I know it is very easy to sit here and say such a thing but every Lincoln supporter has or should have that feeling in mind.

To run through the team and have in mind last seasons matches one immediately sees the weaknesses. The wings have never been a strong point in the Lincoln team and players that they have got I fear that not any of them look like making a first class grade. Finch is the best of the poor lot. He was dropped in the middle of the season and was re-called to fill an Inside position of which he is incapable of doing. In the latter part of the season he resumed his old position and played some very good games indeed. One of which was against Leicester. Kerr would "come" I believe if he was coached. But coaching is a weak spot in the Lincoln club and so Kerr does not improve. He is at the right age and has the wingman's build, but with a team such as Lincoln until they have got another trainer- coach he is wasting his time. I beleive that if he went to a team such as Manchester United he would become a real good winger.

The Inside men have always been too small. Lincoln now have three small Inside men. Garvie, Whittle and Birch. Each of whom are very good when on form but they each have too many off-days. I see Lincoln have signed a new Inside from Workington and although I do not know any details about him yet I nevertheless have some hope!

The centre forward position has been shared throughout the season by Graver and Gibson. For Gibson one can certainly say that

he is a trier, but one can spent a very long time discussing Graver. He is one of the players whom everyone in Lincoln had great hopes in. He started the season in quite good form but somehow towards the end he went completely off form. He will no doubt have benefited by his summer recess from football and we hope for better results from him next season. I believe he has gained a great deal of experience in one way or another.

Lincoln's defence throughout last season had a great deal of work to do and have carried the burden very well. I think that once or twice around Christmas they gave away some silly goals which either cost them some wins or draws, nevertheless they tightened up at the end as the results show. So next season they should have the right amount of experience and luck to play some good football.

The half-backs I reserve no comment for. Emery has proved himself to be a promising player of the future. Doug. Wright's age began to tell at the end of the season but I expect he will be maintained in the team for the sake of being captain because, as experience has shown when Wright was ill when Lincoln played Rotherham the results were bad only because there was nobody to hold them together at the end.

The full backs have played well. Green, although the oldest man in the side was the most consistent and his first season in Division Two was no doubt the best he ever played and is likely to play. Graham, his companion, also played well although once or twice he developed a poor type of performance.

The goalkeepers have been Jones and Lowery. Both of whom played when one of them was injured or off-form. There is always controversy to which is the better goalkeeper. Both have made mistakes which have cost the side vital points but both of them have played some very good matches. For Lowery I will say that he is not so showy as he used to be when he first came to Lincoln. For Jones I will say that his kicking has greatly improved.

From the first team we turn to the reserves. This side has had their best season for a great many years and they finished in the first six. They have played some entertaining football, scoring a great many goals and getting a great many laughs. One match they scored six goals before half time!!

The attendance at the reserve matches have been very good. The best was when Freddie Truman played against Peterborough and there were over 7,000 people present. There again in the reserves, coaching is lacking for a reserve team such as Lincoln's with so many youngsters and to maintain such a high position there must be talent somewhere.

Lincoln have not signed many close season people. There have been one or two Amateurs placed on the books but apart from McDowell from Workington, Lincoln have not succeeded in capturing anybody else except a centre-half from Bolton. No doubt there will be more to come. We hope!!

Some general points to conclude with. A great improvement was made when they terraced the Sincil Bank. It ought to have been done a long time ago but at last it has been completed. The Supporters Club started in last seasons close and has done many things already besides giving the club over a thousand pounds.

So we look to the future with great hopes of a successful and prosperous season for 1953-54.



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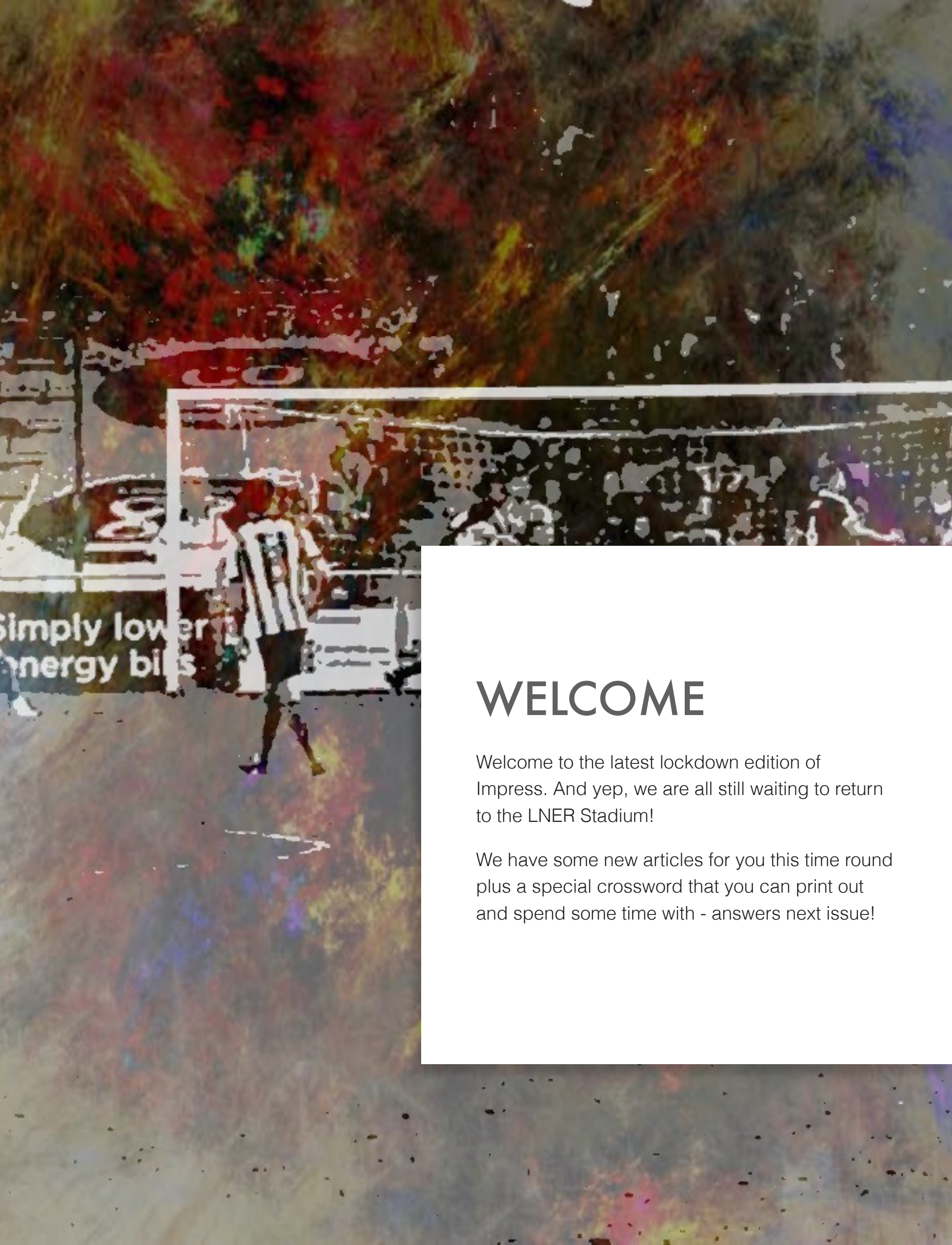
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WELCOME

Welcome to the latest lockdown edition of Impress. And yep, we are all still waiting to return to the LNER Stadium!

We have some new articles for you this time round plus a special crossword that you can print out and spend some time with - answers next issue!



Welcome to issue 6 of Impress, the electronic newsletter of the Red Imps Community Trust.

As I write this brief message OUR CLUB sit proudly top of league 1, 4 points clear with a game in hand over 2nd placed Hull City with 27



games played. Also, we are looking forward to a Papa John's Trophy Semi Final away at Sunderland. Heady days indeed for the Mighty Imps.

I would like to dedicate this message to the RICT Media Team. In quarter 4 2020, we decided as a board to completely overhaul our Media and PR output. Rob Bradley our Trust Board representative on the club board was to oversee this.

The Media Team headed up by Steve Freestone, who is the Editor of the Impress Newsletter and also manages the RICT website www.redimpstrust.co.uk was to be joined by Robbie Holmes and Rick Lalka who would lead PR on Social Media platforms Twitter @Trustinlfc, Facebook

The Red Imps Community Trust and Instagram. The team also launched the RICT You Tube channel.

The work this team have put into their project is nothing short of incredible (in my opinion). The videos put on You Tube of the interviews with Amanda Slater our Trust Gold

Member representative on the club board, Rob Bradley and I were very professional and received excellent attention. Hits on Social Media platforms are increasing weekly with our Man of the Match etc output. You can view all our Social Media activities on www.redimpstrust.co.uk

At this point I would like to also mention and thank Andrew Blow a lifelong Imp and a Gold Member of the Trust. Andrew compiled our 20 th Century Anniversary Video that is on You Tube and our web site.

All this and we are only getting started. UTI.

Supporting our Club, our Fans and our Community.

Peter Doyle

Chair of the Red Imps Community Trust.



20+ YEARS OF THE SUPPORTERS TRUST

The Red Imps Supporters Trust at Lincoln City recognised its 20th anniversary in October this year, and in an industry where longevity is the exception rather than the rule, this is surely pretty good going.

As chair of the newly formed Trust at Sincil Bank I had the honour of representing the members and the fans in general in the boardroom all those years ago. The ideals of the Trust then are pretty much as they are now. This includes fundraising to help the club, having a voice in how it is run, and providing a service to our members and all supporters by keeping them informed, putting on events, and much more.

The early years were not without incident. After the Trust was established, the then chairman stood down, and in terms of ownership and governance, the club was in limbo. Eventually a hybrid community ownership model took over featuring the Red Imps Supporters Trust in partnership with a

group of local businesses people, including Lincolnshire Co-operative.

The financial state of the club at that time was not good and the ITV Digital collapse saw Lincoln City hanging to life by a thread. The change of ownership of the club from, in effect, a single individual, to a very broad form of stewardship including the fans, meant that the whole community was galvanised into working incredibly hard and ultimately saving the Imps from possible extinction.

In those twenty years the Red Imps Community Trust has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for Lincoln City, owned a million plus shares in the club, and has always had two members democratically elected onto the LCFC Board of Directors. It also looks to make a contribution to the local community too, and donates sums to worthy local causes.

It's not all a bed of roses though, and like the parent club the Trust has had its highs and sometimes very lows. There have been times when its whole purpose has been questioned by the club and the fans in general when the way it has been run has been seen as less than acceptable. Generally though the Red Imps Community Trust is a relatively successful story in fan engagement and positive involvement.

The best times at Lincoln City over the years have been when everyone feels a part of the club. This includes the early Trust years when much loved and sorely missed manager Keith Alexander wove his magic with his lowly paid but hugely determined scratch squad that achieved so much.

Years later this applies now too where admirable current chairman Clive Nates and his colleagues have led the club with a mix of generous investment, excellent business acumen, along with a strong philosophy of all for one and one for all and genuine respect for everyone who's got Imps blood in their veins. The recent success on the pitch and the current stature of the club are testament to their skilful leadership.

Nothing stays the same in football as we all know, and the challenges for the Trust as it looks to the future and the next twenty years are as daunting as ever. Set up when the club was a much different, and smaller, animal to the one it is now, the Red Imps Community Trust will need to remain relevant in how it sets its strategies and how it continues to contribute to the club on behalf of its members.

That's football though whatever role you have, and you either sink or swim depending on the decisions you make and the work you put in. I'm sure that whatever course the Trust here in Lincoln sets off on from now it will do what's best for the football club, and that's the most important thing of all.

This article written by Rob Bradley first appeared in Late Tackle Magazine -

<https://www.latetacklemagazine.com>

Check out the Trust's 20th Anniversary video at <http://www.redimpstrust.co.uk>



ROB BRADLEY

A few years ago the numbers watching Lincoln City were pretty modest. In a ground with 10,000 capacity usually on a good day only around a third of those seats were occupied as the team battled away in League Two and then in Non-League.

Traditionally those running the club have relied on a particular brand of the club's support - its core support - to back the team and contribute reliable income. It was accepted, with great gratitude, there would always be a core support of around 2,500 Imps-mad people who'd be there through thick and thin. To those fans their club isn't an easily disposed of pastime but a way of life and no less.

These days the attendances are of course much higher. Success in the National League and extraordinary feats in the FA Cup attracted many more people into the ground. They've stayed as events on the pitch have got even better and as the club has grown off it. If this appalling virus hadn't

took hold there'd no doubt be nigh on 10,000 home fans enjoying the team and their remarkable progress this season.

People love to watch a winning football team especially if it's their local one. At all clubs it's where new support comes from. The new faces at the LNER stadium are just as welcome as the old ones.

With attendances like the club has now, it's much harder to work out what the core support is. That's the volume of people who won't drift away if and when fortunes on the pitch aren't quite as exciting. It's an important thing to try and establish because the club's sustainability depends on it, along with investment, TV income, and the rest.

After a couple of home defeats a very tiny vocal minority of fans got active with the keyboards again and there were some disappointing comments made bearing in mind how well things have gone thus far.

The club has benefitted massively by the involvement of new people at the highest level within the club, some of them living thousands of miles away. As well as working remotely with staff they rely on various forms of media to monitor how things are looking. It's very disappointing

therefore to think they might witness short-tempered criticism after everything they've made happen and are making happen now.

The numbers of Lincoln City fans today who've got the bug and who'll be the core support for years to come will be pivotal to the long-term fortunes of the club. They'll be the supporters who view things in a balanced way and who appreciate what those in charge of club governance are trying to do.



Let's hope that the core support from years gone by has grown and grown amongst the huge numbers who want to watch the team now. Our club will be all the better for it and the job of those at the top of the club structure will be that bit easier.

Rob.



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WORDS FROM THE FPA

Due to the current pandemic and lockdown the activities of the Lincoln City Former Players Association have been severely curtailed along with everyone else.

We keep in contact with one another and continue to hold our regular monthly meetings via Zoom, trying to maintain a business as usual approach.

Our board has seen a change in recent months as Warren Ward, Mark Hone and Dennis Leigh have all left the board, while remaining members. They have been replaced by former players Terry Cooper and Roger Holmes, while former secretary Chris Elkington returns to the board as Publicity Director.

In these days of financial difficulty it is important that everyone contributes to the sustainability of the football club, the FPA find themselves in a

position where we can assist the club by sponsoring the upcoming FA Youth Cup tie against Watford and also three members of the backroom staff, all which help the club.



We have been invited to play in a number of charity football matches once we are able and will keep you informed of details as and when they become available

Trevor Swinburne

Chairman FPA

Check out the Former Players Association directly at their website with all the latest information -

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HOW OUR GAME IS GOVERNED

The achievements of Marcus Rashford in projecting the need to fight child poverty have been very impressive. It shows that actions and words used by high-profile footballers can carry a lot of weight even if they enter debates that are not part of their usual domain.

Gary Neville is another. He's a very good pundit and his work with former colleagues and investors at lifting Salford City to prominence, although far from a rags-to-riches story, shows his undoubted ambition and business skills.

He's also part of a group who are criticising the governance of football. He's put his name to a 'Manifesto for Change' in how football is run, which includes calls for an Independent Regulator. Part of this manifesto asks that there's a fairer distribution of funds across the game so that the existence of clubs down the pyramid isn't so tenuous.

Since Project Big Picture was kicked down the road the Premier League have set up their own review. The government, in their election manifesto, promised a Whole Game review including input from fans, and the Football Supporters Association back this. The FA,

The first principle in the governance of anything, be it a parish council or a multi-national, is that there's independence in decision-making. Vested interests speaking up and influencing things is not the right way. Our summer game, cricket, which I have some experience in,

changed their governance methods to avoid the impact of self-interest. It's such a shame this isn't the case in football.

It might be a touch ironic if Gary Neville, a former Premier League star, makes a difference and clubs at the top make more of a contribution towards the sustainability of

smaller clubs and



supposedly the guardians of the game, will presumably work with HMG in this review, but, quite frankly, they need to get a move on under the circumstances.

The Trust here in Lincoln, just like at many other clubs, work hard on issues and actions local to our club, but we need to speak up about the state of the national game and how it is run. Supporters Direct used to be the body who'd promote Trusts' concerns, but they merged with the FSA, who now, in my opinion, need to speak up more.

the grass-roots game below that. If he does though, he'll be well respected by fans generally, just like Marcus Rashford is by the whole population for his achievements in another massively important area.

Rob Bradley



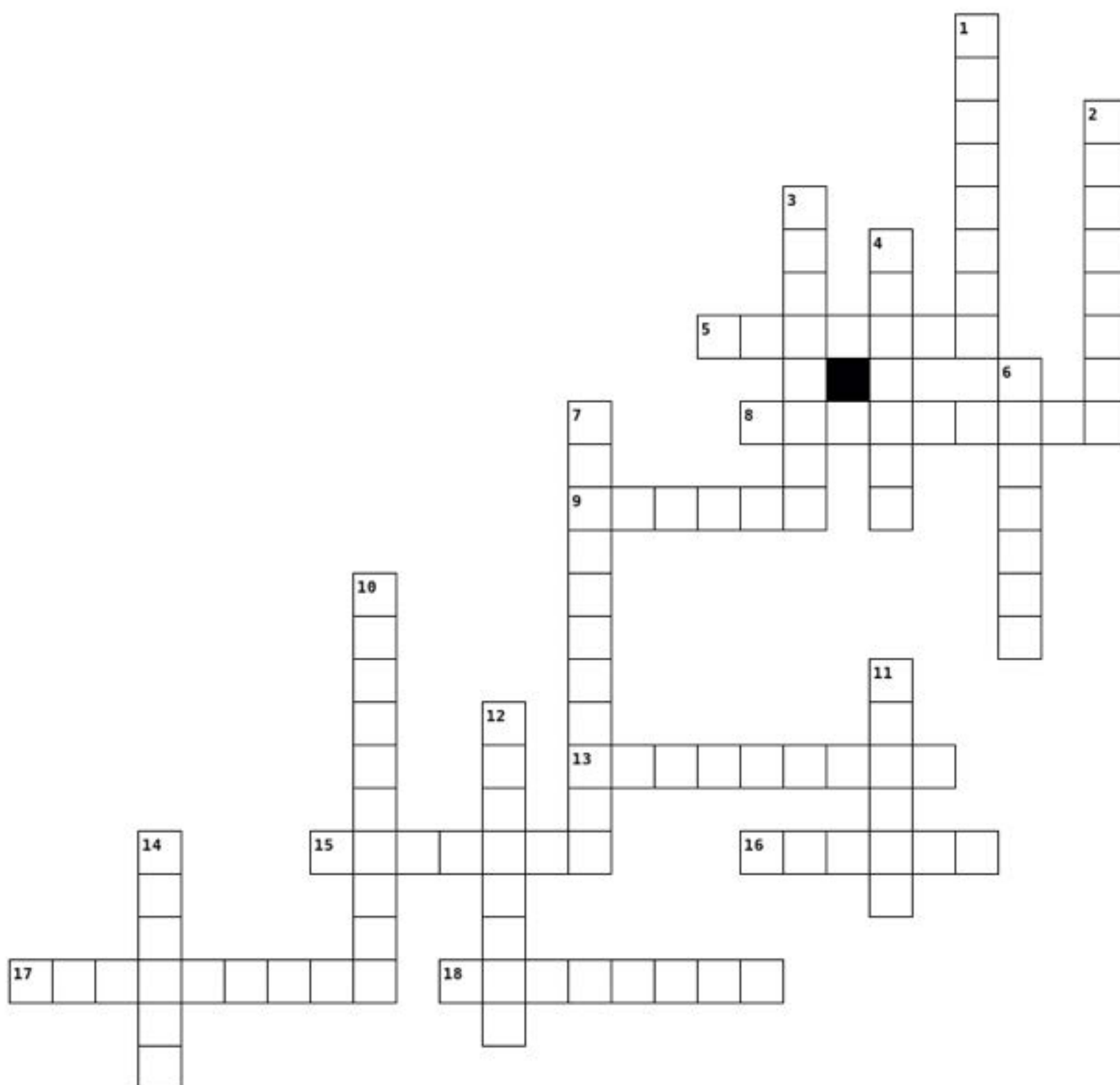
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COFFEE MORNINGS WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Friday 12 February saw a coffee morning with a difference, where Trust Chairman Pete Doyle, Vice Chairman Trevor Swinburne and Trust Club Director Rob Bradley held a virtual one with 20 other fans - and a very special guest - scorer of some rather important goals for Lincoln City in recent history - Nathan Arnold! Nathan stayed with us throughout the morning, telling us stories of his time with Lincoln, his career and also what he is doing now.



The Red Imps Community Trust hope to put on coffee mornings every fortnight, so please check social media to find out when the next one is or contact coffee@redimpstrust.co.uk to be put on the list. The meetings are available via Zoom.



Across

- 5.** first winner at Hull's new place
- 8.** Harry and Bill
- 9.** 4-0 cup defeat for Sutton
- 13.** Runners up in 2016/7
- 15.** Tinker, Solder, Spy?
- 16.** St Nat?
- 17.** That ferret was crazy
- 18.** played here 8 April 2018

Down

- 1.** Lord of the Imps
- 2.** signed from Carlisle and got promoted
- 3.** came down the A46 in the 1980s
- 4.** Lee Chapman was born down this street
- 6.** The Professional's Boss
- 7.** Reg who managed
- 10.** TLC sang about him, singly
- 11.** This green signed for Boston
- 12.** beat them for promotion in 1988
- 14.** feed and he will score



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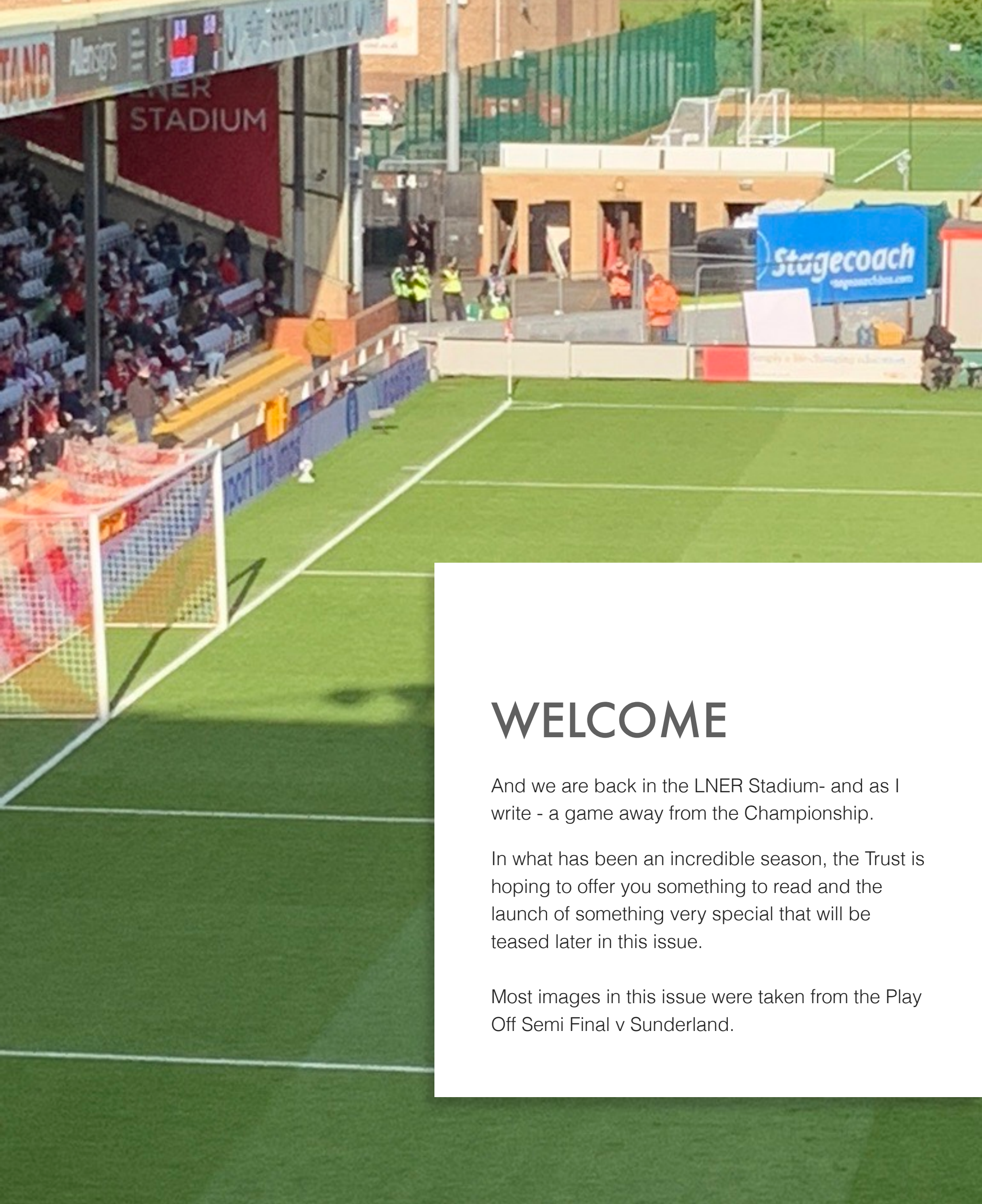
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WELCOME

And we are back in the LNER Stadium- and as I write - a game away from the Championship.

In what has been an incredible season, the Trust is hoping to offer you something to read and the launch of something very special that will be teased later in this issue.

Most images in this issue were taken from the Play Off Semi Final v Sunderland.



I am proud and honoured to be associated as a member of the Red Imps Community Trust for the past five years.

During this period I have served as a board member and I currently hold the position of chairman. I also served as the trust representative on the LCFC board for two years.

I never imagined at anytime that that these five years would coincide with the unbelievable success of LCFC.

As I pen these few words, we await the play off final to achieve championship league status.

Let's hope we can maintain our unbeaten run at Wembley Stadium.



The people within The Red Imps Community Trust and LCFC are a pleasure to be associated with, dedication and commitment do not come near to describing their work.

What will the next five years hold for us all? Who knows, however, I'm sure they will be eventful as always. After all

this is Lincoln City FC.

Peter Doyle

Chair of the Red Imps Community Trust.





NOTES FROM THE FPA

As I write these notes the outcome of the Imps season is unknown but whatever the result at Wembley on Sunday, this season has, undoubtedly, exceeded all our expectations.

Another visit to Wembley is the icing on the cake, let's hope the outcome is similar to the Checkatrade Trophy final a few years ago.

To be back at the LNER on Wednesday night representing the Former Players Association alongside John Kennedy and Gavin Gordon was an absolute pleasure.

Before entering the stadium we took part in the banner parade welcoming all fans back to the ground on behalf of the Trust, with many other Trust colleagues. Footage was taken by Sky TV and was promoted to all viewers watching the Sky coverage.

It was a terrific atmosphere all evening made so much better by the result, which proved to decide the tie over the two legs.

The Former Players Association is gradually filling up our calendar after the lockdown our first formal appointment is the defence of the John Reames Trophy at Sleaford Golf Club. This is an annual challenge match for the trophy held in honour of our former chairman and manager, the FPA currently hold the trophy and are keen not to let it go.

On behalf of both the Former Players Association and the Red Imps Community Trust I would like to wish you a lovely summer and look forward to getting together in August, regardless of the division we are in.

Trevor Swinburne

Chairman FPA

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Prior to the Hull City game at the LNER stadium, I was delighted to host the Red Imps Community Trust Gold Members in our third and final meeting of the 2020/2021 season. The pandemic has brought about a number of logistical challenges, least not how to run our popular Gold Members meetings that usually bring together our membership from across

the country three times a year to Sincil Bank for a social gathering, an insight into the inner workings of our beloved football club and (hopefully) a good result in the football.

Thanks to some creative thinking – and Zoom – we have moved our meetings to a virtual platform this season, enabling us to still get together, and whilst we’ve had to provide our own “virtual buffet” everything else has tried to be as loyal to the original format as possible. It’s been a learning curve for us all, managing so many people eager to speak without the usual visual cues that it is “your turn”; but we’ve followed the general rule of “use the raise hand tool if you can find it, and if you can’t, wave your hand vigorously at the camera and we will know you have a question!”.

For our final meeting we were honoured to welcome Chairman Clive Nates, Vice-Chairman Jay Wright, and CEO Liam Scully to talk about everything Lincoln City, and whilst the topic of the European Super League was inevitable, we also covered budgets, investment and plans for the future infrastructure of the club.



We were then joined by the gaffer, Michael Appleton, to get an update on the first team, the starting line up and his plans for the end of the season and beyond, in what is always an insightful and honest session. Jez George and Jordan McCann then took us through the processes we are following to identify and attract top talent. We got a look at the hours of hard work put in to ensure that we are the first

choice destination for the very best in up and coming loan talents; and Jordan described how far we have come with the Academy, and the importance of the all-round educational offering we are able to offer to our scholars thanks to our partnership with the Lincoln Minster School.

Our final session of the day saw us joined by Former Players Association members Trevor Swinburne, Matt Carmichael, and Gordon Hobson. Time flew by listening to their memories of their playing days at Lincoln City – always a popular segment of the meeting for our members.

This was our final meeting in what has been a very unusual season, and we hope that very soon normal service will be resumed, and we will be able to meet face to face at the home of football once again.

With our thanks to all our guests this season, and to our members who have been patient and understanding as our virtual meetings have evolved over the course of the pandemic!

With Best Wishes & Up the

Mandi Slater RICT Gold Member Director.



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Something new is coming from the Red Imps Community Trust

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WELCOME

Thank you this issue to Trevor Swinburne, Rick Lalka, Andrew Porter and Kate Jackson for their contributions.

If you would like to write something for the next issue please contact us at media@redimpstrust.co.uk

Also please consider using our new business Trust members -





TRUST LOCKDOWN ACHIEVEMENTS 2020-21

Carried out a full top-to-bottom review of the organisation.

Adopted the new Red Imps Community Trust 2021 Strategy Document including our strap line 'Supporting our Fans Our Club Our Community', stating our Aims and Objectives, and our Actions to meet them.

Sponsoring two Lincoln City FC players and one Lincoln City Women FC player.

Written a regular RICT column in the Lincolnshire Echo.

Produced and launched our '20IN2020' 20th year anniversary video documentary.

Grown our media team, increased our social media and website output, and increased our following by 30%.

Represented Trust members at bi-monthly LCFC Board of Directors' meetings.

Adopted the British Heart Foundation as our 2021 Charity Partner including making donations and promoting their activities.

Established closer links with other LCFC fans' groups and other members of the LCFC 'family' including the LCFC Foundation.

Recruited new volunteers to work with the Red Imps Community Trust board.

Held on-line events with special guests for our Gold Members.

Carried out community activities with local community groups.

Built up links with Lincoln University Sports and Business Faculty with joints projects planned for Autumn 2021.

Held on-line 'Coffee Mornings' for members with special guests attending.

Held regular Man of the Match and Player of the Month polls.

Held a Red Imps Community Trust Fan of the Season competition with winner Chris Wray receiving his trophy at the recent LCFC Meet the Players event.

Set up and launched the Red Imps Community Trust on-line Fans' Museum.

Issued our on-line 'Impress' magazine.

Negotiated with LCFC for Red Imps Community Trust membership to be included in 2021-22 LCFC memberships thereby increasing our membership into the thousands.

Submitting our views to Tracey Crouch MP as part of the Fan-Led Review into Football Governance.

Planned for post-lockdown when supporters back including our Red Imps Community Trust stand in the Fans' Village, and future events and fundraising.



During pre-season the Red Imps Community Trust attended the sponsors meet and greet day down at the LNER Stadium.

Part of this day was to finally meet up with Chris Wray, the author and artist of Imptoons and award him the very first Fan of the Season 2020-21 from the Trust.

Check out social media for a video of the day as well as an interview with Chris.

Top left - the plate awarded to Chris

Bottom left - players sign for sponsors and their guests

Right - Chris Wray is awarded the plate from City striker Tom Hopper

Some more images of Sincil Bank from our day at the sponsors meet and greet, including a look at the brand new temporary stand on the next page





BACK AT THE BANK!

On Saturday August 14 the 2021-22 campaign began at Sincil Bank with a good home win against Fleetwood Town.

Before the game, the Red Imps Community Trust had a very vibrant marquee stall in the Fan's Village at the ground. During the couple of hours operation before the game, the Trust gave out badges, posters, fixture cards and more Imptoons cards to eager fans, as well as passing on information about the Trust and even some help to away supporters!

Also we are going to have a on going competition at each game for a chance to win signed Lincoln City shirts from last season! Come and see us!

Here's a few images of the day....



Above - ex Imps Matt Carmichael and Gavin Gordon chat about the season ahead with Supporter Director Rob Bradley



Welcome to the Red Imps Community Trust Virtual Fans' Museum. We hope you enjoy your visit!

This museum is by fans for fans. The Trust are delighted to host it as part of our ongoing fan engagement

WHAT'S NEW

- Friendly v Nottingham Forest 1988-9 Programme Cover
- Souvenirs of a First Match
- Graham Taylor Cutting Lincolnshire Chronicle 1970-1
- One Hell of a Season
- Peter Jackson at Fans Forum 2008-9
- Sun Soccer Cards 1978-9
- Cambridge United's First League Game 1970-1
- In Loving Memory
- David Longhurst 1965-1990
- Abandoned Game Programme Cover – York City 1992-3

RED IMPS COMMUNITY TRUST NEWS

<http://www.redimpstrust.co.uk/news/>

WELCOME TO THE MUSEUM!

During lockdown, the Trust board got together to bring ideas as to ways we can stay in contact with both members of the Trust as well as the wider fan community – and many of these came to fruition as listed in the last programme notes from the Trust.

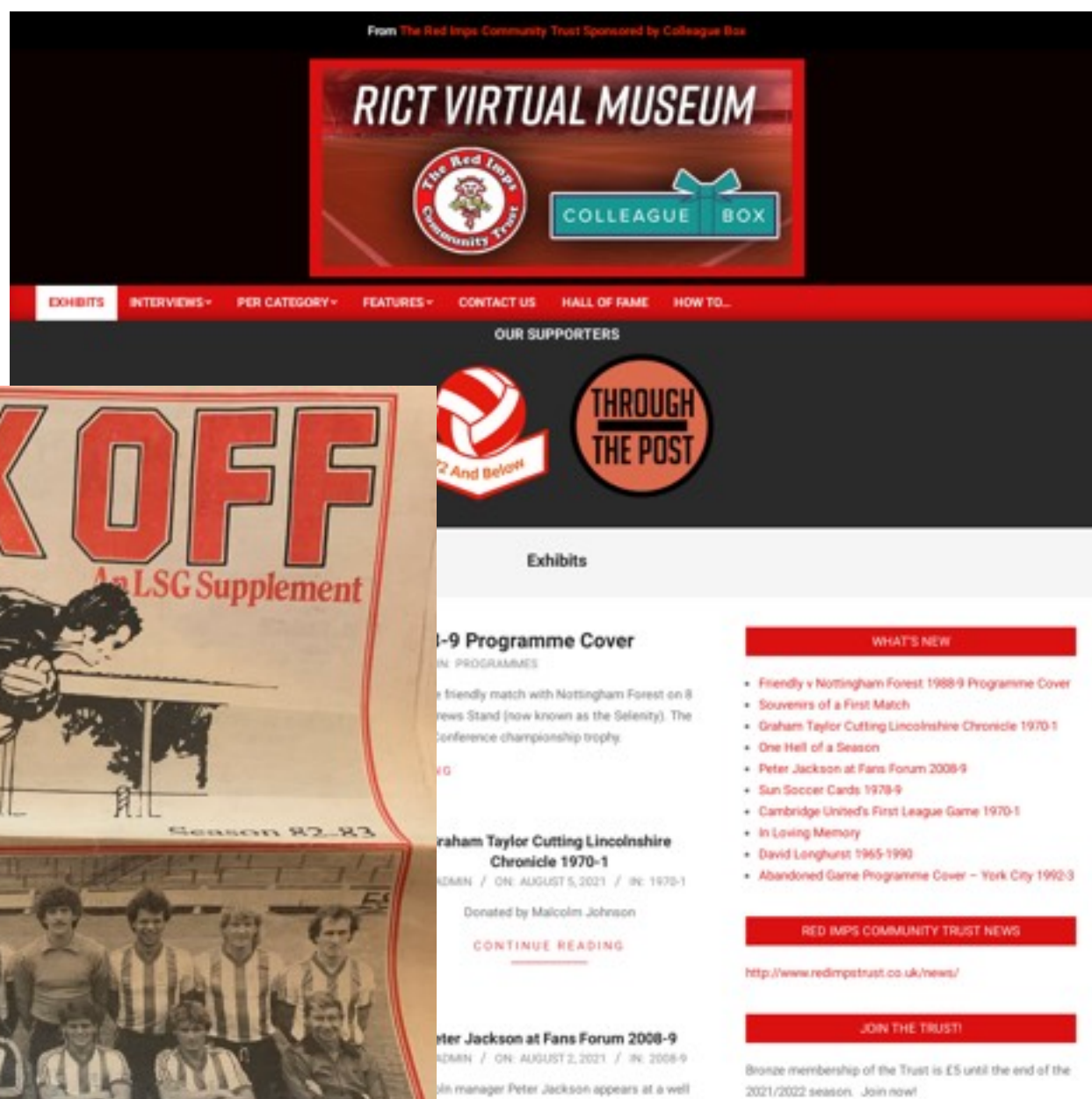
One of the ideas which became very popular with the Trust Board was to bring together memories and merchandise and create another M – a museum, albeit one that exists on the internet. Over many weeks and months of building the cyber infrastructure and testing (something that the Gold Members of the Trust helped with and that we are very thankful for!), as well as receiving some incredible photographs of Imps related exhibits, we launched the museum publicly in late June.

The RICT Museum allows any Imps fan with rare or collectable pieces to show them off to the Imps community. If you have a story about your piece or pieces, even better.



If you wish to remain anonymous, we can also make sure of that as well. Every person who submits to the Museum is placed on our Hall of Fame, which even includes ex players.

The Museum itself isn't just a place to look at photographs though, as we already have a growing section filling up with interviews with



Imps related personalities. The FPA's own Trevor Swinburne & Gavin Gordon are already featured, as well as current Trust Director and ex Chairman Rob Bradley in a three part interview.

Coming in early September, we are releasing another interview with an Imps legend that was filmed during lockdown and is quite simply not to be missed.

Keep on eye from September 1st on the website or our social media – @trustinlcfc.

To find the museum itself go to www.rictmuseum.co.uk and don't forget the Trust's official web site either – www.redimpstrust.co.uk

NOTES FROM THE FORMER PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

It has been a busy October for the FPA preparing for our upcoming charity football match against the British Heart Foundation.

I was delighted that we have had so many positive responses and we fielded a particularly strong side.

The match was played on Lincoln Moorlands Railway football ground on Newark Road kick off is 3pm on Sunday October 17th and ended in a 6-2 win for the FPA.

Attendance from FPA members at home matches has been good with a variety of guests from all decades being present. The hospitality from the Lincoln University has improved our match day experience, we now have our own dedicated table of 10 places with a two course meal being provided by the University.

On Saturday November 27th the FPA AGM will take place on the day of the home match against Accrington Stanley.

Our relationship with our sponsors, Lincoln University, is developing well and we plan to have an end of season Legends get together in the Engine Shed, information will be provided as it becomes available.



Trevor Swinburne Chairman

LINCOLN CITY PRIDE - KATE JACKSON



Lincoln City Pride is the LGBTQ+ Supporters Group for Lincoln City (unless the name of it didn't give that away), and was founded in early 2021. There are many factors as to why I started it, but the most important is that I hope no-one ever experiences at Sincil Bank what I did.

My name is Kate Jackson and I am transgender. My experiences at Sincil Bank since coming out as trans in 2012 have been fairly mixed, with some of the more negative events turning me from being someone who had literal nightmares about missing a game, either home or away, to not even looking up results at times.

I've only just recently purchased my first season ticket in eight years as I want to be a focal point for all LGBTQ+ supporters at games, regardless of whether they support the Imps or not.

I was a season ticket holder from 2001 until 2014, at which point I moved away from the area, and during that time I didn't miss a single game, home or away between 9th August 2005 (a 2-2 draw at Chester) and 5th October 2013 (another 2-2 draw, this time at Nuneaton). Infact, between April 13th 2002 and 5th October 2013, I only missed two matches. I lived and breathed the club. Whether it be a sunny day in mid-August, or bitterly cold Tuesday evenings in, well, again

mid-August (this is England after all), I was there. The highs of beating some of the biggest clubs in the country, right down to losing away at Carshalton Athletic in the FA Trophy in early 2012, I'd be paying my £15-£20 (usually in that bracket somewhere).

Towards the start of my time being a regular at Sincil Bank, I had told a few people that I attended games with that I was transgender and planned on transitioning at some point, although I was only 16 and too young to even apply (or so I thought), and the reaction was largely negative. The people who sat near me (who I hadn't told) found out and consistently mocked me, causing me to relocate, and any time I got into an argument with one of my best friends (at the time) at football, he would always bring it back to me wanting to be female and saying it like an insult. To quote, "oh, why not just fuck off and have your sex change?". I believe those were the exact words and they were shouted in front of people I didn't even know.

Anyway, I didn't really talk about it with friends from football anymore, other than with a select few, for a long time. Suddenly, in 2012, a lot of stuff happened in my personal life, with something traumatic happening the day before Lincoln City travelled to Bath (in typical Lincoln

style, we lost to the bottom of the league side) in mid-March. I spent the entire day thinking a lot about life, so much to the point where I wasn't even that bothered when Bath took a 2-0 lead within the first three minutes of the game. On the way back I decided to seek professional help. In those discussions with the psychologist, she said to me "I don't know what you're hiding, but whatever it is, it's clearly having a negative impact, so why not go away and think about it?" I did, and I decided it was time to transition.

I told my immediate football friends (at the time) first, and as you can imagine, they were a bit surprised. Max, a lad who I'd gotten to know over the previous three or four years, was pretty much the first person I told, and he was surprised, but in a good way, and I thought "well if one football fan is cool with it, the rest will be!" Oh, how ignorant I was.

On July 2nd 2012, I announced my intentions on social media to change gender, and I also put a video up on my Youtube channel at the time, which had a fair few subscribers from various football teams.

The announcement drew a mixed reaction from people I knew in football, including several threads about me on the forums of opposition teams in our division. Most notable was the Grimsby forum known as "The Fishy", whereas a lengthy thread about me started. I've been unable to locate it since as I believe they eventually wiped their forum a few years ago.

Lincoln City, as a club, were actually great about the situation. They were supportive and I even got into a lengthy chat with some of the staff when I went to renew my season ticket, but had to change the name on it. I couldn't have been happier with the way the club handled it. Granted, I did get a few odd looks from some members of staff, but you get used to that over the years. At games, I could tell things had changed. Obviously, people that had me on social media knew and had gotten used to it, including some

rather unusual chats with the early version of the 617 group on the way to a pre-season friendly at Eastwood (which we won 4-2, if memory serves), but those that didn't know me that well struggled to even talk to me like I was still their friend. I won't name names, but one middle-aged gentleman who will be well known to a lot of Imps fans, even said to me "I can't get used to calling you Kate, you're Nathan!" I don't think he ever actually called me Kate. I appreciated that it's a lot to get used to, but it was a common trend. On the coaches, even though they knew, I was still being referred to is commonly referred to amongst trans people as our "deadname", ie, people were still calling me Nathan, even after the point I legally changed it. Pro-tip for anyone who knows a trans person, don't call them by their deadname on purpose, we lose respect for you automatically, and we can tell if it's a mistake or not.

Going to games, home or away, I used to get dodgy looks from stewards on my way in, and I was often just allowed to walk through as none of them wanted to frisk me, or they would argue amongst themselves about who would do it, which was a common occurrence. I could have snuck anything in. As if the actual football wasn't bad enough, towards the end of that season I had lost a lot of the friends I had earlier in the year, and now they were consistently singing transphobic chants about me. At the time I was still doing my away day vlogs, and when I'm trying to interview some fans, you can clearly hear the chants at various points, and it became very hard to enjoy going to matches. I asked the relevant people to stop, but they refused.

I still kept on trying to go to games, but the combination of the chants and poor displays on the pitch, meant that when I eventually missed a game, a 0-0 draw at home to Tamworth, it felt like a great weight was lifted. To sum up the contrast even more, I started attending ice hockey games in Blackburn (go Hawks!), and became involved in the media team, and not once, in my time

regularly attending games there, did I receive abuse. Infact, people barely acknowledged it. It was such a welcome change.

If you'd have asked me during my run of 450 games (or so) in a row if I would ever stop going, I would have said "I'm sure I'll miss a game at some point, but will always try by best," whereas a mixture of the chanting and negative experiences on match days made me actually hate going. It was a 5-1 defeat at Halifax towards the end of 2013 that some of the abusers, on a rare trip out a 50-mile radius for an away game, continued to chant at me, and at that moment I was done. I had checked out and no longer wanted to go. I still loved the club, but I couldn't stand going to games.

Nearly a whole year passed before I attended another match, an FA Cup qualifier at home to Tranmere. I gradually started going to games again, only every once in a while, but most of them were away from home, mainly because it was highly unlikely I'll run into those who made going to games miserable. Doesn't it say it all that I was more than happy to travel to the arse end of nowhere, otherwise known as Welling, on a Tuesday night, but couldn't bring myself to walk less than two miles to Sincil Bank?

Even though the club has since recovered in recent years (such as the club's first-ever appearance at Wembley Stadium and have recently achieved their highest league finish during my lifetime) I still didn't really want to attend games due to not wanting a repeat of what happened towards the end of my run of nearly 450 games attended in a row. That is until now. Part of my desire to do Lincoln City Pride is to help support the LGBTQ+ community and to help them see that negative experiences can be overcome, and I think that some of this will involve raising awareness amongst people that don't fall into that category.

I'd like to think that a lot of the negativity faced by LGBTQ+ fans is because of people not really understanding what is actually like for fans on the spectrum.

The problem is that there is a common saying in football that "football is for everyone", but from my experiences, that isn't the case when it comes to trans people. For example, if you are a gay man or woman, it is easier to hide your sexuality if you feel threatened by your surroundings, but as a trans person, you're always on display, in a way. Unless you are extremely fortunate and can pass (for those not familiar with trans lingo, that is that you can walk down a street as your new gender and no-one would be able to tell you were born as the opposite gender), it is obvious you're trans.

Whilst society generally isn't anywhere near as bad as I thought it would be before I came out, unfortunately, when it comes to football, it still feels like a bit of a free-for-fall. There are far too many people who don't seem to realise that football isn't only for straight white men, and people from all walks of life would love to be able to attend games without having to worry about being subjected to abuse.

It definitely doesn't feel like "football is for everyone", but I hope that one day, it will be, and by running Lincoln City Pride, I hope to have a big part in that at Sincil Bank.



MARSHALLING SUPPORTERS AWAY AFTER TRAVELLING WITH WINGS

Feedback on the atmosphere at matches at the LNER Stadium is always universally positive: it is certainly greatly appreciated by the club's players and by its management team. They also heap praise on the support that they receive at matches away from home: fans travel

In 1969, the Travel Section was set up to co-ordinate the arrangements. It was founded by a couple of the Association's stalwarts, Bill Stacey and Bill Robson, with the assistance of an enthusiastic teenager. Wings, a firm based in Sleaford, where Bill Stacey lived, was used to provide the coaches.



everywhere in great numbers. They come from far and wide, using various different methods of transport.

One of the options open to them is the coach service provided by The Red Imps Association in conjunction with the club. On average, about 10% of supporters attending away games also buy coach tickets.

Much has changed over the years. There has been some sadness. In 1985, Bill Stacey was at Bradford City in his usual role with the Travel Section when his life was taken in the tragic fire. The other Lincoln fan to die that day, Jim West, had also journeyed on one of the coaches and taken his customary seat next to Bill for the match. The naming of a stand at Sincil Bank after them is a truly

fitting tribute. The part currently being played by the Red Imps Community Trust in assisting the funding of an extension to that stand is to be commended.

The Travel Section has continued to evolve in a positive manner as the years have gone by. The Wings business was absorbed into Sleafordian

Coaches. The firm currently providing the transport is Marshalls of Sutton-on-Trent. Whenever away match tickets are made available for sale, the club also advertises separate tickets for coaches to and from the game. Coach tickets can be bought:-

- online at www.eticketing.co.uk/imps
- by email at tickets@theredimps.com
- between 10am and 5pm on working days from Monday to Friday, with extended hours on home matchdays and at peak times:-
- by telephone on the new dedicated number of 01522 458884
- in person at the LNER Stadium Ticket Office.

Not everything has changed, however: one thing has remained constant. The youngster who was involved from the outset has retained his enthusiasm, still playing a hugely important part to this day: that teenager is perhaps more accurately described nowadays as the one and only Chris Ashton.

Long may the club and the Travel Section continue to work together for the benefit of those supporters wanting to travel by coach from the city as part of the exceptionally large following at all away matches. The journey is an important part of the complete experience of an away game: please enjoy it!

Andrew Porter

