

The Northwest Counties League Premier Division

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Bootle Football Club v Bamber Bridge FC

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History of the Bucks



The original Bootle F.C. were formed in 1880 and played at Hawthorne Road. They were in fact Everton FC's biggest rivals. In 1889–90 Bootle became founder members of the Football Alliance, narrowly missing out on the football league to the blues. That season was the

most successful as we finished league runners-up, reached the quarter-finals of the FA Cup, where we lost to Blackburn Rovers (0-7). When the Alliance merged with the Football League in 1892, Bootle became founder members of the new Second Division. However, despite a respectable 8th place final position, the club dropped out after one season (and were replaced by neighbours Liverpool) and seemingly disappeared due to financial problems.

Football returned to Hawthorne Road when a new club, Bootle Athletic. was later formed with the new team initially playing in the Liverpool Leagues. In 1948 when the club were elected to the Lancashire Combination 2, which was won at the first attempt. However, Bootle struggled in the top-flight and

after several tough seasons withdrew and folded during the 1953–54 campaign. In 1953, the current club was formed as Langton and played in the local leagues. After a very successful spell in the Liverpool County Combination (which we



won on numerous occasions) the club reverted back to it's It's better known identity of Bootle F.C. in 1973; and a year later joined the Lancashire Combination, which we won in 1976 and 1977. Bootle then joined the Second Division of the Cheshire County League, which was won in our first season, and we were promoted to the First Division. In 1982 the Cheshire County League was one of the leagues that merged to form the North West Counties League, which Bootle duly joined, becoming a member of the First Division. The club spent most of their time in the First Division until 2000 when we unfortunately dropped into the Second Division. However, despite finishing 6th in 2002, the club

despite finishing oth in 2002, the club dropped into the Liverpool County Combination. In 2006 the club, with a new ground, were elected back into Division 2 of the North West Counties League. In 2009 Bootle won promotion to the NWCL Premier

Division and also won the Championship. In 2009/10, our first season back in the NWCFL Premier Division Bootle finished a NWCFL highest placing of 3rd. In 2010/11 finished 6th place. They equalled the 3rd place again in 2012. With the ground grading and charter standard status established in 2011/12 the club are looking to progress to the next level.

Club Landmarks

League First Division 2008-09 Liverpool Challenge Cup 1964-65, 1975-76, 1978-79 Liverpool Amateur Cup 1965-66, 1967-68, 1973-74 Liverpool County FA Youth Cup 1977-78, 1984-85, 1990-91, 1999-00, 2005-06 Lancashire Amateur Cup 1970 Liverpool County ation Champions 1964-65, 1965-66, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74 Lancashire County ination Champions 1975-76, 1976-77 shire County League Div Two Champions 1978-79 h West Counties League Div Two Runners-up 1992-93 nnants Floodlit Trophy 1993-94 t League Challenge Cup Runners-up 2007-08 Vodkat League e Division Winners 2007-08, 2009-10 Runners-up 2008-09 *Liverpool Senior Cup Winners 1883, 1888, 1889 *Football Alliance Runners-up

1889-90

Bootle Football Club's YOUTH





CHARTER STANDARD CLUBS

Under 18's - West Cheshire League - Manager Richie Boswarva Under 17's - Liverpool Premier League - Manager Ste Miller Under 16's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Alex Grosart

Under 15's - Belvale Junior League - Manager Carl Dale

Under 14's - Hightown JFL - Manager Lee Williams

Under 12's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Tony Smith

Under 10's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Darren Carr

Under 9's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager David Miley

Under 8's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Phil Dobson

Under 7's - Bootle & Litherland JFL - Manager Ste Miller





Welcome to the new Bootle FC 'Bucks' Under 7 team who made their debut in a friendly on Thursday night against Litherland JFC.

The youngest Bucks, playing their first ever match together eventually succumbed to a 3-2 loss but caught the eye and the imagination of everyone who was watching. The boys really enjoyed the game and manager Ste Miller was delighted for the lads to finally be up and running: 'This was just what the Bucks needed before the start of the

new season on Sunday, I can't wait now, I'm worse than the kids!'

It was double joy for the young Bucks as Crazy Town childrens play centre, who are our neighbours on Vesty Road have agreed a sponsorship deal for the team. Thank's to lan for the support.





Bootle Football Club -Founder members of the Football Alliance 1889, The Football League Div2* 1892 & The Northwest Counties Football League 1982

Awarded FA Charter Standard Status in November 2011

An associated committee consisting of elected members:

Chairman Mr Frank Doran Jnr Deputy Chairman Mr Ben Roberts Life President Mr Frank Doran Snr Honorary President Mr Joe Benton MP Committee Mr Bobby Capstick, Mr Dave Ruth, Mr Geoff Frasier, Mr Tommy McKay, Mr Tony McKay Head of Finance/ Club Secretary Mr Joseph Doran **Assistant Secretary** Mr Dave Miley Snr 1st Team Manager Mr Neil Prince

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Todays Teams



HAMBER BRUNN V.C.

BOOTLE

manager: Neil Prince

manager: Neil Crowe

Dean PORTER

David POTTER

Neil MCQUEEN

Mark KILROY

Michael CARBERRY

Phil GREEN

Sean COULTON

Jamie O'BRIEN

Paul BYRNE

James OLSEN

Jamie HAY

Liam BLAKEMAN

Kevin BLACK

Neil PRINCE

Billy SMART

Jack GRAY

Michael YOUNG

Daniel O'CONNOR

Jack MCCABE

Tom FOLEY

Lee THOMPSON

Lee DOVEY

Matt LAWLOR

Luke ATHERTON

Ciaron BARTON

Roberto BONAMINIO

Gavin CLARK

Darren GREEN

Matthew MAHONEY

Danny MAHONEY

Leon MCLAUGHLIN

Chris MARLOW

Alistair WADDECAR

Sefton GONZALEZ

Lennie REID

Lee GREEN

Lyndon HODGKIISS

Steve SETTLE

Leon MCCLOUGHLIN

Andy BELL

MATCH OFFICIALS





*Original Club folded in

The manager of Bootle Football Club

Hello and welcome to The Delta stadium for our next venture in this seasons FA Cup against today's visitors Bamber Bridge; and a warm welcome to Neil Crowe and his team, players and supporters.

We go into today's game still unbeaten this season, which is a fantastic achievement and I know that James, Liam, myself and every single player wants that run to continue for as long as possible.

Tuesday night saw us beat a decent Runcorn Town side who are tipped to do well this season. For me it was the most pleasing result up to now as our squad was stretched to the limit with injuries and unavailability.

It is for this reason that it is so important to have a squad of happy players, who are all working for each other even when they are not playing.

Even when people have come into the team it has not disrupted our shape or team ethic at all. The lads that have come in have also given us a massive headache now, as they have done so well it is hard to leave them out. Killer (Mark Kilroy) has been immense in our last two games since coming in for Tike (Michael Carberry); and I was very pleased with Tom Foley's contribution when he came on as substitute during Tuesdays game.

It would be great for everyone connected with the club if we can progress further in the FA Cup today. It's not just the financial bonus that this competition brings, but also the interest it generates and the prospect of facing bigger clubs.

It would also be nice for me, James or Liam to face one of our former clubs in the next round. It is very possible with the amount of clubs we've had between us! First of all we must concentrate on today's game against a Bamber Bridge side that have had an indifferent start to the season, however we are full of confidence and certainly not worrying about the opposition.

We have belief in our ability and if we play to our strengths we are more



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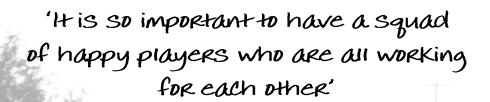










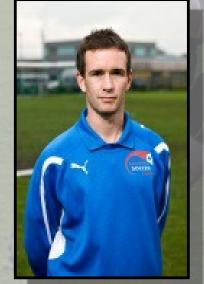


than capable of progressing to the next round.

I went to the replay between bamber bridge and stavely. I thought 5-2 was a flattering score line with Stavely looking the more dangerous team until the 2nd half when their keeper gifted Bamber Bridge a couple of goals. We beat higher league opposition in the last round so no reason why we can't do it again.

Lets hope we can. Up the Bucks!



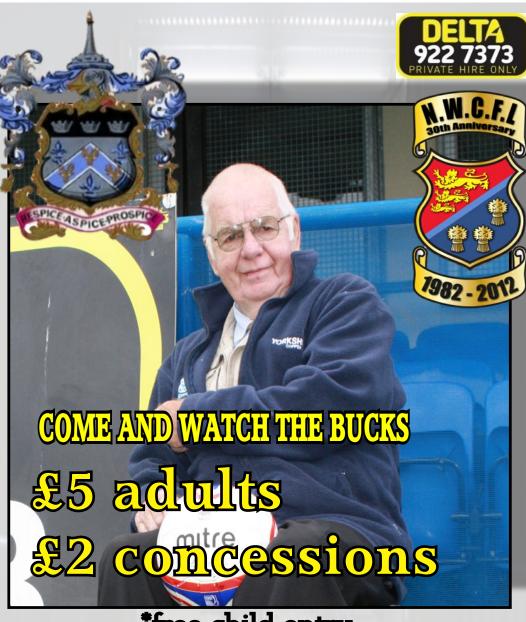


'If we play to our strengths we are more than capable of progressing to the next round'









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As at 07/09/2012

Saturday 8th September 2012
F.A. Challenge Cup
1st Qualifying Round
Abbey Hey ∨ Atherton
Collieries
Bootle v Bamber Bridge
Norton United v Westfields
Runcorn Town v Trafford
Tadcaster Albion v Holker Old
Boys
Warrington Town v Maine Road

Premier Division

AFC Blackpool v Silsden Alsager Town v AFC Liverpool Bacup Borough v Stone **Dominoes** Colne v Glossop North End Padiham v St Helens Town Runcorn Linnets v Squires Gate Stockport Sports v Ashton Athletic Wigan Robin Park v Congleton Town Winsford United v Barnoldswick Town

First Division

Ashton Town v Leek CSOB Atherton LR v West Didsbury & Chorlton Cheadle Town v Northwich Villa Daisy Hill v Chadderton Formby v Eccleshall Oldham Boro v Irlam Rochdale Town v AFC Darwen

	Р	GD	Pts
1. Bootle	7	10	19
2. Barnoldswick	8	8	15
3. AFC Blackpool	9	2	14
4. Silsden	7	5	13
5. Wigan RP	8	1	13
Maine Road	8	1	12
7. Run'n Linnets	7	1	12
Winsford Utd	6	7	11
9. Padiham	5	3	11
10. Congleton T	6	4	10
11. Colne	8	0	10
12. Stockp't Sports	88	5	9
13. Glossop NE	6	1	9
14. Alsager T	7	0	8
15. St Helens T	7	-7	8
16. Runcorn Town	6	-2	7
17. Ashton Ath	5	-3	7
18. AFC Liverpool	6	-9	6
19. Squires Gate	8	-5	5
20. Bacup Boro	5	-5	3
21. Norton United	6	-6	3
22. Stone Doms	7	-11	3

Kick off times are 3pm Sat, 7.45pm midweek unless stated otherwise

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Here is our record in the FA Cup since Bootle Football Club re-formed in 1954. As you will see Neil is hoping to improve our record in this most prestigious competition:

FA Cup entries	26
FA Cup ties	48
Ties won	22
Ties lost	26
Goals scored	86
Goals conceded	79
Clean sheets	15

Highs & Lows

BIGGEST WIN 17/08/2010 Bootle 6 - 0 Leek CSOB

HEAVIEST LOSS 13/10/1990 Chorley 6 - 2 Bootle

Chairman Frank Doran (Jnr) is cautiously optimistic:

"Even though we are going into this game as the underdogs, and we must obviously give due respect to our opponents, the hard work, performances and results so far this season mean we go into Saturday's game with a lot of confidence.

"It's not a cup that we expect to win - not this season anyway! - but FA Cup ties always bring an extra buzz and if we progress through the rounds it will inspire and build more confidence. So we will be hoping to continue with our unbeaten start".

Captain Paul Byrne added:

"The whole club is buzzing at the moment, our manager Neil Prince has been awarded Manager of the Month, and we hope to continue our great start to the season. This is what the FA Cup is all about, testing ourselves against teams from higher up the league pyramid and trying our best to progress as far as we can. That's what we did in the last round against Mossley, which was our best performance of the season so far. We completely dominated the game and Mossley didn't know what hit them. It will be a much tougher test but we are made of stronger stuff this season, so don't be too shocked if the result does go in our favour, it might not be that much of a surprise! One thing's for sure, Neil will have us prepared to give Bamber Bridge a hell of a game".

THE BUGIOARE NEXT AT HOME ON

Thursday 17th September V Altrincham or Macclesfield (7pm KO) In the FA Youth Cup







Saturday 22nd September **V** Silsden (3pm KO)In the NWCFL **Premier Division**



Tuesday 2nd October **V Runcorn Linnets** (7.45pm KO) in the NWCFL **Premier Division**





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Bits And Pieces

Non-League Day - the organisers of Non-League Day on 13th October have teamed up with UKSoccerShop to offer one club the chance to win a fully sponsored kit for the 2012/13 season. The prize - as judged by an independent panel - will be offered to the club deemed to have shown the most innovation in attracting new fans on Nonleague Day 2012. Simon Prestwell from UKSoccerShop said: "We are delighted to announce a new partnership to support the excellent Non-League Day campaign. As one of the UK's leading suppliers of football shirts, kits, boots and merchandise, UKSoccerShop have a strong commitment to supporting non-league and grassroots football at all levels".

Nelson - Blues followers have been mourning the death of long serving club stalwart Dennis Nancarrow. A tribute on the club's fans forum read: "We are sad to hear of the death of Dennis Nancarrow. He was one of the old brigade that helped run Nelson FC for year. Most people will remember him running the tea bar, where he took great pride in the pie and peas he sold, as well as everything else. He was also well known for producing the programme and he worked behind the scenes to build the existing stand as well as other structures on the ground. He spent many hours of his life of his life there and will be remembered by all those who knew him". The Blues are also looking for a physio to help with their reserve team on match days. Anyone interested in the role should contact reserve team manager Zuber Patel on 07821 565 999.

Formby – the Squirrels have decided to move away from their traditional blue shorts with yellow shirts and socks, and will now wear all yellow kit as their first choice colours. Secretary Adrian Cork explained: "We wore all yellow last season in a Liverpool Senior Cup game against Bootle, and thought it looked good then, and had to change from blue to yellow shorts when we went to Daisy Hill in the FA Cup in August. We won that game 5-0 and afterwards our joint manager Jim Shirley asked if we could keep to all yellow permanently as the players liked it. We confirmed with the League that it was OK, and we will play in all yellow from now on".

Runcorn Town - Town Secretary Martin Fallon made himself useful when work committments meant he was stuck in Norwich on AUgust Bank Holiday Monday. Martin decided to take in the Ryman League North clash between Wroxham and Waltham Abbey, and got talking to the Wroxham Secretary Chris Green. Martin explained: "I ended up asking Chris if there was anything he would like me to do, and he said I could be the guest tannoy announcer if I wanted to as it would free him up! "The game ended up 3-3 with Wroxham gaining their first ever Ryman League points after being promoted from the Eastern Counties League last season. Six goals and six substitutions meant I had my work cut out, but I think I did well on the microphone, although one chap did comment 'I couldn't understand a bloody word you said!"

Our Visitors today....

Within the borough of South Ribble, 3 miles south east of Preston; the town is mentioned in an undated medieval document. The name derives from the old English 'beam' and 'brycg' which probably means 'tree-trunk bridge'.

The club can trace its origins to the late 19th century. The club were re-formed in 1952 as a junior club in the Preston and District League.

The current club was formed in 1974 following an amalgamation with neighbouring Walton-le-Dale F.C. They won the Lytham Medal Competition in 1975–76 and the Lancastrian Brigade Cup in 1976–77. The following season they were losing finalists in the Preston and District League Guildhall Cup, and in the 1978–79 season they were Premier Division runners-up and won the Guildhall Cup, their first major trophy.

BAMBER BRIDGE

In 1979–80 they were losing finalists again in the Guildhall Cup. In 1980–81 they were Premier Division champions and also won the Guildhall Cup for a second time as well as being losing finalists in the Lancashire FA Amateur Shield.

They won the Lancashire FA Amateur Shield in 1981–82. In 1982–83 they were Premier Division runners-up then in 1983–84 they were Premier Division

Ward Shield losing finalists. They were runners-up in the

Premier Division once again in 1984–85 and won the Guildhall Cup for a third time. The following season they were crowned Premier Division champions for a second time and won the league for a third time in 1986–87. They were losing finalists again in 1987–88. In 1989–90 they were Premier Division champion for a fourth and final time and also won the Guldhall Cup, the Lancastrian Brigade Cup and were losing finalists in the Lancashire FA Amateur Shield.

In the 1990–91 season the club joined the North West Counties Football League in Division Two. Their also won the Lancastrian Brigade Cup for a third time. The following season they were promoted to Division One as champions and also



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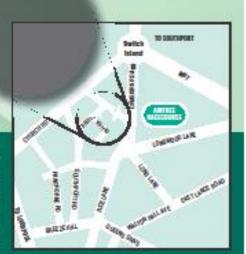
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Bootle 1
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4th September 2012
Attendance: 127



Bootle came up trumps again in a great game of football against an ever-strong Runcorn Town. They lined up without player-manager Neil Prince due to injury, while returning striker Dan O'Connor had to settle for a place on the bench due to the form of youngster Jack Gray.

The game started at lightning pace and was end to end for the opening 15 minutes. It was however, Runcorn Town who settled into the game quicker, and but for the excellent defensive marshalling of Mark Kilroy and Sean Coulton they could have gone behind.

Captain Paul Byrne was also solid at the back and in possession and he gave Bootle their first chance, playing the ball into the midfield to Michael Young who played the through ball to Jack Gray to cross, only for the defender to clear before reaching Thompson.

Town looked dangerous on the break and when McShane went through the crowd thought he had scored, only for Dean Porter to upset the visitors when he produced an outstanding reflex save.

It wasn't the only time Bootle had to rely on the 'keeper as Keddie and Toner both went close as the visitors stepped up a gear.

It didn't help Bootle when captain Paul Byrne had to be replaced mid way through the first half due to injury. A re-shuffle saw McQueen move to left-back and Phil Green slot into right-back.

Half-time saw the introduction of Dan O'Connor for Jack Gray and with his presence up top it gave the two visiting centre halves something else to think about.

Indeed the goal came on 60 minutes from a great move involving Kevin Black, Liam Blakeman and O'Connor, who played it into Lee Thompson, who was deployed further out wide. Thompson was fouled in field and from the resultant free-kick Michael Young let fly with a rocket, however Willis pulled off a great save. The ball came back out to Young who played Blakeman down the left to cross and Thompson arrived to plant a header into the top corner.



Runcorn were no longer on top and seemed to panic now that the deadlock was broken and the Bucks should really have been awarded a penalty as Neil McQueen strode into the penalty area only to be felled recklessly by the defender, however the referee waved play on much to the disgust of the Bootle stalwart.

The Bucks soon introduced Tom Foley for Michael Young as they looked to consolidate their position.

In the end the game fizzled out after the lightning start with Runcorn more or less dominating the first half, but the Bucks controlling the second half, especially after scoring the goal.



reached the semi-finals of the FA Vase as well as reaching the final of the North West Counties Football League Floodlit Trophy. In 1992–93 they were runners-up in Division One on goal difference winning a second successive promotion, this time to the Northern Premier League First Division. In 1993–94 they were losing finalists in the First Division Cup.

They were Division One runners-up in 1994–95 and promoted to the Premier Division. They also won the Northern Premier League Challenge Cup and the Lancashire FA Challenge Trophy. Managed by former player Tony Greenwood, they won the Northern Premier League championship at the first attempt in 1995–96 as well as being losing finalists in both the Northern Premier League Challenge Shield and the Lancashire FA Challenge Trophy. However, they were ineligible for promotion to the Football Conference, because of ground grading issues, and

Greenwood departed.

The following season they were once again losing finalists in the Northern Premier League Challenge Shield. In 1999–2000 they were again losing finalists in the Lancashire FA Challenge Trophy. However, the highlight of the season was reaching the second round of the FA Cup for the first time where they lost 1–0 to Cambridge United who at the time were in the Football League Second Division. Cambridge claimed a close win with a disputed penalty. Once again the club were managed by Greenwood, who had returned in 1999.

They were relegated to the First Division in 2001–02 after the playoffs in which they beat Radcliffe Borough 3–2 in the semi-finals, before losing to Ashton



United 2–1 in the final. They were promoted back to the Premier Division in 2003–04 following the 2004 Conference expansion. Their stay though was short-lived and the club were relegated back to the First Division once more in the 2004–05 season. However, they did win the Northern Premier League President's Cup.

In the 2007–08 season, following a restructuring of the Northern Premier League they joined the new Northern Premier League Division One North. In 2007–08 they finished in fifth position in a season which also saw a crowd of 1,435 for the home league game against FC United of Manchester on 17 November 2007. On 9 April 2008, Bamber Bridge conceded two goals in the first 47 seconds of their 0–3 defeat by Newcastle Blue Star, which is believed to be a world record.

In the promotion Play-Offs they were beaten 3–2 in the semi- finals on 30 April 2008 by FC United of Manchester. The club were unable to sustain a promotion challenge in 2008–09, finishing the season 11th. Towards the end of the season, manager Phil Entwistle was appointed general manager. He was replaced by Tony Greenwood, returning for his third spell in the manager's seat after five successful years at Fleetwood Town.

The man with the armband....

Firstly well done to Princey for getting manager of the month. Neil, Jay and Blakey have done a great job so far and long may it continue.

Another 2 games played and another 2 wins. The whole club is buzzing at the moment and we hope to continue our great start to the season.

Saturday we hosted Colne in the league and they proved to be tough opposition. With 3 or 4 players missing due to work commitments it was a chance for players to come in and stake their place in the team. Mark Kilroy came in at centre half and was outstanding. Mark is a quality player and can play in various positions which is great for the squad. Michael Young also had a great game in the centre of midfield. We created a lot of chances 1st half but we found ourselves a goal down against the run of play. We equalised just before half time thanks to a powerful header from Jamie Hay. Second half was a bit better and we went 2-1 up thanks to a great finish from Lee Thompson, blasting a half volley past the Colne keeper. We stayed in control of the game to claim all 3 points and although this wasn't a great performance from us we still managed to win the game.

Tuesday night we hosted Runcorn Town in the league, who we knew would be a really good side. 1st half wasn't the best from us, we were limited to a few

chances. The on-fire Docker was introduced at half time and made a massive difference to the team and we took the lead 10 mins in thanks to a lee Thompson header. Tom Foley also came off the bench and it was good to see him back, he looked very sharp and he will be pushing to get back into the starting 11. We held on to the 1-0 lead to claim another 3 great points.

It's all about the FA Cup though today and we welcome Bamber Bridge. We go into the game high on confidence and we look forward to trying to cause another upset. Keep up the good support, we know you will, especially Jeff Black!

Paul Byrne





The Man Who Helped Everton Out Of A Jam

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football club would become his tenants. Certain members of the Everton directorate were opposed to this idea and let their grievances be known. Mr Hartley decided to throw his weight behind the dissidents whose object it was to move the club across Stanley Park where they planned to build Everton a new home. The news of his decision first came to light on 15th March 1892, when the Everton membership held a stormy general meeting at the Presbyterian Schools, Royal Street in Liverpool. The newspaper report does not confirm whether or not Mr Hartley was present but if he was, he almost certainly would have been the wealthiest person in the room.

Mr Mahon, who chaired the meeting, told his audience that "He had in his hand a guarantee fund which contained the name of Gentlemen both inside and outside the club and he had been astonished to find the sympathy of those outside. Every Gentleman who had put his name on that list was not going to charge a penny of interest, and was not going to look to the members for the money if he never saw it again".

The first name on the list was that of Mr Hartley who, it was revealed, had put his name down for £200. The announcement was followed by loud cheers. The name of Mr R.S. Hudson, who offered £100, was also cheered along with that of Dr Baxter who pledged another £200. The rest of list was as follows: G Mahon £100, Captain Dougherty £100, J. Dickenson £100, J. Griffiths £100. The list also included the names of W.R. Clayton, A. Coates, Dr Dimond and R. Wilson, who, along with others, all pledged £50. The sum, when the final total was reached, added up to £1,517 and it gave the dissidents enough money to finance their move across Stanley Park and established a new home at Goodison Park.

On the 18-08-1893 William Hartley became a justice of the peace and, in 1895 he was elected to Liverpool City Council where he served for over three years. His politics, along with those of Mr Mahon and Dr Baxter, were Liberal. In 1896 he supervised, and paid for, the building of the Aintree Institute and financed the opening of a Botanical Laboratory at Liverpool University. He later purchased a second factory in London and at the peak of his success he employed around 2,000 people. In 1908, Mr Hartley was granted a knighthood by King Edward V11 and, some years later, helped his daughter to set up a maternity hospital near to where he ended his days at Birkdale. William Hartley died, 25-10-1922, and, following his funeral at Southport, was buried at Trawden in Lancashire. William Pickles Hartley, at the time of death, was worth over one million pounds and he will be remembered for his generous donation which helped determine the destiny of Everton Football Club.

The Man Who Helped Everton Out Of A Jam By A Gardener

It has been several times mentioned, in historical publications, that Dr James Baxter was the man who bank rolled Everton FC to enable them to move, from Anfield, to their present day home at Goodison Park. The good Doctor did indeed dig deep in to his pockets to help secure the future of his favourite football club but he was equalled in this benevolent gesture by local businessman, William Pickles Hartley.

Hartley was born 1846, in the Lancashire town of Colne where he was educated at the local Grammar School. He was 14 years old when he started work in the family grocer business before setting out on similar venture of his own. Local legend has it that he was left down by when

ordering a consignment of jam so he decided to manufacture his own and set up a small factory near his home. His enterprise proved to be so successful that Mr Hartley, in order to expand his business, moved, with his wife and family, to the town of Bootle.

The year was 1874. Mr Hartley had, no doubt, carefully chosen the Merseyside area because, along with its several sugar refineries, a regular supply of fresh produce could be obtained, all year round, from the ships discharging their cargo at the Liverpool docks. By 1886 the business

had outgrown its premise's in Bootle so Mr Hartley built a new factory in nearby Fazackerley along with a model village to house his workforce. He also built a fine villa for himself and his family on Long Lane.

A philanthropist by nature, Mr Hartley was also a deeply religious man who followed the Methodist faith which, quite possibly, first brought him in to contact Mr George Mahon and other members of the congregation who worshipped at the church of St Domingo.

Mr Hartley was, undoubtedly, a supporter of Everton Football Club but his name was never too appeared on the list of their executive. What is certain, however, is that he was firmly on the side of those members who opposed Mr John Holding when he decided to purchase the Anfield ground from its present owner. This move would, effectively, make him the Landlord and the

